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TO SQUARE OR NOT TO SQUARE THAT IS THE QUESTION !

JUNE •MEETING•

WHEN

Thursday
Jun 18, 1992

WHERE

MainLiner Club
42nd & Pacific
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SCHEDULE

7:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Sign-in &
Social Time
7:30 - 10:00 p.m.
Program

UPCOMING •EVENTS•

JUNE 18

Squaring a Board
& Flea Market.
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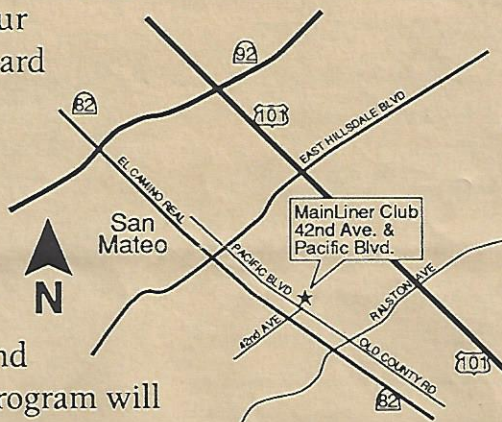
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ing including
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board and
material if you like.

The June meeting will be at our regular meeting place, the MainLiner Club. Sign-in, socializing will begin at 7:00 p.m., our program starts at 7:30 p.m.

Our June meeting will be devoted to developing our skills in squaring a board and a flea market for tools. Your challenge is to follow the directions on squaring a board (see page 6). Bring your board to the next meeting and join in the fun. The program will continue over the next three months, so don't miss out. Arnold Champagne will be guiding us



through the various steps. The second half of the meeting will be a flea market for tools or wood related things of all types. This is a good chance to turn that unused tool into cash, then purchase the

tool of your dreams, all in one evening. Take the time to clean out some of those seldom used tools from your shop and bring them to the June meeting. Hope to see you all at the Main Liner Club. (This time we really will be there.)

When Last We Met

Written by John Weidner

Due to mysterious events our May meeting was not held at the MainLiner Club, but at Aldo's Pizza parlor next door. (We should be at our usual venue next month.) It wasn't as comfortable a spot as we are used to, but the refreshments were good!

New contest

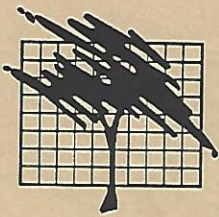
Arnold Champagne led off with

the announcement of a new contest, which will extend over several months. What you do is square a

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A Message from Fred

CHRISTMAS IS COMING !! It's time to start thinking about the Toys for Tots toy program. This is a chance to use your wood working skills to help those less fortunate. Arnold Champagne will again be collecting the toys and holding his annual toys workshop. Lets try to beat last's year incredible performance.

Thanks,
Fred

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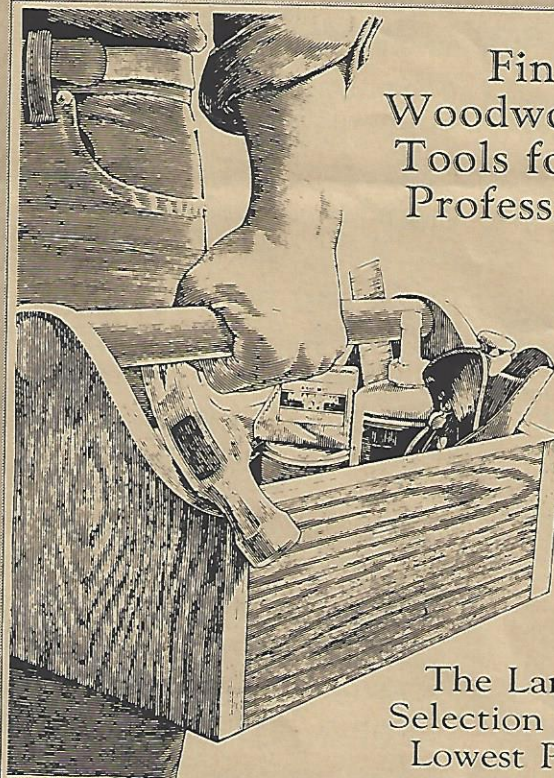
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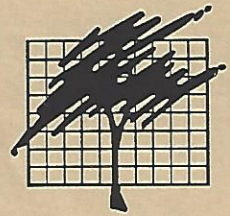
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*"The real key
is having
good
squares"*

board. It's more of a fun learning project than a contest, though perhaps someone will come up with some prizes to award by and by. For the June meeting, select a board, flatten it, thickness it to $3/4$ " (.750), and square all angles. 4 to 6 people will evaluate your board.

Then, for the July meeting, rip the board twice, glue-up, flatten and square it, and size it to .650, and it will be reevaluated. For the August meeting, fill, stain, varnish or whatever to achieve the best finish you can. Arnold said, "It makes no difference if you use hand or machine tools. Just go through the process and learn a lot. The real key is having good squares and a good level surface." The next contest may be building a coopered door.

Our own Stan Booker was our speaker for the May meeting. Stan is one of those unsung heros, a shop teacher. He teaches Jr. High School shop in Hayward, has been doing it for many years and seems to thrive on it. He showed us a number of his teaching techniques and projects. He has his hands full, teaching about 75 kids a day. "They come up with something new every year." They use hand tools or routers. Jr. High is too young for the

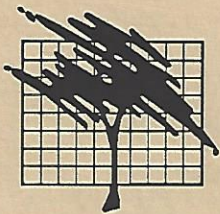
table saw.

He puts a lot of emphasis on measurement, because kids typically don't know how to measure. They will often start measuring at the 'one' on the ruler. (I remember doing that!) Stan says, "My philosophy may be different. I want to help the kids come out with something that looks nice at the end. They don't have the discipline to 'do it over and over 'till you get it right.'" He has a beautiful big mitre box with a 6 inch blade which he sets up with stop blocks for the kids to do cut-offs and mitres.

He showed us the plant stand that he has the 8th graders build and his poster set, with pictures of tools and the different sorts of screws and nails and wood joints. The pictures were taken originally from a Disney World War II animated film on using tools.

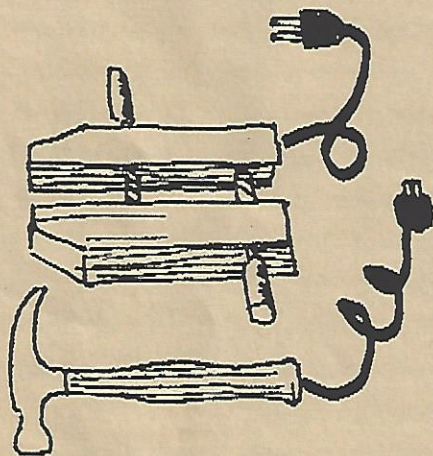
He has the kids use phillips-screws, because slotted screws often get sharp burrs. He mentioned casing nails, which have a flat head (rather than dimpled, like a finishing nail.) You can nail them flush and then just paint over them. He uses a lot of files. They are expensive, but they are something the kids can use very effectively.

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Stan brought in a jig to chamfer corners on the sander. Also a box of his 'electric' tools and his special



metric wood-dough. "The secret is to keep them laughing."

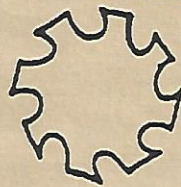
Show and Tell

Lars brought in a 'month-late' entry to the 2 x 4 contest. It was a rocking-dog, something like a rocking horse, but undeniably dog-like. Doug Cooper showed a plant stand of turned walnut.

Yeung Chan brought in a sample of his Chinese 3-way splined mitre joint. Alas, it was beyond the ability of your newsletter editor to capture its essence with a hasty sketch in a noisy Pizza Parlor.

Don Naples showed us a sample of the AngleWright Adjustable Triangle, a very nice new tool for cutting wood at an angle or for aligning tools to precise angles. It seemed to be very sturdy and very precise. The AngleWright Tool Co., 310-471-7432.

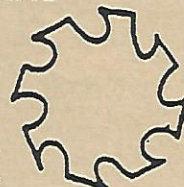
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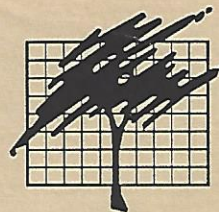
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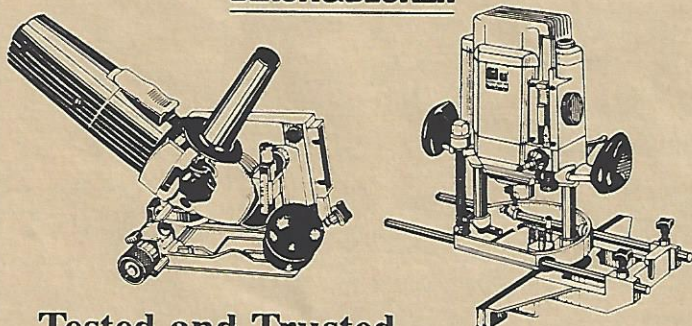
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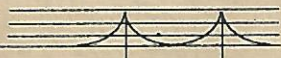
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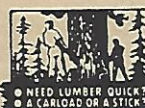
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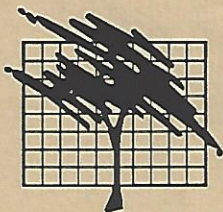
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Six steps in squaring a board

- 1) Surface one face
 - a) Establish first flat surface
- 2) Surface second face
 - a) Establish second flat surface
 - b) Obtain thickness
- 3) Joint one edge
 - a) Establish a 90° angle with the face of the board
- 4) Rip second edge
 - a) Establish a second 90° edge
 - b) Obtain the desired width
- 5) Crosscut one end
 - a) Establish a cut 90° from face to end
 - b) Establish a cut 90° from edge to end
- 6) Crosscut second end
 - a) Establish a cut 90° from face to end
 - b) Establish a cut 90° from edge to end
 - c) Establish desired length

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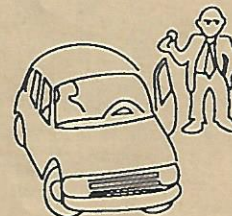
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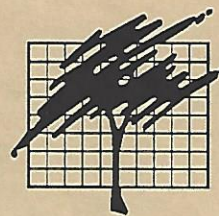
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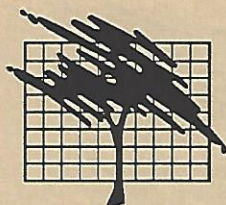
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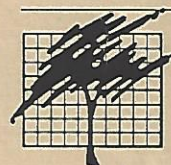
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