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OCTOBER MEETING

Louis Fernandez discussed the art of constructing cabinets for the rigors of corporate flight. These cabinets must be lightweight, hold heavy weights and withstand stress, up to 9 times normal gravity. Constructed of lightweight, space-age materials like plegicell, aluminum honeycomb and aircraft plywood, these structures are built to tolerances of 1/32" and are tested by the FAA before installation. They can take over 4 weeks of solid effort to build, and cost up to \$15,000.00 a piece. Construction techniques include gluing, screwing and special pins mated with epoxy. The final product is veneered and edged in wood and finished with lacquer or oils. Our thanks to Louis for his facinating insight into the special world of aircraft cabinetry.

SHOW AND TELL

Lots of stuff destined for the Charity show:

Deena Gordon: Small animal puzzles.
Ron Kuenning: Mouse (toy).
Robert Sandlin: Animal Banks.
Doug Blodgett: Step stools.
Andy Anderson: Turtle stools.
Rick Goodheart: Race Car Toys.
Bob Caldwell: Flower Pot Holders.
Marvin Chamberlain: Note Pads.
James Bradley: Magazine Racks.
Doc Fortner: Party Animals.
Sonny Trahan: Apple Baskets
Gerry Oberton: Cheese Sandwiches(Wooden)
Bob Gallant: Bulldozers
Special recognition to Chuck Maxwell and Sharon Buckley for producing a wealth of items from limited shop production.

NEW BUSINESS -----ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A slate of officers was nominated at the October Meeting. Additional nominations and the Vote for 1988 Officers and Board of Directors will be at the November Meeting.

PRESIDENT: TOM MALDONADO III
VICE-PRESIDENT: KENT MOORE
SEC./TREAS.: DON RICHARDSON
BOARD MEMBER: DOUG BLODGETT
BOARD MEMBER: HEBERT WILBOURN

Our thanks to the above individuals for their offer to contribute to the club. The nominating committee had a pleasantly easy task obtaining support.

Note: Board Meeting are open to anyone in the club to attend. They are generally held the week after the regular Saturday meeting, in the evening. The meeting location is rotated among the board members. The meetings are informal and always include a peek at the host's workshop. Anyone interested in attending should contact a board member.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Bob Soderblom

GONE FISHING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS

Questions regarding experiences with three wheel bandsaws: Generally work OK but alignment and blade flexing can be a problem. Fine Woodworking had a recent article on bandsaws.

BUY AND SELL

For Sale: Duofast Finishing Nailer, \$150.00
Louis Fernandez 697-9861.

For Sale: Shopsmith Jigsaw, \$150.00 Fred Olsen 682-4115.

For Sale: Shopsmith Mark V and Shopsmith Bandsaw with many access., \$1200.00 Sharon Buckley 944-6739.

SPEAK OUT

By Murray Gordon

About three years ago, Steve Procter introduced me to the Woodworkers' Club of Houston. As a self-taught woodworker, the availability of a support group was a real luxury. Discussions with other members at meetings have enabled me to undertake projects which I had formerly considered beyond my skill level. It was also enlightening to find that I could contribute and pass on some of my knowledge to others.

Since then, I have seen the club members turn to with a will and participate in projects like the annual sale which benefit our community. I have also seen the club get together to obtain group discounts for tools and lumber.

It is time to add another activity. As a cohesive group, a club like ours can be significant economic force -- 175 serious woodworkers represent a fair portion of the local market.

Every so often, club members encounter problems with tools, equipment or services which consistently do not live up to expectations. If the problem is chronic, we need to get together as a group and confront the manufacturer or vendor with the facts and say, "Hey, how about doing something about this!"

To do this, members need to advise other club members of the problem to determine if others have encountered similar problems. If it is widespread, action should be taken as a group.

One such item is the Delta 18" electronic scroll saw. Mechanically, this scroll saw is built like a brick outhouse -- definitely an industrial quality tool. However, the electronic speed control has been notably unreliable. Delta claims to have solved the problem but the cost of the electronic module is such that current owners would like more tangible insurance.

I have enclosed in this newsletter, a form to be filled out by all owners of this unit. After I receive the replies, I will compile the information and forward it to the appropriate people at Delta and will insist on action. Due to the size of the club and the number of people affected, I am confident that we will receive a favorable reply. I will keep you advised of the status of this effort.

While I have initiated this action on my own, I suggest that the Board consider appointing a chairman to coordinate future problem reports from club members and initiate action when required.

DELTA SCROLL SAW TIPS

By Murray Gordon

I have discussed the electronic speed control with Delta personnel and have received the following recommendations:

1. ELECTRIC SURGE SUPPRESSION

As with computers and stereo equipment, an electric voltage spike can damage the electronic components of the scroll saw. Therefore, installing a surge protector for the saw would be helpful. This does not have to be an expensive piece of equipment. (Most of those advertised for computers are ridiculously overpriced.) I purchased a 6 outlet strip with surge protection, a switch and a circuit breaker for about \$16.00 at Home Depot. I installed the strip on the rear leg of the saw stand and plugged the saw and the work light into it.

NOTE: Do not use the other outlets for other power tools since that could negate the effect of the suppressor.

2. SPEED SENSOR

Porter Cable, the local Delta repair agent, seems to assume that any speed problem requires replacement of the \$120.00 electronic module. After two unsuccessful replacements, I discussed the matter with Delta and was informed that the magnetic speed sensor (piece no. 36) could be defective or incorrectly located.

To check this, remove the plate on the bottom of the saw, next to the motor and remove any saw dust. The speed sensor rotor is the smooth wheel (piece no. 88) on the idle shaft. The black device on the front partition with its end close to the rotor is the speed sensor. The gap between the sensor and the rotor should be .010" (ten one-thousandths). This can be checked with a flat feeler gauge.

If the sensor requires adjustment, the speed control must be moved aside and the speed sensor unplugged from the control. The sensor is adjusted by moving the instrument nuts until the proper gap is achieved. Care should be taken not to cross-thread the nuts on the sensor as the thread is very fine and the sensor body is plastic.

GROUP PURCHASES

Club Shirts are available at \$11.00 for a nice lite Golf Polo style Shirt emblazoned with "Woodworkers Club of Houston". Contact Kent Moore for details. If you want your name on the front you can take the shirt you get from Kent, to any T-Shirt Store and they can do it for a couple of bucks depending how many letters in you name.

Bandsaw Blades: Because of the minimum requirements of 20 blades in one width and tooth size by all the members. We have abandoned our purchase from Plowden Supply. Chuck Maxwell and Ed Caesar checked out Rex Supply Corp. 3715 Harrisburg 222-2251, They can make up any size you require in a couple of days and have no minimum, this is a retail

store, so you may purchase any quantity you need, and there is no need to buy as a group. The Bandsaw blades they sell are Starrett Blades.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please add these names to your Roster to keep it up to date.

Al Carnevale--7703 Eden--Hou.--77012
Home Phone: 921-2744 Work Phone: 926-2223

A.F.Erwin--1413 Neeley--Hou.--77055
Home Phone: 465-9424 Work Phone: 221-5704

Bill Payette--P.O.Box 5566 San Leon,Tx. 77539
Home Phone: 339-1734

NOVEMBER MEETING

WHEN: SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14TH 9:00 A.M.
WHERE: M. CHANDLER & CO.

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34TH STREET BUSINESS PARK
HOUSTON PHONE: 683-8455

DIRECTIONS: Take Hwy. 290 North. Exit at 34th street Turn West, cont. on 34th. The 34th. Street Business Park is on the right.

Michael Chandler will demonstrate the Leigh Dovetail Jig.

REMEMBER BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR !!!

DECEMBER MEETING

Will Be Thursday December 10th starting at 10 P.M. at the Rice University Faculty Club. The Deadline has come and past for reservations. There might still be a few places left but you must act now.

The Super '87 Show-N-Tell portion of the evening is for your "Best of '87" item to be professionally judged for several winners in each of several categories. Last Year's items not permitted in this Year's Contest. If you have not started your Best Project you still have a month.

CHARITY SHOW

SUCCESS-----SUCCESS-----SUCCESS

As always the members came through with many Great Projects and many volunteers to work the show.

The committee was a little worried because as always items were slow to arrive till the final few weeks. (We all Procrastinate, Don't we.)

It was also a concern that there were very few high priced items(65.00---85.00) We had many, many more items in the \$5.00--\$20.00 range. You can see it took a lot of sales to beat last years.

Well Sam did one Bang up Job, Ramrodding the show. He says his job is easy, because he has such Great Committee Chairmans, Once they have their assignments, its full speed ahead and their tasks always gets done. But its Sam who stays at the show taking the money almost 100% of the time.

Thank you Bill Beggs, Chuck Maxwell, Tom Malsonado, Robt. Sandlin, Doc Forkner, and Ed Caesar for the Great Demonstrations. Not only did they give demonstrations they were selling what they made, I understand Bill's Reindeer Division made up and sold 75 little critters. We wrote up so many of the letters that Chuck's Scroll Saw Division cut out and sold we lost track.

We must not forget to give credit to our salesmen---Lead by the Used Car Salesman of Wooden Craft items HEBERT WILBOURN once he's got you in his sights watch out for your money.

Don Sloans committee to set up and take down and his detailed records of items all went as smooth as glass.

Jimmy Harps Phone committee is worth it weight in Gold. To all those unsung telephone dialers--THANK YOU---THANK YOU.

Bob Sallans advertising committee has an uphill battle in a town where advertising is almost always never free--GOOD SHOW !!

We want to Thank the Northwest Mall for there Generosity in allowing us to use their facilities, supplying us with sign and tables at no cost.

This is choice space in malls and the other malls will not let you use there space (Charity or not) unless you pay Big Bucks.

When you go shopping think first about going to the Northwest Mall.

Again a Big thanks to Sam Zeisman, the Committees, and all the members who contributed.

THE TOTAL SALE WAS \$3700.00 +++

NEWLETTER INFO

Newletter Editor: Steve Procter
Associate Editor: Sharon Buckley
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Mailing: Henry Reed
Advertising: Chuck Maxwell

If you have any information you want added (Buy & Sell or an event listed in the Newsletter, ETC. Contact Newletter Editor Steve Procter.

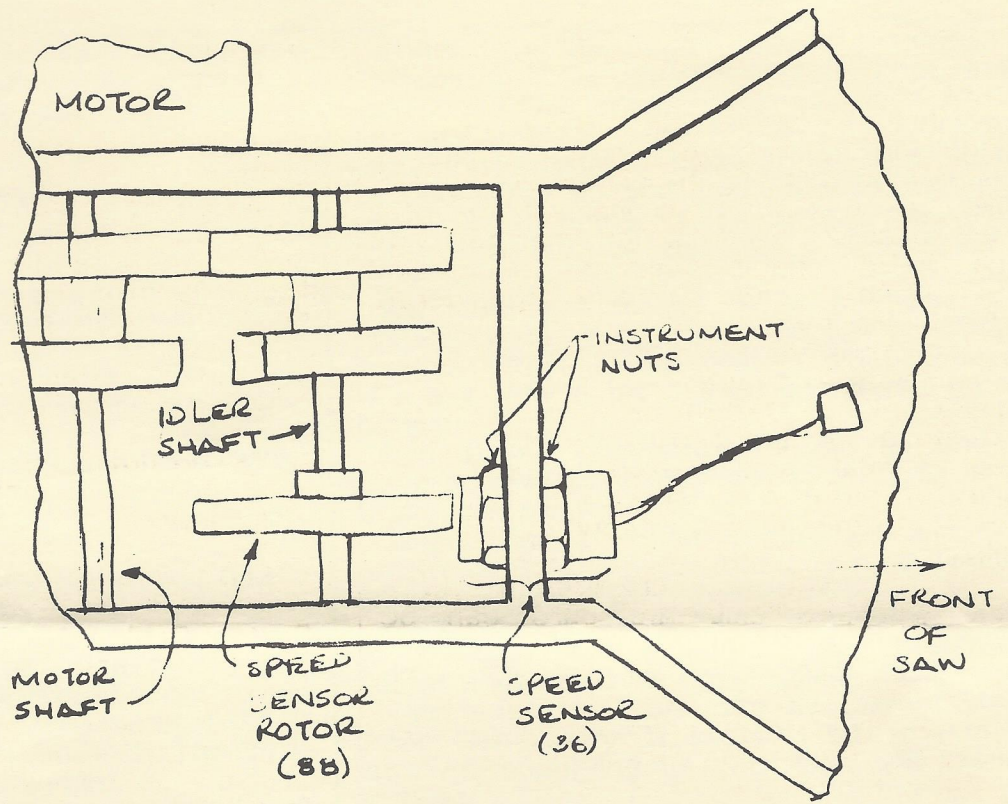
If you have a Finished Article (Speak out, Safety, Video, Tips & Techniques) to be published, mail it to the Assoc. Editor Sharon Buckley.

If you know someone who might like to advertise contact Chuck Maxwell.

Each Month we will post the following month's Deadlines, for all articles to be in the hands of the Assoc. Editor, if you have an article that gets there to late, it will appear in the following month's newsletter.

THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER
LAST DAY FOR PUBLISHING---NOVEMBER 20,1987

THE NEWSLETTER WILL BE MAILED THE WEEK OF
DEC. 3RD.



DELTA SCROLL SAW
SPEED SENSOR

ANNUAL DUES

DEADLINE JANUARY 31, 1988

TO JOIN W.W.C. OF HOUSTON FOR 1987, BRING TO THE REGULAR MEETINGS OR SEND YOUR \$12.00 ANNUAL DUES TO WOODWORKERS CLUB OF HOUSTON P.O. BOX 34481, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77234. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO WOODWORKERS CLUB OF HOUSTON.

Cut off and complete

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____

HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____ SPOUSE'S NAME _____

OCCUPATION/CRAFT:** _____

NAME OF EMPLOYER _____

*OPTIONAL FOR USE IN CLUB "YELLOW PAGES" (TO BE PUBLISHED IN 1988)

ATTENTION OWNERS
OF
DELTA 18" ELECTRONIC SCROLL SAW!!

The Delta Electronic Variable Speed Scroll Saw (model 40-601) , an excellent machine mechanically, has had chronic problems with the electronics. Delta has been attempting to solve the problem with, apparently, mixed success. While the saw is in warranty, the problem is mainly inconvenient. However, once it is out of warranty, a new electronic module costs \$120.

At the August club meeting, I discussed the saw briefly with a number of other owners and I believe there is a need for us to approach Delta as a group, rather than singly, and insist on action.

As a first step, we need to determine who are the owners of this scroll saw. Please fill out the form below and return it to me by mail as soon as possible. Please make the information as complete as possible.

At this time, I believe than an appropriate course of action would be to insist on an extended warranty on the electronics -- possibly as much as 5 years. If you have any other suggestions, please note them in the comments area of the form.

NAME _____ PHONE (day) _____
ADDRESS _____ (eve) _____

SCROLL SAW DATA

MODEL NO. _____ SERIAL NO. _____

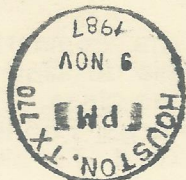
DATE BOUGHT _____

BOUGHT FROM (name and city) _____

SWITCH TYPE Pull to start Rotate to start

REPAIR HISTORY (include problem, date, where repaired and cost if any)

COMMENTS



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Houston, TX 77234

THIS SPACE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR AD

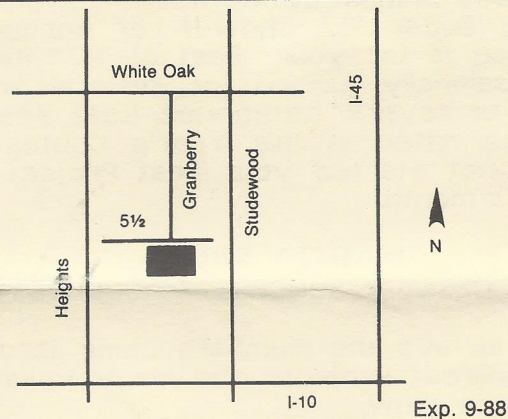


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