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The February Meeting

by Dick Metcalf

Dick Metcalf was kind enough to send me some notes from the February meeting and he did so right away, like the next day! Thanks a lot, Dick!

New President, Paul Goff, opened the meeting at 6:30pm to the many members who came out despite the very cold weather. The first item of business was a discussion of the urgent need to fill the offices of President Elect and Treasurer. Paul also discussed an urgent need to get volunteers to help with the meeting minutes.

The choice of President Elect is the responsibility of a committee of former CAW presidents and Paul wants this committee to meet as soon as possible. The Treasurer's job needs someone to step up and volunteer. If anyone is interested in either job, Paul wants you to let him know ASAP.

Jan has requested volunteers to either take notes or record the program part of the meeting. It could be divided up. Someone could take notes on the actual program presentation and someone else could cover the news type items, tips, upcoming events and Show and Tell, etc. Or, if someone wants to volunteer to record the meeting (after dinner), they could use the digital recorder the Club bought, Jan could then get that recorder later and use it to do the newsletter.

The Program: Sharpening

The presentation of the DVD on sharpening was cancelled in favor of an open discussion of sharpen-

ing by the entire group. This turned out to be a highly spirited discussion by the majority of the members. Some of the many points covered in the discussion included the following:

- * Work Sharp and Tormax machines
- * Grinding wheel types
- * Sharpening chisels, saw and planer blades
- * Quality of the steel in tools sharpened
- * Water, diamond and natural stones
- * Honing a sharp edge
- * Shop made sharpening fixtures
- * Books and videos on sharpening
- * Card scraper sharpening
- * Sand paper sharpening

If you missed this meeting, you missed a review of all the basic things a competent woodworker should know about sharpening to make a quality wood project. Paul should be congratulated on his first attempt at leading a club discussion, and perhaps, we should plan on other programs of this type.

Show and Tell

Dick Metcalf showed slides of a new frame and panel desk he built of quarter sawn red oak.

TOOLS!!

Kathy Raistrick found this and passed it on to me. See if you agree! Thanks, Kathy!!!

DRILL PRESS: A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat, metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, denting the freshly painted project

which you had carefully set in the corner where nothing could get to it.

WIRE WHEEL: Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, 'Oh ---.'

ELECTRIC HAND DRILL: Normally used for spinning pop rivets in their holes until you die of old age.

SKILL SAW: A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short.

PLIERS: Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood blisters.

BELT SANDER: An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.

HACKSAW: One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle. It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

WISE-GRIPS: Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

OXYACETYLENE TORCH: Used almost entirely for lighting various flammable objects in your shop on fire. Also handy for igniting the grease inside the wheel hub out of which you want to remove a bearing race.

TABLE SAW: A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.

HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK: Used for lowering an automobile to the ground after you have installed your new brake shoes, trapping the jack handle firmly under the bumper.

BAND SAW: A large stationary power saw primarily used by most shops to cut good wood into smaller pieces that more easily fit into the trash can after you cut on the inside of the line instead of the outside edge.

TWO-TON ENGINE HOIST: A tool for testing the maximum tensile strength of everything you forgot to disconnect.

PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER: Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids or for opening old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt; but can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads.

STRAIGHT SCREWDRIVER: A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws and butchering your palms.

PRY BAR: A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50 cent part.

HOSE CUTTER: A tool used to make hoses too short.

HAMMER: Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent to the object we are trying to hit.

UTILITY KNIFE: Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on contents such as seats, vinyl records, liquids in plastic bottles, collector magazines, refund checks, and rubber or plastic parts. Especially useful for slicing work clothes, but only while in use.

DAMN-IT TOOL: Any handy tool that you grab and throw across the garage while yelling 'damn-it' at the top of your lungs. It is also, most often, the next tool that you will need.

Portrait of a Woodworker-- Dave Hallerberg

by Don Gottschalk

It was really nice talking to Dave to get his background information for this article. He seems to be a little low-keyed on all the things he has done. But, anyway, he was born in Jacksonville in 1947 but lived there for only one month. He now lives in Auburn and has been there quite a long time. He graduated from high school at Glenbard East in Lombard, IL. When he married he moved to Wheaton, IL and he worked for AmeriTech for 32 years in repair technology. He went to work for them after serving in the Army for two years in Germany. That must have been good duty. He retired from Ameritech in 2000 and moved to Auburn. He now is a school bus driver and has done that for quite a while.

He was married in 1975 to Ruth and they have shared 34 years together. They have two children. Both of his children are now school teachers and live in this area. Ruth, his wife, now works as a secretary for the Lutheran Church in Auburn and plays a big role in figuring out what Dave is going to make in his woodshop. As a result Dave has been in woodworking most of his married life.

His first machine was a table saw and now he has a very complete shop. Dave says his first wood project was a shoeshine box that he made as a freshman in high school in industrial arts class. He still has that project. He has also made a Grandmother clock and it still keeps good time. He seems to like building cabinets most. He built a cabinet for his living room to hold his TV set and is very pleased on how that came out. He also built a kitchen cabinet for his wife and it has dovetailed drawers. It came out so good his wife now wants another one. I asked him what was most inspiring about his woodworking and what he would tell other members of the club and he said that it is the most relaxing thing he has found. He also said it is cost saving and you get what you want rather than trying to make something you buy fit in.

He added that he likes to do carpentry work around the home and has finished several basements. He has also built a shed. Another of his

talents or hobbies is that he builds wooden model ships.

Outside of woodworking he really enjoys playing golf and does so with another member of the club who talked him into joining the club to develop his skills. He is also into target shooting now and then. We really enjoy having you as a member of the club and hope you share your skills with the rest of us.

Automatic Flute Spacing Jig

Following is an e-mail sent by Dan Locaputo of the Cincinnati Woodworkers Club (CWC). It was sent to members by Chuck Frank a while ago, but I will reprint it here.

Fellow Woodworkers:

I invented the Automatic Flute Spacing Jig which I am trying to promote. I did a demonstration of my jig at the CWC, and many advanced woodworkers were impressed enough to purchase my jig. Since I don't have any middle men, I can sell my jig at a much lower cost. They are selling in some stores for \$44.99.

This jig will space up to seven (7) flutes on boards up to twelve (12) inches wide, without any measuring. The jig is made of 1/4" x 1-1/2" anodized aluminum. There are three (3) zinc plated bushings that come with the jig, which allows 1/4", 3/8" and 1/2" flutes to be made. I am proud to say they are made in the USA, and will last a lifetime.

I would really appreciate it if you would send my web address to all of your woodworking members. The usual cost of my jig is \$30.00 plus S&H. However, for woodworking clubs, I am willing to sell my jig for \$25.00 plus S&H, provided I can mail them in bulk to one location. This will make my handling easier and your shipping cost much less. Thank You. My web address is: www.drlgroupllc.com My website also shows many useful tips for the router table.

Your fellow woodworker,
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Upcoming March Meeting

The upcoming meeting for March is a week later than usual due to the availability of the speaker. The meeting will follow our 5:30 pm dinner at MCL on **Wed. Mar. 11th**. The program will be on **veneers** and will be presented by **Dan Harris**.

Officer's Meeting

The Officer's meeting will be held at Gene Shutt's house on **Mon., Mar. 16th at 7pm**. (I assume this because it is usually the Monday following the monthly meeting.) Any interested member may join them if they have something to bring up.

Upcoming Meetings

We have arranged a few meetings for this new year. We are always looking for ideas and presenters.

April or May Greene and Greene Design by
Mike McGrath

I have not been informed if this has been finalized for either month. Hopefully, someone will send me the next few meeting topics so they can be put in the newsletter.

Open Shops

I do not know if a sign-up sheet was sent around or not and if anyone signed up. If you have an upcoming Open Shop from April on and want details listed in the newsletter, please let me know: who, where, what topic, date and time and anything else you think important.

March--?????

April--?????

May--?????

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