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APRIL MEETING

For a meeting that almost wasn't, I think it came off real good. Steve lost his speaker on wednesday before the meeting, but thanks to he and Rick Goodheart, they came up with an interesting and enjoyable meeting on case construction.

It was helped along by Dr. Bill Forkner's comments, plus several good questions and comments from the group. I think everyone enjoyed the meeting and hopefully took something home with them that they can use at a later date.

Something new that came out was a general discussion on a problem one of the members was having. I'll comment on this later in the newsletter.

SHOW AND TELL

Walt Turpening brought several pieces of most unusual wood sculpturing, including a nut cracker. His concept is that it must feel good to the touch. Nice!

Murray Gordon showed a custom base for an existing piece of furniture he had inherited. He had to cut a cove molding on the table saw.

OLD BUISNESS

Ron Kuenning took some more orders for personalized branding irons. I don't know if he has enough yet to place a order with a discounted price, so if you want one you better call quick.

Mark McCoy is coordinating or directing other outside purchases. Check with him if you would like to buy something. He will check at the meeting to see if there is enough interest for a group purchase.

Caps and Teeshirts are available. check with someone at the meeting.

The "MAKE A WISH" called on us for a favor just prior to the april meeting. They needed a jail for a booth they had at Houston Festival and the people who were to build it for them cancel two days prior to the show. Thanks to the skillful construction of our own Don Sloan we had it ready. With the help of Don, Chuck Maxwell, Ted King, and yours truly we had it delivered and erected before our saturday WWC meeting. The MAKE A WISH people thank you for your quick action.

WORKSHOPS AND CLINICS

The workshop and clinic season is in full swing. Most of the clinics have large sign up lists and we are trying to cut down the backlog. If you have signed up for a clinic, please be patient. We have not forgotten you.

I am beginning to sound like a broken record on this subject, but I cannot stress how downright rude it is not to show up for a clinic you have agreed to go to. When the clinic teacher calls to confirm your attendance and you are unable to attend due to other committments, tell the person, so they can ask another member and rescheduled you for another session. If something comes up give the teacher the courtesy of a phone call so he can call the next person on the list. The persons who continue to abuse this privilege will not be asked to future clinics.

For clinics like Michael Chandler's, where a time is listed on the sign up sheet, you will not be called. Nevertheless, you are expected and if you cannot make it you should call.

The following clinics are still open for sign-up: Router basics by Bill Forkner, Wood sculpture by Tim Vanya, and Raised panels by Chuck Maxwell.

The following clinics and workshops are closed at this time, but we hope to arrange for them to be given again later in the year.

Shop Layout
Bandsaw Boxes
Wood Finishing
Hand Planes - The bench plane
Hand Planes - specialty planes
Router

PRESIDENTS CORNER by Steve Proctor

One of the club members came up with an excellent suggestion - have a question and answer session during the regular meeting to help solve a perplexing problem, or learn new ways to accomplish a task. The membership voted to make it a permanent addition to the meeting.

The suggestion embodies one of the basic concepts of the club; the free exchange of ideas, advice, and experience. There is no need to reinvent the wheel each time we run into a problem.

Our membership is a tremendous source of experience and knowledge. There are woodworking professionals, teachers, and experienced amateurs willing to share their ideas. Plus more people can solve a difficult problem.

You don't have to wait until a meeting. Call us during the month. That's why a membership roster is printed and distributed. Don't be bashful. There are no stupid questions, only a lot of expensive wood going up in sawdust.

I recently called several members regarding a problem involving double angle miters. A member contacted me regarding a cabinet problem, which was solved using an idea from one of the meetings.

Our clinics, workshops, video tapes, lending library, and our meeting presentations are all geared to increasing our collective knowledge of woodworking. Let's all take advantage of this free info and then pass it on. That's the best part of knowledge; being able to share it.

SPEAK OUT by Ed Caesar

MY WORKSHOP- I have always enjoyed making and fixing things. This has always been a way of relaxing for me. I enjoy making something from nothing, or fixing something that most people would trash. I like to work on things that need to have a lot of creativeness and thought to come up with whole new parts or tools in order to get them going again. I like the challenge of creating something new to take care of an old problem, or to make tools work better.

Since I have retired I have added a new Delta Scroll saw and a 14" B&D bandsaw to my workshop, as well as a 4" jointer. I recently made a homemade 1" belt sander using an old washing machine motor and a skate board wheels. This was added to a Mark II Shopsmith, the normal amount of small power tools, and a collection of hand tools made over the past 40 years. All of this is in a very compact area, so I have to use every available space. I also have a welding machine and a cutting torch, so I can tackle almost anything I set my mind to.

My latest thing that I have found I really enjoy making is wooden name plates for desks using the Delta Scroll saw. I have made over 60 since the first of the year, and would love to find a sales outlet for them so that I could just saw all day.

My idea of a very relaxing day is to send my wife off to work and spend the whole day just puttering around my shop.

NEW BUSINESS

We had a little mix up at the last meeting. We forgot to include a map on how to get to the U of H's Industrial Building. Added to the problem, was a fun run and new construction (this is Steve's company, so you can blame him). We will try not to let it happen again.

Your BOD is working on several things for future meetings, such as visiting a model railroad builder who makes all his own towns. A session on wood sculpture. A visit to a craftsman who builds and repairs pipe organs.

Michael Chandler has three video tapes, Leigh dovetails, chainsaw mills, and making hand tools. Michael indicated he would be willing to share them if someone wanted to set a session.

Regarding the new open discussion part of the meeting, please give Steve a subject on a piece of paper prior to the meeting. The time will be limited to about 15 minutes.

The WOODWORKERS STORE is our new advertiser as you will notice on the back page. Lets return the favor by honoring them with our buisness. When you turn in a order, tell them your from the Woodworkers Club of Houston.

Hebert Wilbourn is updating the club's bylaws, so if you have any input give Hebert a call.

Everybody needs to start thinking about our annual charity show for October or November. Its a lot of work, so everyone needs to start early. We need some people to head up committees. The committee chairperson's from last year will assist the new chairperson, so don't worry that you want know what to do. This will be our third year and we are getting better each year. I really enjoy the show. How about you?

MAY MEETING

This meeting will be held in Galveston at the Island City Woodworks Shop at 1801 Mechanics St. This is susposed to be one of the oldest mill shops in the area. Ought to be real interesting.

To get there you go to Galveston on I45 and take the Port Industrial exit. Turn left at the first stop sign and wind through the port area until you come to 18th St. Turn right and go two blocks to their shop.

This is the time to use your roster and carpool together. Check the roster for people with the same zip codes. That ought to put them inyour vacinty, plus it will give you a chance to get better acquainted will your fellow members.

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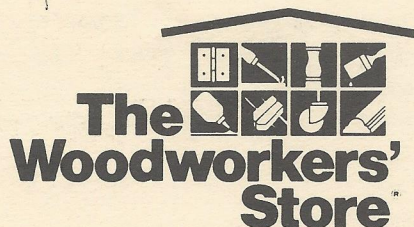
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