

# BAY AREA WOODWORKERS ASSOCIATION

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## November Meeting

### When

November 17, 1993

Sign-in & Socializing  
7:00 PM

### Where

Mainliner Club  
Corner of 42nd Avenue  
and Pacific Boulevard  
San Mateo

### Program

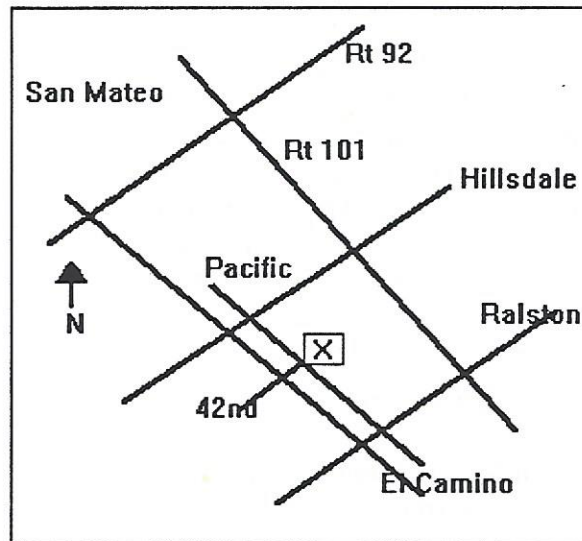
David Mark  
*Furniture Design*

**December 16, 1993**  
*Annual Christmas Pot  
Luck Dinner*

## Our Next Meeting (Thursday)

by Bill Henzel

On November 18 at 7:30 PM David Mark will be our guest speaker at the Mainliner Club in San Mateo. Dave designs and builds original hardwood furniture in his workshop in Sonoma. He has won numerous awards for his original furniture designs. Some examples of his work have been published recently in *Fine Woodworking Design Books 3, 4 and 5*. Dave will explain the process of designing and building his one-of-a-kind furniture. Dave represents one of only a small group of successful furniture designers who have been able to make a living by building furniture on speculation. Join us this month for an exciting and entertaining evening as we learn about designing furniture.



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## MESSAGES FROM ANNE

### New Members

On behalf of BAWA, I would like to welcome aboard the following new member:

**Eliot Feinbush**

### *Schedule for Board Meeting*

Board meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month. All members are invited.

Next meeting: November 29, 1993

Time: 7:30pm

Place: 1499 Bay Shore Hwy. Ste 200,  
Burlingame (the cross street in  
Malher, near Broadway)

Take 101 to the Broadway exit (Bay side of freeway). Then just follow the street signs to the North. We enjoy having members take an active part in organizing the regular meetings, so won't *YOU* come to the next Board Meeting? The only request is that you let Thane Anderson (w) 415-692-0824 or Anne Glynn 415-967-6149 know, so there will be sufficient chairs available.

### *TRADE SHOW NEWS*

I was very proud of the excellent job that Frank Hungler, his staff of contributors and booth staff did at the Woodworking Trade Show in San Mateo the weekend of November 5-7.

The staff had a chance to converse with other BAWA members. With additional information they were able to convey to the visitors where

the members found the plans for the items we had on display.

For the brief time that I was at the show, I noticed many show visitors were enjoying what our members have created. They admired the toys, boxes, chairs and other items at the show. Many times I overheard the staff talking to visitors about Doug Cooper's jewelry box, Anne Fuller's scooter, Larry Mueller's toys, and Carl Johnson's shaving house.

Through their superb job, we had over 210 people who signed our log for more indepth information about our club. The woodworkers who just took our fliers have already started calling for additional information.

In fact, I really enjoyed the show and booth this year. The booth didn't have too much or too little. But just the right amount.

Thank you Frank Hungler for making this project a success for BAWA!

### *Elections*

I had a dream the other night that members were volunteering to be the new officers for the next year! Part of the dream was true.

Yes, most of us work at some type of job making our free time very limited, however when we also belong to BAWA.

We have also agreed to help in making the club run smoothly.

You can help by being an officer or work on a committee. BAWA is only as good as its members!





Or perhaps you just want to be a chair potato and not see the club grow and to be the educational group helping the newer woodworkers grow into what you now enjoy doing in woodworking. I believe that each of us wants to help others in woodworking, we just don't know how to help sometimes. Do you want to put your name in the ring and see the changes happen. It is all up to you!

Here is your board of directors and associated staff who were open to the possibility of being nominated for the posts next year. The nominations are still open to all members in good standing. Perhaps you know of someone or even perhaps yourself who could do the job. It is your choice to make!

President	- Anne Glynn
Vice-President	- Bill Hartigan
Treasurer	- Anne Fuller
Secretary	- Don Jordan
Newsletter Editor	- Ron Kowalka
Librarian	- Ron Gammon
When Last We Met Reporter	- Neil Tsubota
Trade Show Coordinator	- Frank Hungler
Program Coordinators	- Bill Henzel, Stan Booker, and Don Naples
Hospitality Chairman	- Stan Booker, Vince Saponara
Thank You Letters Chairman	- Vince Saponara
2x4x96 Inches Contest Chairman	- Bob Neisbet
Outreach Chairperson	- <open>
Show and Tell Chairperson	- <open>
Nominating Committee Chairperson	- <open>
Workshop Chairperson	- <open>
Shop Tours Coordinator	- <open>
Special Events Coordinator	- <open>
Greeter Coordinator	- <open>

We need our club members to run the club and that means you! Some of these positions were

tossed by the wayside this year because we didn't have the volunteers to help. Do you want to see this happen next year?

### *A Point To Ponder*

We have been a very lucky club to have someone as generous as Thaine Anderson.

He helped the club this year in so many ways. Here are just a few: He provided a Board Meeting Place which is centrally located for all the members; Handled the Newsletter until a replacement could be found; Helped break in a new president with ideas and suggestions.

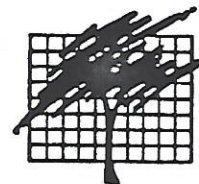
This was at a time when the club was struggling to survive as a club and going through so many changes.

### *Did You See The John Weidner Shop*

If you didn't get a chance to see his shop then you missed an experience. I know from my personal experience of visiting other member's shops, it is a real treat to see how others have laid their shops out. Each time I see something different, I wonder how I can incorporate this into my shop and make it better.

I just wished I could have allocated more time for his shop. I would have been able to ask him all types of questions. I enjoyed how he had made his benches and jigs. I took pictures because the mind becomes foggy with the passage of time. I also enjoyed what he was doing for the school in making the hutch for the rabbits. Those rabbits will have a mansion to live in!

Thank you John in sharing your shop with us.



### *Sign Up Sheets*

Sign up sheets are a thing of the future! We have had old-time members who have expressed an interest in helping those who are beginners and semi-beginners. So, on one side of the sheet will be woodworkers who are old pros who would be willing to teach someone something whether to take a project from start to finish in doing something like building a hutch or learning the steps of making jigsaw puzzles.

Then on the other side of the sheet is who wants to learn to do something new.

It is true something similar was started last year, and it was lost in the shuffle. But we are looking to meet the needs of the members. So, won't you help us out?

### **When Last We Met**

by  
Ron Gammon

(Report not available.)

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### **Per Madsen Design**

Ever heard about "Virtual Radius"?

I have been using this method (see enclosed description) for years in my audio furniture production, both for easing hardwood edges and rounding over the edges of thin boards - 1/8 to 1/4 inch thick. It creates a nice edge that require little sanding before finishing.

I set up an inexpensive tablesaw exclusively for this operation when I needed a small radius edge for my productline and couldn't find an appropriate router bit. Originally I thought of having a regular sawblade ground to a profile - when I discovered I could make virtually any "virtual radius" using a standard 15 degree alternate bevel blade.

Now we use it on virtually all our edges.

I hope some of my fellow woodworkers will find the method useful.

Per Madsen  
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(His article "Virtual Radius" follows)



# Per Madsen Design

April 1993.

For Woodworkers.

Subject: "Virtual Radius".

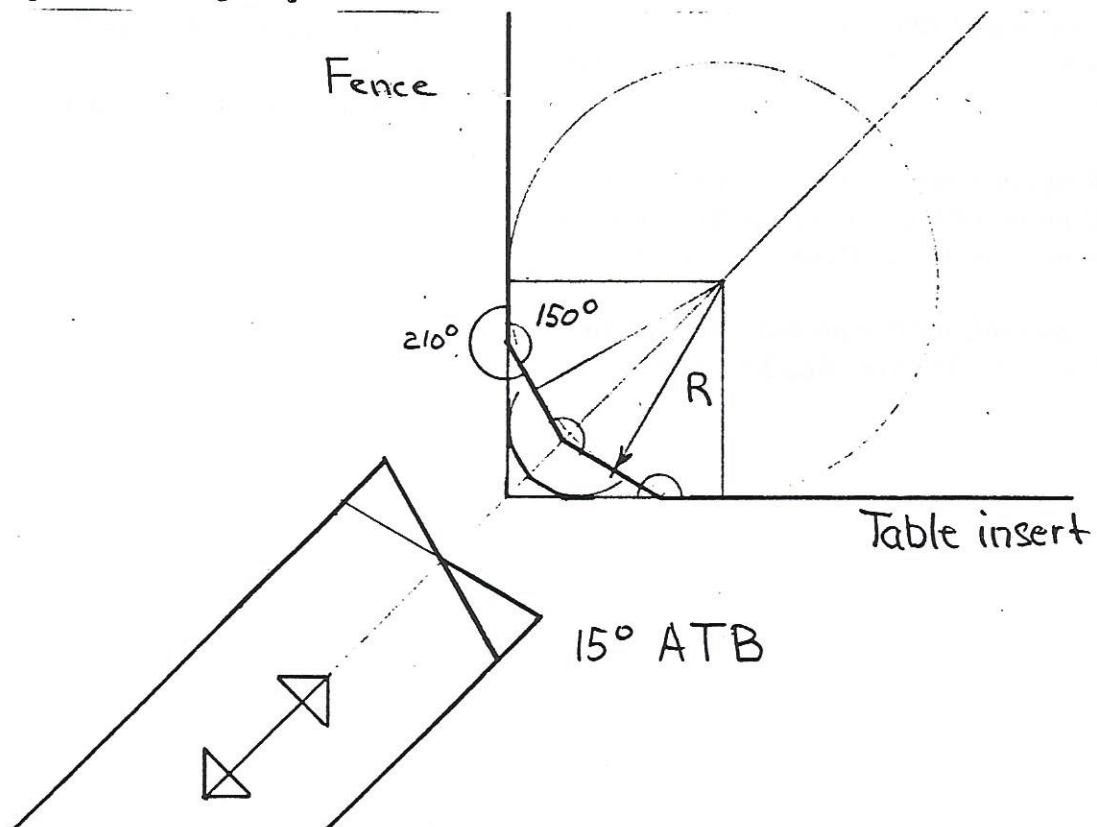
Ever wanted to ease an edge on your wood working project to a small radius of less than 1/8 inch ?

Here is a simple way of obtaining "virtual radius" using a standard 1/8 inch kerf 15 degree alternate bevel sawblade in your tablesaw.

Set the blade angle to 45 degrees and use a machineable wood fence and table insert. Adjust the fence so that the centerline will travel exactly into the square edge of your workpiece - use eyeball and trial and error.

Adjust the virtual radius to any value up to about 1/8" by cranking the blade into the edge.

What you are actually getting are two facets cut along the originally square edge - creating 3 equal angles of 150 degrees. On this small a scale it looks and feels virtually like a true radius - especially if you sand lightly.



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## Executive Board Report

(Report was not available at press time)

### Advertisement

Shop Space Available. East Bay,  
3500 square feet. \$230/month.  
(415) 626-1145

### For Sale

*I am willing to trade some 180 grit garnet sandpaper and 400 silicon carbide paper for some 80 grit and 150 grit. Stan Booker (510) 536-7657*

*Looking for scrap wood - any type or size for Jr. High woodshop (I design projects around whatever I get.) Stan Booker (510) 536-7657*

*Sears portable air compressor, 1HP, 12 gal tank, 9.5 SCFM. \$80. Ron Kowalka (415) 595-0560*

### Questions Wanting Answers

This section is for you!! Lots of us have questions about woodworking and can't find the answer. Shorten your search! Make out a slip at the next meeting and give it to Ron Kowalka or put it in "the box."

### Call for Information

Do you have something about woodworking you would like to share with all of us? If so, please write it up, include simple drawings if possible (or call me and I'll work with you on it), and send it to me. Which ever way you do it, just do it..(on paper, DOS diskette, etc).... We want your news and ideas! To get it to me, send to: Ron Kowalka, 203 Winding Way, San Carlos, CA 94070, 415-595-0560 or FAX it to me at: 415-852-3762