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PAST MEETING: This was a meeting I had been looking forward to. A chance to renew my acquaintance with Harold & Kathy Barksdale, our host, and learn about plastic lamination. I think everyone who attended will agree that Harold did an excellent job of explaining and demonstrating how to do the job.

Harold said he would sell plastic to anyone who needed it and if any club member had a particular problem to call and he would try to help them out. I think we all owe Harold and Kathy Barksdale a big thanks for a most interesting & successful meeting. Now I can start my project that I've been putting off, waiting for this meeting.

SHOW & TELL: Some of our new members brought some of their handy work. This club is really acquiring some talented people, which is great for us less talented. We've got someone to call when we're in trouble or need advice on a project. If you're not taking advantage of this, you're missing a big point in belonging to the club. Off my soap box & back to Show & Tell. Don Goodding brought a Guitar he had made. He said it wasn't that well built, but you couldn't prove it by me. It looked great & I was even more amazed when he said it was the first one he had ever built. Steve Proctor, another new member, brought a beautiful Vase done by his wife. The unique part was that it was cherry with thin walnut veneer strips between the sixteen segments. Steve said if someone wants to try it they've got the plans. It was really beautiful. Appropriate for our meeting was George Graves' project. He had made an extension table for his miter saw & had laminated the whole project. It's now, not only a beautiful addition to his shop, but will last a long, long time. My contribution, from Bill Beggs, was a walnut bookshelve taken from Woodsmith 20. It's a fairly easy project to do and looks beautiful. One problem I might pass on was the sliding dovetail joints. A good fit will jam with a change in humidity, so you have to cut them a hair loose, however, if the humidity really drops, they won't hold. I solved this by gluing a small piece of 220 sand paper on the bottom of the sliding piece. Changes in humidity don't bother me now because the sand paper creates the friction to halt a loose fit.

OLD BUSINESS: Michael Chandler's workbench clinic is in full swing with 21 participants. All the pieces have been cut, planed, joinered and the tops glued up. Everything is about ready to start the assembly stage. A lot of the participants are still not convinced it will turn into a workbench. One thing they've made for sure is lots of saw dust. The first weekend produced 28- 30 gallon bags. Anybody need some for their flower garden. Everybody is enjoying the companionship & learning experience. Money-wise it's a real bargain. Michael is going to do it again in April, so sign up now. Where else can you have the use of all the heavy duty equipment that the U of H has, an experienced instructor such as Michael Chandler & Bill Forkner, produce a solid maple \$800.00 workbench complete with vises and all for \$300.00. Ken McBride's & Michael Chandler's woodworking classes start in January. This is another bargain. Two 3 to 4 hour sessions for \$25.00. The first class will be "How to Tune up and use the hand plane" They will also show you how to sharpen your other wood cutting tools such as the cabinet scraper and chisels.

Michael's lathe class will be sometime in February. The price is \$125.00. I've signed up already for both classes. Sign up now, because they plan to take on only 4 to 5 students per class. You are guaranteed a lot of personal instruction. Michael is assembling another wood & Tool order, so give him a call. Don't forget we have several fine hardwood suppliers scattered about the city. Austin Hardwoods, Schroeder All Woods, Hardwood Lumber Co, All Tex Hardwoods & Fine Woods. They appreciate your business and are anxious to help in your hardwood selections. I have added a number of tool catalogs to our rolling library, so if you want to check about a tool, look in our library. We also have all the current issues of Woodsmith. This is a fine magazine & one, you ought to subscribe to. We need more books for the library, so if you're through reading one, Loan it to the library for a while. You can have it back anytime, but in the meantime it will be useful to another member.

Now I want to fuss a little! The club has some 120 plus members & only two of us have volunteered to give clinics. Charlie hoops on "Carving of Bowls" and mine on "Bandsaw" boxes, which I have given twice already & a third time, by the time you receive this letter. Rick Kurey, our clinic chairman, said no one else has stepped forward to volunteer. I'm afraid many of you have a misconception about giving a clinic. You don't have to be a master, just efficient on the subject of your clinic. it can be anything from making clocks, turning rolling pins, staining & finishing, designing, installing hardware (I'm after you Bill Forkner) to special jigs. PLEASE, PLEASE, don't be intimidated. Step Forward. These Clinics are one of the things that has made this club strong. I'm going to redesign the router table & build me a new one. Anyone wanting to sign up for a clinic & we will build three or four together. It's your club, so give it something back. Bruno Wesolek, attended our last meeting, he is a Furniture Woodsmith and also a Freud Dealer, so if you need any blades or router bits, check with him. He will give the membership a good discount. I still have one LARGE club shirt at \$15.00. If you want to order one, call Dave at T-Shirts Plus 6614 Antoine at West Little York- 957 2035. Sharon is ordering a new batch of caps, so check with her.

BUY & SELL: Ken McBride has a large quantity of wood toy wheels, gallery spindles and pegs, so check with him on a good buy. His shop number is 683-6029. Anybody else have something they want to sell or buy.

NEW BUSINESS: DUES are due by January for your 1985 membership. The amount is \$12.00 and can be given or sent to our Sec/Treasurer Sharon Buckley. A new roster will be available at the end of January based on paid membership, so don't forget. DO IT NOW! The Club needs a LOGO to go at the top of our newsletter. Anybody out there creative? Think of a Logo! We are probably going to have the newsletter printed in 85, so it would look more professional with a sharp logo. With all the people in the club someone has got to be creative. Step forward and show your talent.

The December meeting will be the voting of the new officers, so if you can't come (you're going to miss a great meeting) call in your proxy to Sharon. The following are the nominating committee's recommendations:

PRESIDENT: Rich Kurey      VICE PRESIDENT: H.B. Blankenship  
 SEC/TREASURER: Marc McCoy      FOURTH BOARD MEMBER: Sam Zeisman  
GET OUT AND VOTE!!!

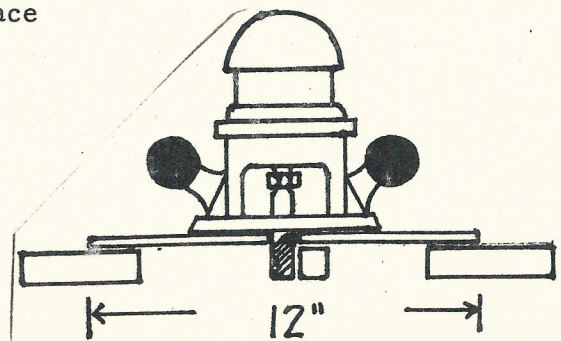
Some of the members keep forgetting to leave their Name Tag with Sharon before they leave the meeting. She is running out of blanks, so please remember to take your tag off and drop it in the box before you leave. Ted King, our president has lined up several possible meetings for 1985. The January meeting will be Mr. Leo Haas of Finishers Supply on finishing techniques. Mr. Haas wants to know what particular problems you want demonstrated and discussed, so let Ted King know at the December meeting. There is still the question of a cooperative craft exhibit 7 sale among the membership. If you have an interest in selling a few items, check with me at the next meeting.

Max Carter where are you, your club shirt is going to die of old age before you wear it. I'm wearing it out just carrying it back & forth to the meetings.

Sam Zeisman will make the presentation of the check to the Depelchen Faith Home at our December meeting. We should all feel very proud of our annual Charity sale.

The Wood Workers Association of North America will have a big show at the Shamrock Hilton on January 11,12,13, 1985. The admission is \$5.00 which includes all the seminars. Lets have a big club turnout. Everybody wear their club shirt & caps.

R & D: Trying to rout over a small piece & having trouble trying to keep the router Flat? Make a large sub base 12 inches square or round & install it in place of the smaller base. Use other pieces of scrap of similar thickness to the piece being shaped & lay them around, so the larger sub base can ride on them for a flat surface



And now for the sales pitch. The club has a whole sheet of 1/4" plexiglass, which is great for oversized router bases, see-through guards and jigs. it's available to the membership by the square foot at the discounted price of \$2.00 /sf, which is .50¢ cheaper than you can go out and buy it. Call Chuck Maxwell and tell him how much you need. The solvent used to glue the plastic together needs to be kept in the refrigerator to slow its evaporation.

NEXT MEETING: This is going to be one of the fun meetings of the year and one where you can get to know your fellow members. The club will have all kinds of goodies to eat and drink, so forget your diet. The agenda will be the election of your 1985 officers, the presentation of the funds to the Depelchin Faith Home and then Rinn Wright will give a slide presentation of the restoration of the "Ellisa" which is birthed in Galveston.

DON'T LEAVE YET !!!

Ken McBride, Michael Chandler, and Bill Forkner our resident professionals have agreed to make themselves available to answer questions or help solve problems you may have been having, on a one to one basis.

This is your chance to get the straight skinny on why you can't saw a straight line, or how is the best way to fix a thing-of-a-jig, and all that other good stuff that's been bugging you all year. NOW IS YOUR CHANCE, SO DON'T PASS IT UP.

See you Saturday 9:00AM December 8th at the meeting room to the side of the ST PETERS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST on long Point, at the intersection of Campbell road. Park behind the OLD White Sanctuary.

SEE YOU THERE !!!!

Call someone if you want to car pool