

North Texas Woodworkers Association

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Newsletter

June 2001

May Meeting Review

By **Vic Carenna**

President **Earl Ashurst** opened the meeting right on schedule @ 7pm. Visitors were **Jim Shirk** (**Norm Shirk's** dad) was visiting from Ashtabula, OH, and **Marlyn Johnson**, who has just moved here from Boston, MA.

Announcements

Come to the meeting Jun 19, 7pm, at **Owen Haggard's** shop! Program is "Safety in the Shop" and a demonstration of Amigo Tools. Come prepared to offer your own safety tips, practices, and gadgets.

Don't miss the shop visit @ **Larry Mart's** shop!

General Discussions

Our request for volunteer for club Newsletter Editor for the remainder of the term of office was answered! **Dorothy Truitt** has stepped up to the bar and accepted this important role. I know I speak on behalf of the club, **Thanks Dorothy!** Ken Patrick has agreed to work with Dorothy to "teach her the ropes" so the handoff will be smooth.

Regarding the liability insurance debate - it was decided that the club will not buy any, but we would subsidize any Owen finds necessary for his shop.

Craig St Martin asked if anyone could do large scale turning. He will be referred to **Jim Dawson**.

Someone contacted Earl about having a Black Walnut tree that needed to be taken out and wanted to know if anyone in the club had the time or equipment to handle this. As far as I could tell, there were no takers. *[Actually, Ken Patrick and Martin Lutz will attempt to retrieve it. Marty's dad has been ill, so Marty's been doing the Texas-Colorado shuffle for the past few weeks. We'll get at asap. Ed.]*

Librarian **Dale Osborne** notified the membership that we had received the CD for the library and it could be checked out like any other reference material. This CD is a compilation and cross reference of projects across most woodworking magazines.

Bob Jones informed everyone that the new name tags were printed and available. *[We really appreciate Bob's work in making these fine laser-cut tags for everyone! Ed.]*

Ken Patrick reminded members who want the newsletter delivered by email to check with Bob Jones and make sure that their e-mail address is correct in our database. He had several mail failures with the last newsletter.

Dan Henry informed the membership that the visit to Uvalde was now set for **September 22** and suggested that those interested in this trip travel in a convoy/car pool.

Walt Schuster reminded everyone about the open house at Hardwoods of Dallas this weekend from 9 - 1.

Q&A

[Unbelievable!] Nothing was brought up this month.

Bring Back

In keeping with last issue's reprint article on hearing protection, Ken Patrick brought in a set of shop earmuffs. Bob Jones was the lucky winner.

Show & Tell

Steve Yauch showed how not to bend oak rails for a child's rocker that he was refurbishing. After several attempts to steam the wood in its full size state, and having it split when bending around the form, he ended up having to use a lamination process of thinner pieces to complete the task.

George Tocquigny had several items. One was an article about woodworking that was clipped out of a Chicago newspaper. The second was a hand carving of a pair of feet out of solid mahogany that he made to celebrate his grandsons graduation from college as a podiatrist. Finally, George made a comment to the club about shop safety and an injury that he sustained: a broken thumb and a large bruise on his abdomen from a piece of wood that was thrown by his table saw.

Dennis Furlow spoke to the club about a seminar he attended with Roy Underhill. If the interest is there, the club would consider bringing Roy here for a local seminar. The cost may be a factor. The board is currently trying to see what these costs would be before bringing it to the membership. You can catch Roy on PBS.

Dan Henry had a problem - and, as Dan usually does, came up with a pretty neat solution. The problem: How do I handle large sheets of plywood or MDF easily? Answer: build a cart that rolls around, has a cantilevered top that is matched to the height of the table saw, and is balanced so as to not take any effort to get the sheet onto the table saw. The unit Dan designed allows for a full 4X8 sheet to be moved to the table saw and, when lifted, deposits the sheet goods right onto the table. Pretty slick. Hey Dan - how about some specs?

Vic Caranna also had a problem - he had a customer who needed to have a single cabinet door made that has a "waterfall" door edge profile. After searching in vain for either a router bit or shaper cutter that had the needed profile, he discussed the problem with **Steve Jenkins**. Steve suggested that he use a core box router bit that had the same curvature of the waterfall cuts and perform the operation in 2 passes. Vic brought a sample of red oak that this was tried on and this simple solution worked perfectly and matched the profile exactly.

The **Show and Tell drawing** was won by **Vic Caranna**.

Program

"Lathe Duplicators"

Both **Walt Schuster** and **Jim Dawson** demonstrated

various types of lathe duplicators. The two that Walt showed were geared for low end, occasional use users. Walt demo'ed one of the two units that was a pattern follower type. The cutter he used was from a ShopSmith system and the pattern was an actual turned piece although the holding assembly could probably be modified to hold a flat template. The cutting assembly was not affixed to the lathe but was guided by hand on a table spanning the lathe. Walt said that you needed to keep a good grip on the unit while turning but that he liked it since he had total control of how the cutter entered the wood.

Jim used a Vega duplicator attached to a Powermatic lathe and this one is certainly geared for the high end heavy use turner. Jim started with a large blank (I believe that it was 8" by 8" square) and literally plowed through the blank. Many times his cuts were so deep he actually stalled out the lathe.

Jim said that at this roughing stage, it didn't really matter how it looked but the purpose was to get as much material cut as quickly as possible - and the chips were really flying!! Aside from some problems with the lathe starting (including running backwards!) the blank was quickly turned down.

The Vega system uses a flat template that the follower rides against. Jim only uses one cutter for doing all his turning work. He made one little modification to the duplicator and that was to put a small piece of Lexan over the cutter area to deflect the chips away from the operator. He also showed the group how easy it was to set up and that there are minimal adjustments necessary to produce high quality turnings.

Club Library

There were two items put up for auction. Our resident top flight auctioneer (**Jim Dawson**) held the auctions.

- A box of magazines was auctioned off for \$15 to **Brad Riggs**.
- A trash can was auctioned off for \$2 to **Dennis Furlow**.

Remember - all proceeds from these auctions go to the library fund!

From the Board

Program Chairman **Walt Schuster** has a great lineup of programs pre-planned for the rest of the year:

Jul: Annual NTWA picnic

[Aug and Sep meetings at Mike Pregent's shop]

Aug: **Bob Stabell** will make boxes

Sep: **Bruce May** will turn spindles and talk about sharpening tools

Oct: **Dan Henry** will discuss Shp Dust Collection

Nov: **Doyle** from Hardwood Lumber will explain characteristics and selection of wood varieties

Dec: Annual Christmas party

Jan: Raised Panel Doors on routers and table saws

Shop Tour !

The May shop visit to Hardwood Lumber in Dallas was great! We saw CNC routing, industrial grade planing, sanding, molding, gang saws, and horizontal resaw. Coolest was the articulated arm band saw. You clamp your

workpiece on a stationary table on a post, around which you maneuver the moving bandsaw! We watched them cut out a decorative roof scroll from an 8x8 oak timber like it was butter! Several of us took advantage of the trip by buying some fine lumber, too. We appreciate the effort Hardwood Lumber put out, and the donuts, too!

Come to **Larry Mart's** shop Saturday, June 23, 9-12, in Carrollton. It's sure to be a short drive! See map next page!

Club Members' Road Trip to Uvalde, Sept 22 !

We're starting to firm up plans for a trip to Uvalde for a weekend. Start firming up your late summer schedule and squeeze this caravan trip in, it's bound to be fun for all!

CLASSIFIEDS:

Members can list items for sale, trade, or wanted free. Email or call your newsletter editor!

Article Reprint from NTWA Newsletter, April 1993

SAFE TOOLS? by Bruce May, Vice President

There is no time like the present to do a safety audit in your shop. Why? Because right now I'm writing this article left-handed and I have the time to write because I can't do much in my shop with only one hand. Why? Because I spent Monday night in the emergency room and Tuesday under Dr. Watumull's specially trained surgery team of hand care. Why? Because the emergency room doctor looked at my right hand for no more than three seconds and said "I'm not touching this one!" Lucky for me, he knew who to call.

Now, back to the safety audit. Look around your shop, and try to rank your tools, starting with the most dangerous. For stationary power tools - many of you would have radial arm saws and table saws at the top of the list. At the bottom of the list you would probably have scroll saws and maybe handsaws or drill presses. Your list will vary according to your personal usage. So, obviously, we would worry more about the higher ranked tools - But if you think about it, is any tool safe? Most of us probably have some preconceived hierarchy of respect for the tools we use. I know I do - and won't even own a radial arm saw. Well, guess what? One of my "safest tools" just bit me. We're talking about a tool that I thought was safe enough to let Webelos scouts use. After all, it had complete blade guard protection and is easy to use.

So what's the message that I'm trying to get across? Maybe instead of ranking tools in the shop, we should rank the tool as we prepare to use it. How about if we ask ourselves, "What's the most dangerous tool that I'm getting ready to use right now?" And unless you can use more than one tool at a time the answer will be obvious. In this way, every tool gets maximum respect and hopefully less oversight as to the possible hazards. Maybe you will spend the extra 10 seconds and walk over to the pegboard and grab one of the four push pads or push sticks that are neatly hanging there as impressive trophies of your safety awareness.

I hope that my shop gets on the shop tour schedule early enough so you can come over and see the trail of blood stains that lead over to the dust collector foot switch, past the pegboard with all trophies hanging neatly, across the BBQ grill, out the door, up the stairs, on the front door and door knob.

Well, if you have read this far, you deserve the gory details. [*Faint of heart, go to the next paragraph! Ed.*] My thumb was cut along the length from the tip into the nail, into the bone about 1/2" and stopped right at the tip of the new nail underneath. Both the index and middle fingers were cut at perpendicular angles to each finger just above the middle knuckle (closer to the nail end). Both were cut into the bone, with the index finger having 1mm of bone left to held each side together. In addition, both fingers were rotated such that the cut wrapped around towards the inside of each finger. (see drawing, back

page)

So, what's the safest tool in my shop? Well, it's not the Bandsaw!

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The board serves from April through March of the following year. Bylaws are available upon request. The board meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at La Madeleine restaurant at Park and Preston, in Plano.

Membership in NTWA is \$24.00 per year. Make checks payable to North Texas Woodworkers Assoc. and mail to address above. Or come to the next meeting and see Jack Edgecomb.

NTWA Calendar

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 19, 2001 @ 7:00 pm. At Owen Haggard's shop.

June Shop Visit: Saturday, June 23 from 9 - 1, at Larry Mart's shop, Carrollton

July Meeting: Tuesday, July 17, 2001 @ 7:00 pm, @ Owen Haggard's Shop.

July Shop Visit: TBD (is it yours? Last op this year, maybe!)

Directions to Larry Mart's Home and shop:

From Josey Lane @ Rosemeade (south of Hebron and north of Frankford Road) turn east on Rosemeade. About 1/2 mile from Josey, turn south (right) on Furneaux Ln, divided boulevard. Proceed south to 5th right turn, Rose Hill. Larry's house is the third from the corner on the south (left) side of the street. See you there!

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SHOP VISIT MAP!

Directions to the meeting:

From northbound on the Dallas North Tollway, exit at Windhaven Dr. (just North of Parker, South of Spring Creek) and go West. Take the first right onto Communications Parkway and turn into the first driveway on the right. Find a place to park along the driveway or on the street and come back to the shop.

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Meeting MAP!

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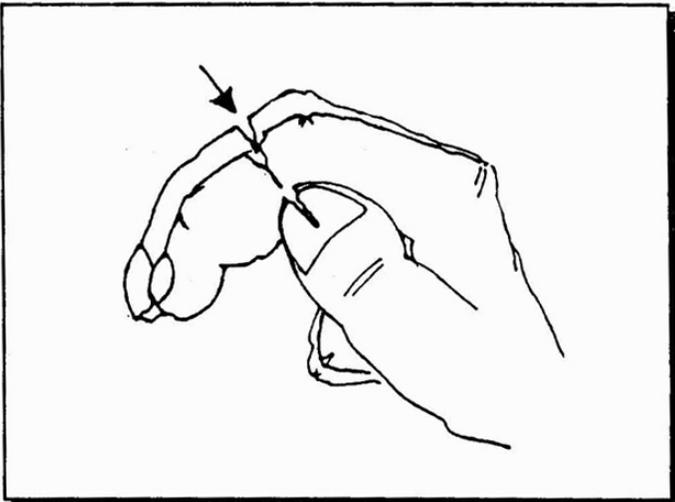
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[See article IN THIS ISSUE !]



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Safety in the Shop & Tool demo
June 17, Owen's Shop
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