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The January Meeting

by Tom McCue

On **Mon., Jan 14th, 2008** Past President Tom McCue opened the meeting by introducing our **new President Mike McGrath** and then turned the imaginary gavel over to him.

Guests that evening were **Craig McGuire and Scott Sievers**. We had two new members and we welcome **Jim Schriber and Bill Budd** to our Club.

Mike passed out sheets to the members present to jot down some ideas to discuss regarding pros and cons of various tools that they owned or had experience with. The sheets also included information on hardwood resources, both retail and club members, and a request for information on sharpening services that can be posted on the website.

Mike then announced the next **Officer's Meeting** to be held at **Gene Shutt's house on Jan. 21st**, and noted that all members were invited to attend. He also noted that the **by-laws call for two at-large board members and invited any interested parties to contact an officer.**

Mike then asked how the tool sale notice on the Club's website was going. The general consensus was that it was not real active.

The **Collinsville Woodworking Show** is the second weekend of February. Tickets can be purchased on the show's website:

www.thewoodworkingshows.com

Some **upcoming programs** were discussed. **Frank Thornton** is working on a program on

SketchUp, a computer assisted drawing program that can be **downloaded for free from Google**. If there is enough interest, we are also researching the possibility of having a **workshop and/or forming a SIG group for that.**

Mike has also talked to representatives of the **Dana Thomas house** about a possible future presentation. **John Woods and Phil Tinsley** are working on a **program on a boat building class** that they took last year.

Mike also indicated that we are looking at the **possibility of conducting workshops** on specific topics that members might be interested in, maybe **several hours on a Saturday morning**, and asked that members be thinking about ideas or express their interest for any such workshops.

No Open Shops are scheduled yet. Please think about holding one, or possibly partnering with another member to hold one.

Norm Koerner suggested looking at **group purchases on material**, such as lumber or plywood.

George Wilbur indicated that his **son Tom** has some **cutoffs of various hardwood species** that were available to any members that were interested. Tom Wilbur can be reached at **364-4141**.

The Program: Discussion on Tools and Machinery

This evening's meeting was in the form of a discussion on various tools or machinery that members have used, or like or don't like. Some comments

included:

Favorites

- battery drills (especially with lithium ion batteries)
- Black and Decker impact driver
- \$19.95 Ryobi variable speed corded drill purchased at Home Depot
- Ryobi Drill with NiCad battery pack that would fit all other Ryobi battery powered tools
- 18 volt cordless DeWalt tools
- 1 1/4", 4 TPI carbide tipped Laguna resaw bandsaw blade
- Grizzly edge sander
- Grizzly 14" 2 HP industrial bandsaw with Lenox saw blades
- California Carbide blades
- 18 volt Task Force battery drill on sale at Lowe's for \$9.95
- Milwaukee power tools
- Bosch power tools
- dedicated mortising tool
- Festool tools (pricey, but very high quality)
- spring wire corner clamps
- new, compact Porter-Cable belt sander
- Bosch pistol-grip drill

Least Favorites

- cheap Black and Decker corded drill with keyless chuck that wouldn't hold a bit
- electric staple guns (\$40 Arrow and \$30 Stanley-Bostich) purchased at Lowe's One Arrow gun and three Bostich guns failed after relatively little use
- comment was made that Porter-Cable tools are no longer the quality that they used to be
- Jet version of Tormek sharpening system
- JointAbility
- General International Tools (Taiwanese brands in general--they all come from the same factory)
- biscuit jointer (other than using for cutting off door bottoms when installing floor tile)
- Delta oscillating sander attachment for router table

Roland Folse related the story of his first experience selling on E-Bay. Several years ago, Roland's son noticed a Stanley 212 scraper plane sitting on a shelf in Roland's shop collecting dust. Roland had been given the plane about 20 years ago by his father. His son told him that it could be valuable, so

over the Christmas holiday, Roland's daughter convinced him to put the plane up for sale on E-Bay. Having researched the value, he put an opening bid of \$1200 on it. The plane was listed for 10 days and 512 people showed interest in. There were only two actual bids, and he sold it to a guy in Australia for \$1255. If he hadn't been tipped off by his son, he probably would have sold it for \$50. It pays to check out your old tools sometimes!

Show and Tell

Mike Robertson brought in two homemade tools: a "poor man's Nova chuck" and a disposable turned drum sander. He also thanked Tom McCue for his services as President and complimented him on the quality of the programs; Frank Thornton for his service as Treasurer; Chuck Frank, Webmaster; Larry Catron, Librarian; Gene and Jean Shutt, meals and name tags, as well as hosting the Officer's meetings; Frank Tureskis, Video Librarian; Jan Smith and Don Gottschalk, Newsletter and "Portrait of a Woodworker." In addition, thanks to Dick Metcalf for his help putting together the Power Point presentations for many of our programs and Bob Fox for his help with audio/video issues.

John Sheedy presented two examples of raised panel doors made of oak and pine which he had made for a custom job.

Joe Tupy displayed a bowl made of pecan with a clear gloss poly finish.

Mike McGrath showed a table of walnut. The design is an adaptation of a Thomas Moser design. The finish is a wipe-on polyurethane.

Our **WorkSharp** will, in the future, be checked out similar to other items in the library.

Norm Koerner is interested in buying a shaper, if anyone has one for sale.

In our **50/50 drawing**, **Loren Blount** won \$16. Our \$8 **meal winner was Joe Link**.

Portrait of a Woodworker-- Bill Budd

by Don Gottschalk

We are happy Bill decided to join our club. He became a member just a short time ago and now we get his background. He was born right here in Springfield but grew up south of here. He went to high school in Gillespie and then attended Lincoln Land Community College majoring in computer work.

Shortly after that he was married and his wife works at Environmental Protective Association. He met her in high school and they have been together ever since. His daughter now has three sons and Bill enjoys spending time with them.

Shortly after they were married, Bill and his wife bought about 10 acres of land just north of Springfield near Cantrall where they now live. Bill built his own house there and then everything in it.

Bill has one brother who has been in woodworking for many years but Bill is just now getting into it. He has a pole barn or building a short distance from his home and just built a 750 square foot addition on it to be his shop. He tells me that he works in the shop mainly in the winter. He has been building cabinets for rental property that he now owns but would like to learn considerably more about it all.

When he is not woodworking he goes fairly frequently to the Fit Club to keep in shape during his retirement years. That occurs at least once a week. He also is into hunting in the winter. He also comes to our meetings every month and enjoys them as he learns many new things that help in his woodworking. We are happy to have you with us and are looking forward to getting to know you better.

Possible Tool Auction

There is an auction company in Petersburg that would be interested in selling tools or machinery that members want to get rid of. Any individual member can call them to find out more details. They told Don that they get 25% of what the item/s sell for.

The name of the company is **Aspen Auction Company**. There will be a sale on **Fri., April 4th**. They are located at: **18328 State Highway 97** in Petersburg. Phone number is **(217) 341-3738**.

Please Note: Change in Date of February Meeting!!!!

Due to the fact that KICK's is having a change in their operating schedule it is necessary to change our meeting this month to Wed., Feb 6th. Times will be the same. KICK's will now be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. Therefore, we will meet this month on Wed. and discuss what we need to do in the future. Since many members like the idea of alternating Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, we would have to look into other locations, which we have had to do before. Of course, that brings up the question of cost of meals somewhere else, etc. To stay at KICK's would we want to alternate different evenings or stay with one night every month? These questions will be something to be discussed. Do you have any suggestions or comments or solutions?

Upcoming February Meeting

(Note the Change of Date)

Our next meeting will be on **Weds., Feb. 6th** at our regular meeting site at **KICK's** (the old Furrows bldg. at **2744 S. 6th St.**). Our new meeting room continues to be the Gymnasium, a room off the buffet area, as our old room is being converted into a game room. (**KICK's will now be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays.**) The social hour is 5:30-6:15pm, dinner at 6:15pm, followed by the program about 7pm. The program will be a **computer program from Google called SketchUp. Frank Thornton will be doing a brief overview of this program.** If you would like a preview of this program, there is an article in the December issue of **Fine Woodworking.** If there is **enough interest** in this program, we would like to do a **2-3 hour workshop.** We will need to locate a facility, a computer lab, if possible. **Any suggestions?**

Officer's Meeting

The February Officer's/Advisory Meeting will be **Mon., Feb. 11th at 7pm.** at Gene Shutt's house. Any interested member may join them if interested or have something to bring up.

Upcoming March Meeting

The March meeting will take place on Wednesday, **Mar. 5th, 2008** at KICK's (usual time and place). Details on the topic of the program will be forthcoming.

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Open Shops

Be thinking ahead to when would be a good time for you to host an Open Shop! Jan will send around a sign-up sheet at the next few meetings.

If you are interested in having one this month, just let us know at the meeting or phone Chuck Frank who can get the info. on the web or sent out in an e-mail!

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