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#### JANUARY MEETING

Fred Collins, a professional woodworker specializing in signs, gave a thoroughly interesting presentation, including a demonstration.

Fred is a self taught woodworker who has built a successful firm with several employees making signs from cypress. He also builds country-style furniture.

The Cypress became available due to a disastrous flood in 1978. He started with a \$120 month shop and \$700 worth of tools. He completed \$120,000 in sales last year.

Fred has built or modified sawmills that handle the hugh cypress logs. He must be careful with the logs, since repeated floods over the years have stressed the logs internally. The upstream side is stressed, downstream is loose. A log can "pop" when a saw releases that tension.

Fred recommends wearing chaps when running chain saws. These heavy leather leg coverings can protect you in the event of chain failure. A sharp chain can rapidly wrap around your leg.

Collins uses many chainsaws, including a special one with a narrow tip the size of a 50 cent piece for roughing out the signs. He uses Porter Cable routers for lettering.

Many thanks to Fred Collins for a fascinating presentation and good luck in your business.

Houston Wood and Tool proprietor Mike Klekar was our site host for the January meeting. Mike was formerly partnered with M. Chandler and Co., which is now concentrating on larger equiptment. Houston Wood and Tool will concentrate on hand tools, and may assist the club in group purchases. Thanks to Mike for providing a meeting place.

#### PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS

Henry Reed wanted to know exactly what is Tiger Oak? Tiger Oak is a name applied to figured quarter sawn oak. Don Sloan suggests use accordian bottles, mustard bottles or squeeze bottles for glue. You can get squeeze bottles for \$1.25 each at a chemical accessories company in the Trade Mart on South 610 Loop.

Robert Sandiin wants to know what to use on an artist pallet-- use Boiled Linseed Oil.

Patrick Quigley -- when installing a Dust collection system, use schoule 20 ( light duty ) PVC pipe with a copper ground wire throughout to remove static electricity. Without this safety feature, the friction of the sawdust throughout the pvc could create a high voltage spark igniting the sawdust. Sawdust can burn excessively, so this is a must. ( The copper wire can also be wrapped around the out side of the pipe.) No matter which way you install the copper wire --it must be GROUNDED.

Advice on extracting a bolt from a casting-heat the casting to help loosen the item.

#### CHARITY SALE CHECK PRESENTATION

Mr. Scott Robinson from Make-a-Wish was presented a check for \$3700.00 by Sam Zeisman. This is a new record for the club. Scott presented the club with a plaque of appreciation.

About 50 wishes were granted in 1988. Over 100 are anticipated for 1989.

#### SAFETY

By Zatis Murphy

A useful shop tool that many woodworkers own is an abrasive bench or stand grinder. Unless used safely, they can be the source of serious injury and property damage.

There are three major hazards in the operation of a grinding wheel the wheel may break, we may come into accidental contact

with the wheel while it's in motion, and the material being worked may break or get

caught by the wheel.

First, no grinding wheel should be operated unless it is provided with the most protective hood that the type of work will allow. Don't use the wheel if the guard is missing or defective. The guard can protect you if the wheel should

break apart.

WEAR EYE PROTECTION! Make sure other persons who may be helping or in the vicinity have eye protection, too. In one of my earlier articles, I described a safety film! saw that was narrated by a man who lost his eyesight while looking over the shoulder of another who was using a grinding wheel. Metal fragments flew off the wheel and pierced the observer's eyes. The man using the wheel was not hurt; he was wearing his safety glasses, the blinded man had his safety glasses in his pocket!

Check the grinding wheel for sprung or cracked flanges. Sometimes wheels break because they are not fitted on the spindle properly, because they run too fast or because the work is forced. Watch out for these potential dangers. Make sure the grinder is securely fastened to the work bench or floor. Also, see that the tool rest is secure and not more than 1/8 inch from the wheel. Never adjust the tool rest while the wheel is turning. Stand to one side of the wheel when the power is turned on and the wheel is gaining full speed. Do not operate the wheel above its rated speed. If the object to be ground is extra large or rough, use special care during the grinding and wear leather gloves.

Safety first + good planning = enjoyable woodworking......is an equation we can all five

with.

#### BUY AND SELL

Murray Gorden has various tools for sale, including a palm sander, handheld jigsaw and Shopsmith clamp system.

Bob Soderblom is selling antique tools, including an anvil.

Bill Payette is looking for a Planer.

Dan Shaklovitz is selling a Craftsman jigsaw.

Ron Kuenning alerted the membership of an auction of a carpenter's tools.

The late Dr. Bradley's tools are for sale--Bill Hochmuth has a list.

#### CLUB BUSINESS

There will be new name tags in March-so be sure to pay your dues now. A roster will be printed, as well.

The club video library has been expanded with new tapes, including Repairing Furniture,

Carving, Turning ( with an accompanying text ) and Router Jigs. See Don Richardson for the sign up sheets.

#### CLINICS AND WORKSHOPS

Murray Gordon held a Sketching Your Design clinic on January 28.

A new approach on clinics will be tried topics of interest will be selected, and a presenter will be located. The membership showed interest in some basic courses. We have many beginners, newcomers or woodworkers-that wish to refresh on skills.

Every effort will be made to emphasize those

needs.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

There is approximately \$1200 in the till. Consistent with the intent to improve our meeting and resources with higher dues, we have recently purchased new tapes, books and attracted new speakers by defering travel expenses.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wood World Woodworking Show is coming back to Houston or very near, to Pasadena. March 3,4 and 5 at the Pasadena Convention Center.

Bob Soderblom is working on a field trip to-Harden, Tex. to visit The Big Thicket Rockin Chair manufacturer.

Owners of the Ryobi AP10 Planer should call 1-800-323-4615 ext 235 for a metal outfeed table that prevents mashed fingers. Have your serial # ready.

#### DUES-DUES-DUES-DUES-DUES-DUES

Speaking of dues--this will be your last newsletter if dues are not paid by the next meeting.

New name tags will be made up for the March meeting-if your dues are not paid up no name tag.

We will be printing a roster book in March -- no dues --- no name in the roster book.

JUST A FEW SUGGESTIONS ON WHY YOU SHOULD PAY YOUR DUES A. S. A. P.

#### IF YOU FIND MISTAKES

they are there for a purpose. We publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes !!!!!

FERRUARY MEETING

WHEN: FEBRUARY 11TH 9:00 A. M.

WHERE: ELKS LODGE #151

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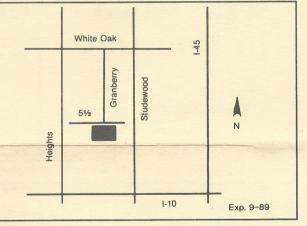
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