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#### JANUARY MEETING

The meeting itself was short, but very well attended. Everyone was anxious to get down to the International Woodworld Annual Show.

The Shamrock Hilton was nice enough to loan us a meeting room and it was filled to capacity with members and guest. We had six to eight guest sign up for membership.

The highlight of the meeting was Sam Zeisman presenting Karen Strand of the "Make-A-Wish" foundation a check for \$2,500.00. Everyone in the club should share in the good feeling it gave me.

Steve Proctor told of some of the things planned for 1986. Murray Gordon outlined a whole bunch of new clinics and workshops, some of the clinics already had lists so long the teacher will have to have his class several times to accomodate everyone.

#### SHOW AND TELL

We did not have one this time due to the show, but don't leave your projects home next month. I think this is one of the favorite parts of our meeting, showing off your project and discussing the construction techniques with your peers.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Don't forget your 1986 dues (\$12.00). If you can't make the meeting be sure to mail your check in. The roster will be updated the first of march and you don't want to get left off.

We have a good supply of WWC caps at \$5.00, so be sure and get yours at the next meeting. Also WWC T-shirts with your name on the pocket can be ordered from T-Shirts Plus at 957-2035. Just tell them your with the WWC, size and name. They will have it ready by the time you get there.



These caps and shirts are good advertisement for the club. Many of you have found out about the club, because you spotted someone wearing the cap or shirt. Its a nice way to meet another woodworker and maybe a new member.

Murray Gordon, our clinics chairman will have a list of clinics available to sign up for at the next meeting. The ones available are as follows:

Table saw dovetails by Bill Runyau

Handcut dovetails by Tim Vanya

Sketching your design by Murray Gordon

Raised panel doors by Chuck Maxwell

Router Basics by Bill Forkner

Band saw boxes by Bill Beggs

Shop layout by Doug Blodgett

Minature furniture by Andy Blodgett

Bowl turning by Michael Chandler

The library now has about six tapes on various facets of woodworking. Murray would like to set up clinics of 3 to 5 people to show the tapes, so everyone will have a chance to view them. After seeing the tapes the group could head for the shop and pratice.

Mark McCoy is taking orders for the aluminium bar clamps. The prices are, terrific as long as we buy them in case lots. I've got 12, but I ordered 4 more. You never have enough clamps. Prices start at \$13.00 for 2' and go up \$1.00 for each foot added up to 7ft. This may be your last chance to get these clamps at such a low price, so you better order now.

We are still in need of a small, inexpensive PA system. We can buy one or just borrow it one day a month from someone. If you have an idea, please step forward.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Brandmark, the makers of branding irons has made an offer to the club on branding irons and brass plates. We can save up to \$7.00 each if we order in units of 10 or more. If you're interested let me know at the next meeting.

We voted at the last meeting to buy three more tapes that were available at the show. They were on the use of the router. I watched part of them and they looked real good. For \$100.00, I think they will be a great addition to our library.

Speaking of our library, we will have it at the next meeting if anyone wants to check out a book. Also remember the library would appreciate a donation or a loan of one of your favorite woodworking books. You can have it back anytime you need it.

I hope this year with the new flood in the club, that some will step forward and offer to help put together various activities. One thing I've noticed in the three years the club has been in existance, no task has required very much of my time and I usually got more out of it than I put in. Please step forward and offer your fellow members your services.



Looking ahead to the March meeting - arrangements are being made to meet the 3rd Saturday (March 15th) at the Double Tree Hotel. The meeting will coincide with the Southwest Antique Tool Collections Associations annual show. We'll let you know in the next news letter.

#### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

A recent visitor to my shop remarked with surprise at seeing the telephone on the wall. Now we're phone fanatics - our house is infamously known for the phone in the bathroom. But that's another story. The reason for the shop phone is simple basic safety. How many of us work alone with semidangerous machinery? How would you get help in case of an accident?

All woodworkers need to be a ware of safety. Have a contingency plan, and a first aid kit handy. But there are a few simple rules to follow to prevent accidents:

Don't rush or work when tired - Carelessness leads to mistakes and possible injuries.

Use sharp, well maintained tools - both hand and power.

Watch for tripping hazards - a sure way to get hurt, especially if your holding a sharp tool when falling

Check for electrical hazards and poorly stored solvents - injuries can be caused by fire, smoke and explosion.

Use safety goggles and guards on machinery.

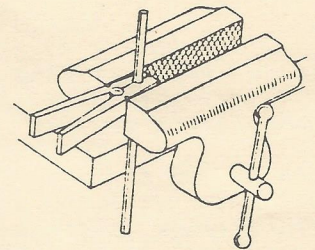
If the children are around, yours or neighbors, triple all precautions. Kid proof machinery switches.

Sounds basic right? It is. Don't get complacent. I used to work summers in furniture factories while a college student. I remember the older men standing in line to punch out describing how and when they lost their various fingers. I had to clean up the mess after a young man got his hand in a dado table saw blade. He was lucky - they were able to save all his fingers, and nerve damage was minimal. He even returned to work after only 5 weeks. Let's be careful out there.

#### TIPS AND TECHNIQUES

##### **SPRING TYPE CLOTHESPIN IN VISE PROVIDES CLAMP FOR SMALL WORK**

If you have a problem holding small diameter tubing, plastic rod or other such fragile items in a vise without damaging them, here is a simple solution: Cradle a spring type clothespin between the vise jaws so it holds the item. First clamp the work in the clothespin, then very gently close the vise jaws on it.

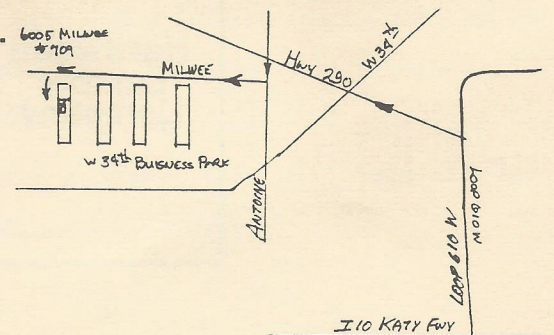


#### FEBRUARY MEETING

It will be Saturday, Feb. 8th, 1986 at 9:00 am at Michael Chandler Tool Company Shop. The shop is located just south of Hwy 290 and Antoine.

Its called the 34th St. Business Park and the address is 6005 Milwee, Unit 709

By the way Michael is getting ready to turn in a very large wood order and as a result of the size he is getting a healthy discount. If you have a project coming up you may want to add something to his order and save a few bucks. Give him a call at 683-8455.







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