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At the meeting we got some real good books to have fun with because 8 of them are for projects. Steve Dittrich gave us 3 good carving books as well as 3 carving magazines. The carving magazines are special issues and are full of projects with very few ads. We got 2 books for Scroll Saw Toys and Other Patterns, How to Build an Entertainment Center, The Best of Wood Magazine Book 1 and Making Woodwork Aids and Devices add to this The Small Shop by Fine Woodworking and A Craftsman's Handbook, we had some good donations to our library at the June meeting.

At the July meeting, Bob Porter gave us Proven Shop Tips by Fine Woodworking, Cabinet Making for Beginners and a Router Handbook.

There is a real good article in The Small Shop about dust collecting and protecting you from the dust. This section will tell you about the dangers and the hazards to your respiratory system. It is something that everyone should read. Woodworking is fun but you should also be safe while doing it.

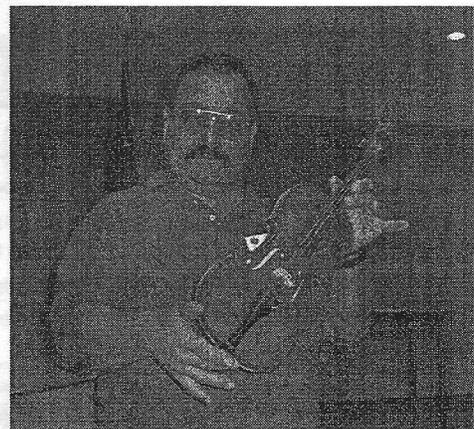
Our library has grown a lot over the past couple of years. When I became the librarian we had a total of 72 books. We now have over 250 books and a collection of Wood Smith and Shop Notes binders. Our library gets larger each month thanks to all of you.

So it is time to make some new and improved bookcases. The design will be as light as I can get it with a frame and panel construction. There will also be an fun project for the club too. The new bookcases will not have doors. Instead, there will be a framed panel that would lift out. This panel is a blank slate with a lot of space, so if you want to make some decorations, scroll work, intarsia, lettering and so on, it would be fixed to the panel. With that in mind, whenever our club is represented at a function, these panels can go too and will show the skill and creativity of our members.

Also I am working on a new format for the library list, so it will be easier to find the books that you are looking for. With the original 72 books I had them classified in three simple groups. They were tools, techniques and projects. This is now obsolete for the number of books that we have.

At the August meeting, we will have the two new bookcases and a new library listing. The old bookcases will be auctioned off, whoever gets it; you will need some new casters because the existing casters will be on the new bookcases.

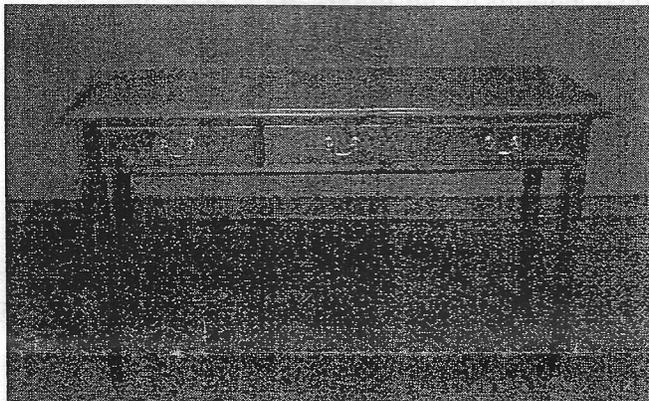
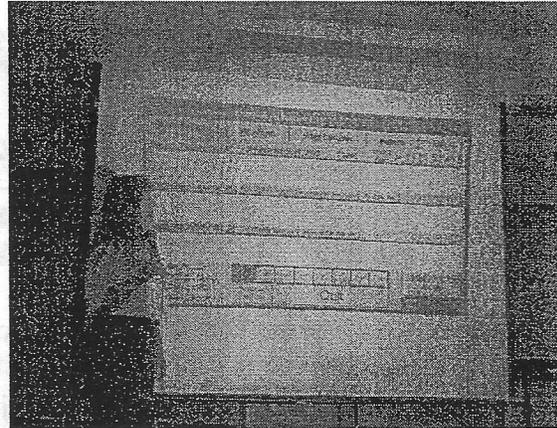
**Below: Fred Sandoval poses with his half size violin. It was absolutely gorgeous. Both the half size and the pocket violin (not shown) were made from big leaf curly maple. Very nice job, Fred.**



**JULY PROGRAM ---**

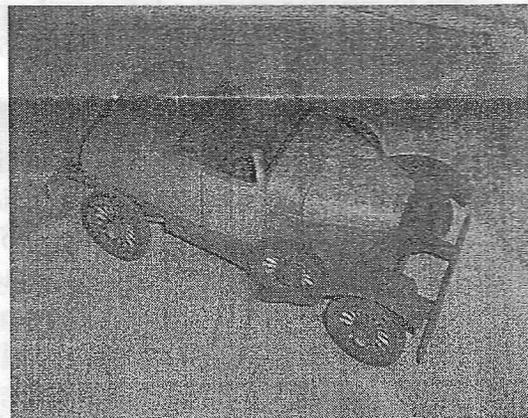
**WOODTRAX**

**Right: Michelle Dudley demonstrates the WoodTrax software - an innovative computer program for scrollsaw users. This was a program enjoyed by all. Thanks a lot!**



**Above: Although it's somewhat difficult to see, this French style sofa table is made of curly walnut and was constructed by Jack Hutchison. The top of the table was MDF with a walnut veneer. Very nice, Jack!**

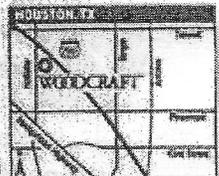
**Below: Denis Muras continues his production of old time cars with the replica of a Model A. It even comes with a "mother-in-law" seat!!!!**



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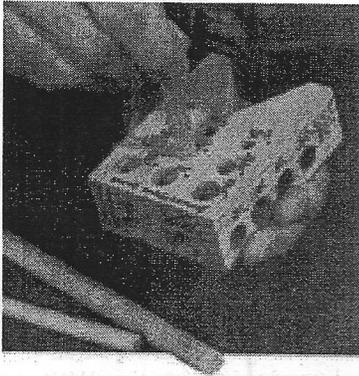
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## PROJECT OF THE MONTH --

## DOWEL GAUGE



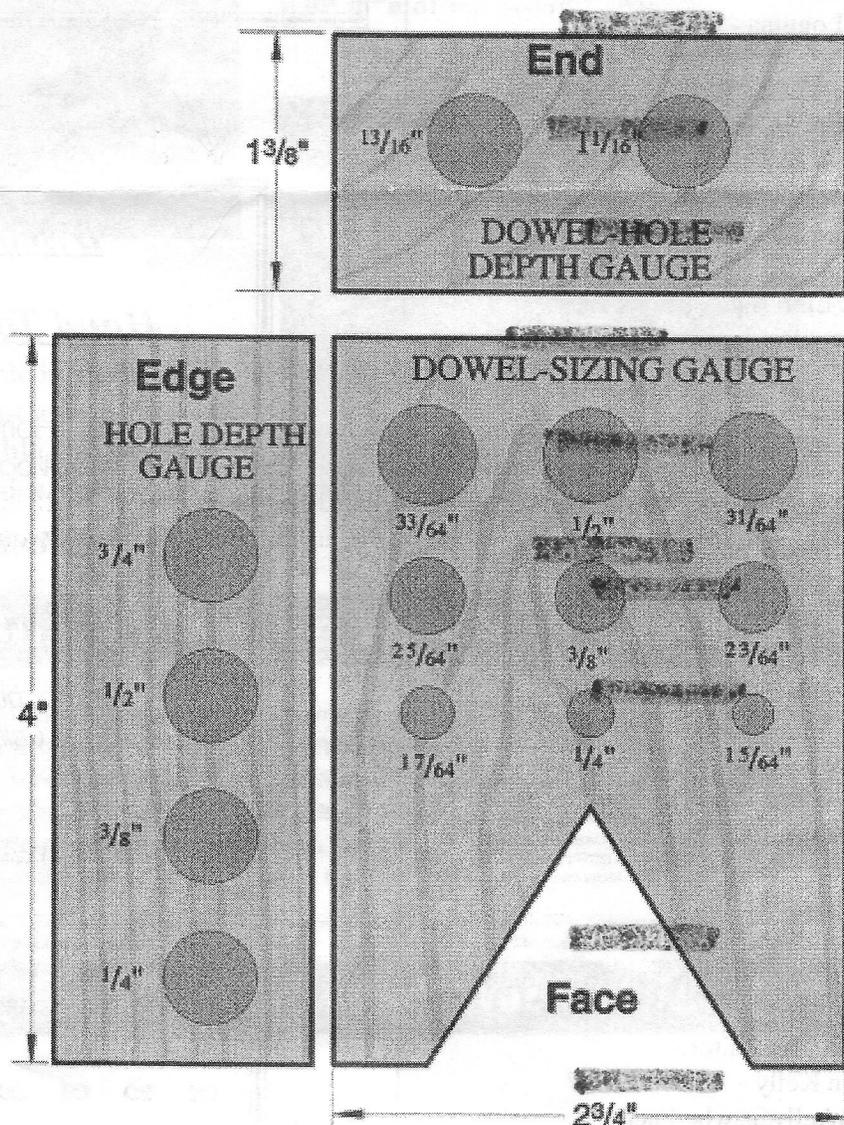
Doweling can turn dicey when the dowels don't quite measure up to their stated diameter. Nor the hole you drill is too shallow or too deep. The solution? Build our 4-in-1 dowel gauge. With it you can double-check these measurements before you assemble a project.

Here are the four features this handy helper provides:

1. The dowel-sizing gauge on the face of the block offers three holes with standard dowel diameters plus holes that measure  $1/64$ " larger and smaller than the standard diameters. Check the fit of your dowels in these holes, then you can select the appropriate drill bit if your dowel is just a hair too big or too little.
2. When you want to drill a hole to a precise depth, use the hole-depth gauge. Just insert your drill bit in the appropriate hole, and mark the depth on the shank of the bit with a piece of tape.
3. The dowel-hole depth gauge gives you two holes that measure one-half the length of two standard dowel lengths— $1-1/2$ " and  $2$ "—plus  $1/16$ ". Use these holes to mark the depth on your drill bit. By drilling your dowel holes  $1/16$ " deeper, you give excess glue a place to escape and your dowel won't protrude too far from its hole.
4. At the rear of the block, the V-slot helps keep your drill bit plumb. Just place the bit on the workpiece, push the slot up to the bit, and tilt the bit until it fits snugly in the corner of the slot.

To build the gauge, use a piece of kiln-dried hardwood. This will help minimize any humidity-related swelling and shrinking of the wood.

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# Column Premier!

## **SAUL'S SAWDUST SAFETY**

Soon after I became a member of the Woodworker's Club of Houston, I met a man by the name of Zatis Murphy. Zatis had been one of the founding members of the club and was had been a long-time employee of Shell Oil. He had a very strong background in and commitment to safety since he was involved in plant safety at Shell. Each month, Zatis Murphy would do a short presentation during the club meeting on safety in the workshop. One month, Zatis informed us that he would no longer be able to make those presentations. Shortly thereafter, we lost my friend and inspiration Zatis Murphy.

Ever since then, I had wanted to follow in Zatis' footsteps and make a presentation to the members and guests present at the meetings but for a variety of reasons – probably most of them not real good – I never did. Well... I think it is time. From here on out, I want to dedicate this monthly column to the memory of Zatis Murphy, the man who caused me to start to think about every operation I undertook in the shop with the intent to turn the lights out every night and still be able to count to ten without having to count the same finger more than once.

Since beginning my travels as a demonstrator of woodworking equipment at the Woodworking Shows across the country each and every weekend for approximately 7 months a year, I have met numerous people – all, ironically, who were male – missing a variety of digits from their hands. Some were also otherwise injured due to various mishaps in the workshop. I have seen – or not seen – countless missing fingers, shortened fingers, poorly reconstructed arms, and hands and fingers that no longer have a good sense of touch. I have also seen a plethora of safety equipment out there, most good, some questionable, but all intent (hopefully) on making the pursuit of our passion of woodworking safer.

Those of us who are avid viewers of The New Yankee Workshop, the PBS series hosted by Norm Abrams every Sunday at 12 noon, knows that Norm begins every show with the same safety spiel just prior to turning on a tool (although one time I caught him using a power tool before he did his speech). Most of us can probably repeat his speech word-for-word. He is right, however, and no one can deny anything he says. So lets dedicate ourselves to being safer woodworkers.

Each and every month, God willing, I will write a new article on safety. I came up with the 'Sawdust Safety' moniker in a few minutes because it is after 1:00am and I can't think. If anyone has a good idea for a better one, I look forward to hearing it. Also, if anyone has a particular topic they would like to see discussed, please let me know that as well.

In the coming months, we will discuss featherboards, push sticks, respirators, hearing protection, what machines and operations and materials warrant the use of all these items, safe storage and handling of finishes and chemicals and much, much more. So please join me in our pursuit of our passion – woodworking – but lets be careful out there.

Oh, and don't forget... "... there is no more important safety rule than to wear these, safety glasses."

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## Want/For Sale

I'm cleaning out my shop and have these quality tools for sale.

1. Jet #JWL1236 wood lathe. 9 quality HSS cutting tools, live and spur centers, screw chuck, Jacobs chuck, face plates, and special tool rests. Very good condition. Cost new over \$1,100 asking \$750.

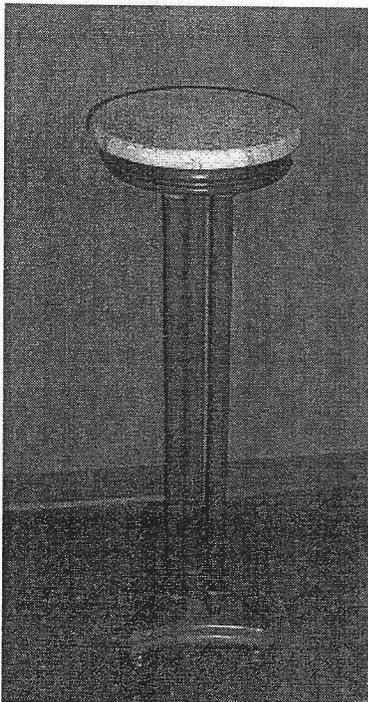
2. Black & Decker light duty, table-top mount, 1/2-inch shaper with all factory accessories and 6 carbide cutters. Less than 4 hours of use. Excellent condition. Cost new over \$500 asking \$275.

3. Workbench with 7-inch Columbian, quick-acting vise. Lots of storage space. Asking \$85.00.

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Left: Gene Volentine continues to amaze WWCH members with his show and tell products. This time it was a globe stand that was absolutely stunning! However, Gene says that he has no intention of creating the globe for the stand!!!

**MAKE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE WWCH'S VIDEO & BOOK LIBRARIES. THEY ARE FREE TO ALL WWCH MEMBERS!!!!!!!!!!!!**

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## Upcoming Programs

1. Titan Tool, Inc. - Our chance to learn about finishing equipment (Air Assisted, Airless, and HVLP equipment).

2. John Gay - program on how to chip carve

3. Dewalt Tools - demonstration of their tools (possibility of door prizes - stay tuned)

4. Saul Harris - long time member gives a program on table saw safety.

5. Hitachi - demonstration of their tools (will be offering discount to WWCH members)

6. Delta Tools - demonstration of their tools (will also be answering questions).

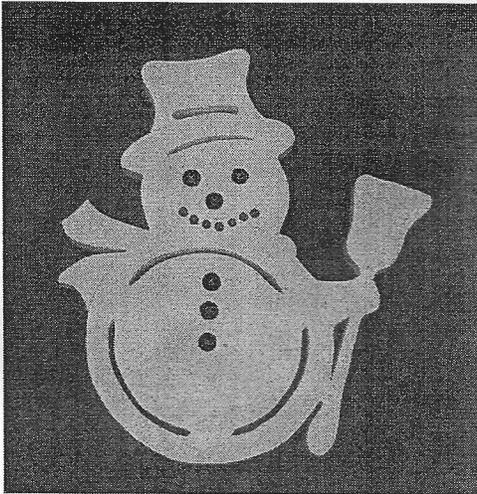
7. Circle Saw - program on table saw tune up and alignment

8. Bosch Tools - a mini tool fair including several give-away door prizes.

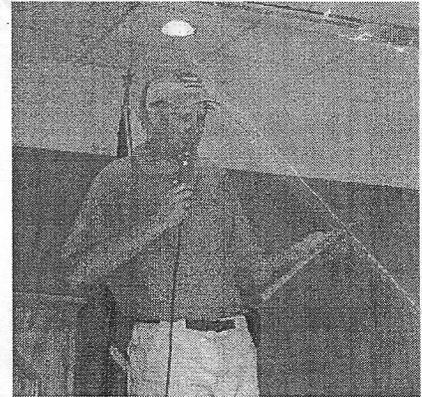
9. Design 1-2-3 - This company will be showing off their designs for pop-together furniture. Sounds intriguing!

Additionally, long-time members Jack Hutchison & Fred Sandoval have agreed to present backup programs in the event of a cancellation. A big thanks goes out to these two for volunteering for "standby status".

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Left: This Corian snowman coaster, along with several others, were scroll-sawn by Vic Vucinovich.



Right: Rich Thomas shows the club some ipe that he found. It was extremely heavy.

### PREZ SEZ:

BY KEN KOOSER

I'll be missing you at the August club meeting. You are in good hands with Paul Koury presiding over the meeting. Like I've tried to tell y'all, the prez just gets to be the front person. The actual operations of the club are by the officers, board members and committee leaders. I believe in the concept that leaders serve at the pleasure of the membership. As I write this, the hats we have on order are not here. I'm hoping that they will appear, and that I can get them to the meeting. It's also time to start planning for the annual picnic. Our main source of items to raffle/auction, Golden Hammer Award recipient, Mr. Alan Bachrach informs me that he will not be able to provide the support he has in the past this year. I'd like several members to take the lead and obtain the necessary items for us to have a great event. Like I said last year, I'd like the event to be more social and have greater participation than in the past. We are going to have some great bargains on the prize table; we will have a great meal and a great time. We already have several hundred dollars worth of hand tools, a \$100 + set or router bits for the table. As you might have noticed the Club Officers and Board Members have a different color badge. That's so you can ask them questions. I thank them for the great job they do. It is always time for members to be thinking about next years board. If you would be interested in giving back something to the club, why not offer to serve?



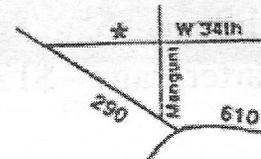
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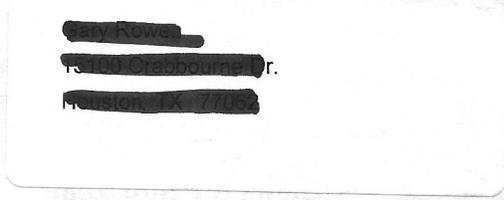
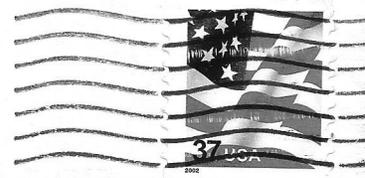
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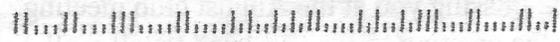
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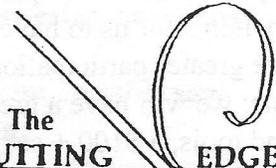


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