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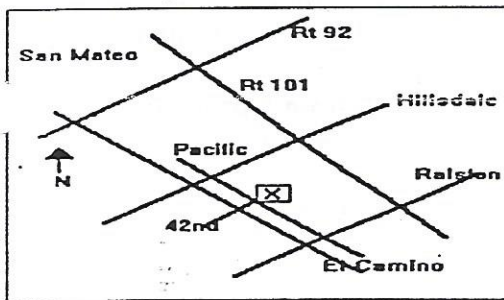
FEBRUARY 16, 1995

Schedule

Meeting will be held at the Mainliner Club located at the corner of 42nd Avenue and Pacific Boulevard, San Mateo

WHEN

Refreshments 7:00PM
Meeting starts 7:30PM



OFFICERS

President - Stan Booker
Vice Pres. - Don Naples
Secretary - George Comstock
Treasurer - Bill Henzel
Newsletter - Thaine Anderson

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Program - Michael Bray
Hospitality - Don McGrew
Shows - Frank Hungler
Outreach - Anne Glynn
& Anne Fuller

Librarian - Al Semenero
Membership - TBD
Nominating - Tom Clarke

WHEN LAST WE MET

by: George Comstock

The meeting was held at Mission City Millwork & Lumber Yard, in San Jose. Rich Ginslen was our host at this huge facility. Stan Booker started the meeting with a welcoming of guests and many former members of BAWA. Tom Clarke began the Show & Tell portion of the meeting with his sunscreen & shutters prototype #6. He is building them for a horse car that is being rebuilt at the Trolley Museum located in Kelley Park, San Jose. Tom requested the assistance of anyone who had experience with making louvered shutters, as he had not yet perfected the process. Harold Nielson showed his solution to the recent electric power failure problem by using a discarded lawn mower engine which he reconditioned, and combined it with a 12 volt automotive alternator. The two were connected by a belt, using a cast iron 2:1 step up pulley that also worked as a flywheel. The beautifully executed woodwork in the project was the four-sided mounting base and enclosure, with an expanded steel safety guard. The finished unit weighs 45 pounds and puts out 500 watts at 12 volts. The main feature of the evening was Rich's shop tour. He acquired this operation about three years ago with the determination to make it a successful, profitable concern, although he personally is not an experienced millworker. He says "his guys won't let him touch some of the equipment!" The company was started in Santa Clara in '47, and was relocated to the present 25,000 sq. ft. building seven years ago. After putting in about 4,000 hours per year, which he views as "sweat equity," he is profitable and keeps 13 employees occupied. Rich took us on a tour of his shop, with massive equipment required for a commercial and molding manufacturing operation. The highlight of the tour was seeing the inventory of about 5,000 different knives used in the molding machines to produce an incredible range of architectural shapes. Not needing all of his floor area for his own operations, four years ago Rich brought in tenants who use about 1/4 of the space. Duane and Kirk Hall, a son and father team, rebuild elderly woodworking equipment. They showed us a molding machine made by S A Woods Machine Co. of Boston, probably 40 years ago. An Orton Planer of similar age was also shown. A demonstration of an Onsrud 18" two station production template cutter really made chips fly, and impressed the guests as a duplicate of a form was produced.

BAWA 1995 -

by: Don Naples

Our January meeting was certainly a success, based upon seeing new guests and many old friends of BAWA. It was the first meeting conducted by the new officers of the club. In an effort to continue the progress made by Anne Glynn and her team during the past two years, a board meeting was held January 14th to establish a working plan for 1995. Many good ideas were presented. It will take some time to implement them all, but we want to share the general plan with you so you may participate and benefit from both current and new programs.

NEWSLETTER -

This is our best method of communicating with the entire membership, other clubs, and prospective members. A list of Officers and Committee chairpersons is now included so you know who the appropriate contacts are for areas where you have questions or wish to contribute your support. A calendar has been added, to provide advanced notice of coming events. This will be updated

monthly. Please notice some events are limited to only active members. This is usually dictated by space limitations. We encourage non-members to join us at other events to evaluate the club and to see if we offer a forum of interest. The club members vary in experience from novice to professional, whether or not they make a living at woodworking. BAWA encourages this spread of experience as we all benefit from sharing ideas, questions, and experiences.

ANNUAL DUES -

Dues are now being collected for 1995 membership. The fee is \$25 per year. Please see Bill Henzel with your payment, so you may continue to receive the newsletter and reap the benefits of being an active member. The newsletter is sent each month to active members. Complimentary copies are provided to other local woodworking clubs. Last year's active members who have not yet paid their dues are provided two issues of the newsletter. Prospective members who were previously members and those who requested subscription at the local woodworking shows attended by BAWA are also sent two complimentary issues.

CLUB BYLAWS -

The current bylaws are now being reviewed for changes. Once completed, the changes will be presented to the membership at an announced meeting for approval. Some of the planned changes include correcting the dues from \$35.00 to the current \$25.00 rate. A family membership fee will be presented and changes to the list of committees will remove the "Resource" and "Publicity" chairs and add a "Membership" chair. Once approval is received, copies of the revised bylaws will be made available for all members. Please let us know if you have any input on the changes you would like to see in the bylaws.

MEMBERSHIP DATA -

The officers of the club maintain a list of current members including their addresses and usually their phone numbers. This data is needed for membership status and for mailings. Only the names and phone numbers will be published for current members to

use for coordinating car pools to meetings, and other communications regarding woodworking. Please contact Don Naples if you have corrections to your address or telephone number.

BACK TO BASICS -

This program, started last year, has been well received and will be continued. Subjects suggested for this year's presentations and those previously presented are included in this newsletter. See Al Semenero for copies of previous presentations.

This program is intended to provide introductory information on a woodworking topic, be brief in presentation time, and provide a handout for future reference. If you are not familiar with this program, check out a copy of one of the topics from a previous presentation. We request your participation in supporting this program. Everyone learns from these presentations so please select a topic of interest or expertise and see Mike Bray or Don Naples regarding a schedule. We will add the topic to the program calendar.

TAPE LIBRARY -

The tape rental library is another benefit of membership. This year we have made a change to the return policy. A list of the tapes available will be printed in the newsletter next month. A tape may be rented for \$2.00 for the month. A \$5.00 fee is charged when the tape is taken and \$3.00 is returned when the tape is returned the following month. If the tape is not returned at or prior to the next meeting, the \$3.00 is retained by the club. We want to avoid delinquency, so the tapes are available to all the members. In previous years, the rental was

for only a week. Postage was provided by the club to return the tape. This policy changed to monthly rental, so the postage will now be eliminated. It is the member's responsibility to return the tape at the next meeting, drop it off to AI or the PO Box, or provide the postage for the return. Since the postal rates went up, this is about \$1.60 which only left the club with \$.40 for the rental program.

SOURCE GUIDE -

A source guide listing will be developed over the next few months and evolve over time. The listing will be available from the Back to Basics library box and is intended to provide a current reference of where there are good sources for wood, services, and tools. Anyone who attended the January meeting saw an excellent source for used equipment including table saws, bandsaws, shapers, molders, lathes, etc., etc.. Other sources will include companies like Pan Pacific Hardwood, Hastings Bandsaw blades, and any other applicable source of woodworking items. If you know of a source to be added to the list, see Don Naples. We hope this data will be an aid to members in finding sources for items or services they wish to purchase. It is not intended to be advertising or a recommendation for any company. The use of the data is intended only as a guide. The decision to use a source is strictly the up to the user.

WOODWORKING AND COMPUTERS -

The growth of services like America On Line, Prodigy, CompuServe, and Internet have provided relatively easy access to information from many sources. I recently found some information

on the Internet which was made available to woodworkers. As I travel the Internet and World Wide Web, I will print any relevant information and make it available to BAWA in the Back To Basics library. The two articles I found this month are from the university of Rochester - Computer Science Department. The printouts include the source Internet FTP address, so if you are on the Internet and want to look for new articles at the same location, the information is provided. The two articles available this month are a listing of tool reviews, including the publication name, title of the article, month and year of the publication. The other is an article on steam bending of wood. Check the library for copies. If you are also computer literate (or a Nerd), and find similar information, please print a copy and give it to AI or Don to make multiple copies for the library. If you have a response to one of these articles and do not have Internet access, give the response to Don Naples for your reply to be sent to the author.

TOOL RENTAL -

The club is investigating the possibility and interest level of providing certain types of tools for rental. The basic plan is to provide a one-month rental of a tool like a high quality dovetail jig or mortising tool for a small percentage of the cost of the tool. These tools are fairly expensive and not often used by the average woodworker to justify the purchase. They are however nice to have during some portion of a project when a quantity of dovetails or mortises are needed. Tool rental places don't offer this class of tool, so by scheduling the rental from the club for the month when the tool is needed, you learn the use of it, get a project

completed, have the use of a quality tool, and save your money for the purchase of some more frequently used tool like a router. You will need one of them to use the dovetail jig.

Let us know what you think and what types of tools you think would fit this category.

2 x 4 CONTEST -

Please notice on the calendar that in addition to the tool swap, the March meeting is when the annual 2 x 4 contest will be held. The rules are you may use any type of wood with a maximum dimension of 2" x 4" x 8' to make the entire project. Your project will be presented for judging by the membership during the March 16th meeting. Prizes are awarded to first through third places. Please participate in this fun event. In past years, we have seen some really innovative and thrifty use of wood to make some great looking projects. It helps to have a thin kerf saw blade for your resaw work. Frank Hungler will want to borrow some of these projects for display at the annual woodworking show in the following month.

PRIZES -

At each meeting we have a drawing for one or more door prizes. These are handy items which are useful in any shop. Last month there was a beautiful marking knife made by Yeung Chan. (I missed by one number) The winner, Gene Wagg, had his ticket drawn from a hat which includes all attendees. A raffle prize, usually more substantial in cost than the door prize is awarded to anyone who purchases the winning ticket for \$1.00. The drawing is made only after enough tickets are sold to exceed the cost of the item. This

may take more than one meeting,
but you need not be present at
the drawing to win the raffle.

BULK PURCHASES -

Bulk purchasing can save money if you can use the entire quantity purchased. How much Spam can anyone eat? Actually, what we have in mind is to find bulk purchase discounts that would interest the membership and split the bulk with those who are interested in the product. In the past we have had some fine tooth trim saws, pen and pencil parts, wood, and Forstner bits. We want to make an effort to find items of selected interest, so we will be asking for your input. I have investigated a bulk bandsaw blade purchase and will look for some good buys in wood. I'll provide more on this as we learn more about what discounts are available for items of interest. Let us know if you have a particular request.

NEXT MONTH -

More on the Internet.

A report on our Outreach program

The tape library listing.

BACK TO BASICS PAST & PROPOSED PRESENTATIONS

TOPIC PRESENTER	MEETING		
Sharpening Planes & Chisels	Feb.	94	Don Naples
Band Saw Blade Types & Uses	Mar.	94	Don Naples
Table/Radial Saw Blade Types & Uses	Jul.	94	Stan Booker
Marking/Cutting/Mortise Gauges	Nov.	94	Don Naples
Tuning a Plane			
Bending Wood			
Water Based Finishes			
Veneering	Jun.	94	Arnold Champagne
Log Cuts & Effects on Wood			
Inlaying			
Wood Carving			
The Mortise & Tenon Joint			
The Dove Tail Joint			
Making Door Panels			
Glues Types & Applications			
Resawing			
Dust Collection	Oct.	94	Bill Henzel
Straightening a Board			
Using a Biscuit Joiner	Aug.	94	Tom Munro
Using a Plunge Router			
Using Vacuum Bags	Jun.	94	Arnold Champagne
Photography of Wood Projects	Sept.	94	Anne Glynn

February 16th, 1995

Our meeting for February 16th will be at the Mainliner Club in San Mateo. Doors open at 7:00 pm and meeting begins at 7:30 pm.

Our guest speaker is John Kassay, author and woodworker. Well known for his book on Shaker furniture, John is working on a book about Windsor chairs. His presentation will be on "How to Build a Book". This promises to be a fascinating talk. John is doing this on rather short notice, as he is filling in for our original speaker who had to cancel. But John has presented "How to Build a Book" to other clubs with great success so we hope to see a big turnout.

March 16th, 1995

Our meeting for March 16th will be at Heartwood in Berkeley and will be hosted by Steve White, stairbuilder and furniture maker. He has been featured in Fine Home Building Magazine.

The address is:

2547 8th Street, #27
Berkeley, CA 94710

Only 319 Days Left Before Christmas 1995

It's never too early to think about making toys for the BAWA annual Christmas toy program. The wet and cloudy days of winter send most of us into our shops anyway, so why not spend the time making a toy or two. Got any great ideas for toy projects? Bring a picture, set of plans or a model to the upcoming meetings. Do you know of any suppliers that would donate wood to our toy program? If so, contact Anne Glynn or Anne Fuller at the next meeting. By contributing your time and talent to this worthwhile project, the 1995 Christmas toy program will be a great success.

1995

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January

19 7:30pm BAWA - New Mission City Millwork

February

16 7:30pm BAWA @ Mainliner

March

16 7:30pm BAWA @ Heartwood in Emeryville - Stair Building

April

20 7:30pm BAWA -

May

18 7:30pm BAWA - Jig Review (Bring your favorite jig)

June

15 7:30pm BAWA -

July

20 7:30pm BAWA -

August

17 7:30pm BAWA -

September

21 7:30pm BAWA -

October

19 7:30pm BAWA -

November

16 7:30pm BAWA @ S.F. - Robert Greenberg - Harpsicord maker

December

21 7:30pm BAWA @ Mainliner - Pot Luck Dinner for Members

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