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SEPTEMBER MEETING

Ron Aimonetti gave us something different for this meeting. I feel sorry for the ones that couldn't make the meeting. Ron was well prepared and took us step by step through the carving procedure, what kind of wood to use - basswood, jelutong, and tupelo - right on through to tools, procedures of carving, finishing, and painting.

I think everyone was surprised to find out how much bird watching and reading went into being a class bird carver and Ron is certainly among this group. His samples were extremely detailed and beautiful to behold. I was very impressed and appreciative. Thanks Ron - please come by and see us again.

Everybody gave their committee reports. Hebert Wilbourn passed out the schedule for sales help during our charity sale. There are still several vacant slots, so let Hebert know if you can help.

We had about four new guests including the Works Editor for Fine Woodworking magazine, Mr. Jim Richey. Jim has become a new member of WWC. Welcome to the group.

SHOW & TELL

A lot of the items for Show & Tell were to be donated to the charity sale. I was so busy looking, I forgot to write. I apologize, but I failed to get down the different pieces and their creators. I promise to do better next time. I told you senility starts setting in when you pass 50.

OLD BUSINESS

The membership voted to have a dinner meeting in December, so your President started working on this. It will be December 11th at Rice University. We need to let them know how many will attend, so send in your reservations and deposits ASAP. The club treasury is up, so its footing part of the bill to keep the cost down. I think its

going to be great.

You've got 2-1/2 months to build a first class project for our super Show & Tell. We will have our professionals judge the amateurs in five or six different classes and the amateurs can judge the pro's. Don't be shy. There will be enough different classes so that you will only be competing with other craftsman of your experience level.

In regard to the charity show, I need a couple of more volunteers to give demonstrations. I would like to have a carver or two. The idea is not to complete a project at the demonstration, but give the public a look at some of the things we do. I would like someone competent in making hand cut dovetails, someone for mortise and tenon and anything else you would think may be of interest to the lay public.

Mark McCoy is ordering a new batch of WWC caps, so let him know if you want one reserved in your name. The T-shirts can be purchased by calling T-Shirts Plus at 957-2035. Tell them your name and that your with WWC of Houston. They will have it ready by the time you get there.

WORKSHOPS & CLINICS

The weather is starting to cool, so the workshops & clinics ought to start in full swing again. Steve Proctor wasn't able to make the last meeting, so I don't know what is coming up before the next meeting. You might call Steve to see what the schedule is.

We do have the following available, but I don't know the dates.

Workshops:

Making & Turning a Hand Plane
Bowl Turning

Clinics:

Spindle Turning
Raised Panel Doors
Shop Layout
Miniature Furniture

Band Saw Boxes (I found some new ones)
Router Basics

We still need a teacher for marquetry and hand cut dovetails. Call Steve if your interested. Remember, WWC was founded on the idea of sharing, so share.

NEW BUSINESS

In January, 1986 the Wood World Show returns to Houston. The one in 1985 was a huge success, even with the lousy weather. Rich has reserved us a room in the Shamrock Hilton again. We had a lot of new guests last time, so I expect we will have a new, big batch again this time. This ought to really start the new year off on a high note.

As I said earlier, our December meeting is going to be a sit-down dinner and a super Show & Tell. Bring the spouses, kids, or friends. Just let us know ASAP how many.

Glen Olsen is looking for patterns of furniture to build. If anyone has some to loan, give Glen a call.

Ron Aimonetti mentioned flexible cloth backed sandpaper by SIA of Switzerland. It's handled by Craftwood in Maryland. Industrial Abrasives Company also handle a line of cloth back sandpaper, so you might want to check out both sources.

We are working on securing VHS and Beta video tapes of woodworking lessons for our library. We should have them ready to loan out by the November meeting.

Treasury report shows we are solvent, but it would sure help if we had more advertisers for our newsletter. The more ads, the less each member's cost as part of the dues. Therefore, the more we have for specials such as tapes, Christmas dinners, and special lectures. Get your thinking caps on. For only \$75.00 per year their 2" x 4" will be seen 12 times by every woodworking club meeting. That is only 3.4 cents per person. I'm no advertising expert, but that seems like a cheap cost to get your message across to your buying public.

We have three new members. Joe Kaufhold, Don Fortner, and Jim Richey. Welcome to the group. I can't say much for your sanity, but your taste is excellent.

I got a call the other night from Troy Todd, a sales representative for Shopsmith. Troy said he would give a 10% discount off any item in the latest Shopsmith sales catalog. Give him a call on his 800 number. Troy is on duty from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. EST and his number is 1-800-543-7586 before 5:00 p.m. and 1-513-898-0651 after 5:00 p.m.

Our charity sale is getting close - October 25th and 26th. Sam's getting nervous again. I guess I can understand. It appears only 37 members out of 180 have made a definite commitment to help by working or donating a couple of pieces.

I am a little surprised. Our sale does require a little effort, but not that much. Plus, the rewards are terrific. It helps the kids that will never get a chance to make sawdust like we do, and think

of all the nice people you meet at the sale. I really had fun last year.

Please, everyone pitch in and do your part. It will be greatly appreciated by someone who will never have the opportunity to thank you.

TIPS & TECHNIQUES

Have an old pencil sharpener? Well don't throw it away. David Whitting of Bolivar, Ohio told the people at Fine Woodworking how to use one of the spiral cutters of a pencil sharpener for smoothing small radius internal curves.

To make the tool, simply hacksaw one of the two cutters free of the pencil sharpener mechanism. Replace the pin with a short length of 3/16" cold rolled steel rod. Make sure the drive gear is on the bottom, for the correct cutting action. Hammer the bar a bit so that it will wedge tight in the spiral cutter. Just chuck the cutter in your drill press and "Walla" - instant wood mill.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER by Rich Kurey

The Board is really excited about our club's general acceptance of the planned December Dinner Meeting. We certainly hope that all of our members will plan on attending and, if at all possible, bringing a project to show off.

We've selected the Rice University Faculty Club as our Dinner Meeting location. The meeting is scheduled to start at 7:00 pm. on December 11th, 1985. You'll note that this is not on a Saturday but rather on a Wednesday evening. Our hopes are that each member can bring one or more guests to help us all show off a bit and make for an enjoyable evening with those that are patient with our woodworking mania.

We've tried to keep the cost as reasonable as possible while still having the meeting at a top shelf place like the Faculty Club. The cost for the evening will be \$12.50 / person. This includes a wonderful Roast Beef dinner with the trimmings (including desert, coffee, etc.) and the use of the Faculty Club for our meeting. We'll have a pay bar from 7:00 pm until 8:00 pm, followed by the sit down dinner. From 9:00 until about 10:00 we'll have our meeting and SUPER SHOW AND TELL. That should allow anyone who might have to get up early, to be on their way home by 10:00pm.

We'll have some unbiased judges to evaluate our projects and maybe have some ribbons for the best of each of several categories. I qua-ran-tee a wonderful time for all.

It's very important that we know as early as possible if you'll be joining us at the Dec. meeting. So please send in the RESERVATION CARD included in this issue of the Newsletter as soon as possible. We'll be happy to accept latecomers if necessary. But, we do need some indication of the total

planned attendance so we can make the necessary arrangements as early as possible.

Remember--December 11th at 7:00pm!
Put it on your calendar now! Then, send in your reservation and check !!!!!

SPEAK OUT by Bob Soderblom

Whatever happened to previous comments about our club getting too big? How about those suggestions for dividing our large membership by spinning off to start new clubs in areas such as Baytown or SE, SW, NW or NE Houston? I'm NOT suggesting this be done.

Isn't one of the problems a lack of meeting places with adequate parking spaces? If so, why not "car-pool" to meetings --- a sort of Park & Ride from your own side of town? A close review of the membership list should reveal zip codes of your own or adjacent areas as candidates to form a "Park & Ride" arrangement. How about a committee to discuss the pros and cons. I'll volunteer. Let's discuss at next meeting?

As a companion to the area Park & Ride benefits, I believe the same "area" members could also plan an area get-to-gether say every fourth Saturday for an hour or two at one area member's house (volunteers only) to learn how other members put together their workshops, things they may have made, and just generally exchange ideas for each other's benefit. This would involve small groups of five to eight or less and would be an on-going thing not to replace or interfere with the training clinics or workshops.

Small "area" gatherings could allow the close relationships needed for sharing and learning while still emphasizing the advantages of retaining our large club and its business meetings and guest speak/instructor and special events such as the charity benefit and the drawing power for noted experts.

Let's hear it for the BIG club and, in addition, for the AREA gatherings in the middle of the long month between regular club meetings!!!

BUY & SELL

Al Ingram has a 14" DeWalt professional radial arm saw available. \$2500.

Don Chance knows of someone who is giving up his commercial woodworking shop because of poor help. He would like to sell it in one bite, but you might check it out.

OCTOBER MEETING

The meeting will be Saturday at 9:00 a.m., October 12, 1985.

The place is Concepts In Wood at 13315 Stubner Airline Drive, Suite 505 in the Champion Business Park. This is south of FM 1960 and north of FM 149 - west of I 45 north.

Our host will be Jim Langford, a professional millworker who owns and operates a custom mill shop. Ought to be real interesting.

SEE YOU THERE!

If you wish to join W.W.C. of Houston bring or send your \$12.00 Annual Dues to Mark Mc Coy, 9647 Meadowbriar, Houston, Texas 77063.

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