Can you believe it is August already. Half of the summer is gone. With Northern California on fire, the air has been terrible. Unless your shop has air conditioning, the air inside is as bad as it is outside. Be sure to wear a respirator, or forget the shop and stay in the house where it is cooler. Besides, you can sit and read woodworking books or magazines and have a cool glass of whatever sounds good. Now onto what is ahead for the club.

As you know, the California State Fair starts this month. The club is going to demonstrate at the Fair. We have a demo booth located in Expo Building 7. It is the same place as last year. We need volunteers. So far, only about half of the 54 slots have been filled. The August meeting will be the last time anyone can signup to demonstrate. The dates of the demonstration are August 27th through September 1. That is Wednesday through Monday, 6 days. All demonstrators will receive free credentialled entrance and parking passes. This is a chance for you to show off your skills to the fair-going public. If you want to turn or cut something out with the scroll saw, or just talk about woodworking, please signup. If you have put your name on the list and have not added it to the Megan’s Law form, please do so at the August meeting. As Uncle Sam says, “We Need YOU!”

We have been getting plywood cutoffs through the resources from Michael Bush. The Salvation Army has given us a 20 foot container to store any plywood or wood. The plywood resource puts out pallets of cutoffs every 3rd week. On July 3rd, after requesting help, we had 8 members who gave up their time (they also took some plywood for their own use) helped. Thank you. We need more members to help out. We plan to go out every 3rd week, especially on Thursday morning to get the maple plywood. Ask any member who helped how nice the quality is of the plywood. We are working on getting more sources of wood. The new sources should have different hardwood cutoffs. All this wood is free, and I have been told that we may be buried in wood. What a chance to have a supply for building jigs, or making projects without costing you any money, except time.

At the August meeting, we will have each current board member explain what their duties are and how much time they spend to accomplish their tasks. This will inform the membership of what your board members do. It will give everyone an understanding of what is involved in being on the board. Most board members have served more than one term. This is because they enjoy the job and want to help the club. A good example is Neil Knudsen. He was the Treasurer for seven (7) years straight. What dedication. It is rare that a board member has served only one term.

Nancy Laudenslayer will be retiring at the end of this year as Newsletter Editor. What a great job you have done, Nancy! So, if anyone is interested in taking the job of Newsletter Editor, please contact one of your board members.

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The SACRAMENTO AREA WOODWORKERS, also known as SAW, is an organization formed for the purpose of:

Sharing woodworking experiences, information, instructions, plans, books, tools and lumber sources, ideas in producing supplement income and sharing in discounts resulting from volume buying.

2008 SAW BOARD
*Voting board member
All phone numbers are area code 916

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Volunteer members who work hard to help make the club enjoyable and run smoothly.

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| Web Master | Jason Beam |

Contest Projects - Apply your woodworking talents and make a project to enter and win a prize. Below is the month and wood working project to be judged.

| July | Furniture |
| August | Clock |
| October | Box |

CLASSIFIED ADS
Do you have woodworking related items to sell?
Are you looking for something special for your shop?
Advertise here.

Don Kent has a router table for sale. It is a Bob Rosendahl (The Router Workshop Guys TV Show) design, equipped with a HITACHI MK12 1/2 inch router also including bits, jigs, and many extras. $500.00 call Don or Mary Kent at

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MEMBERSHIP
For all renewing members the dues for SAW are $30 per calendar year (No Prorated renewal). Additional dependent family members, residing in the same household of a fully paid member, shall pay 50% of annual dues. As a SAW member, you will enjoy the camaraderie of fellow woodworkers, discounts from local merchants, group buys on wood, and library privileges.

New Members will be prorated by month joined for the year.

Jan - Mar $30.00
Apr - Jun $22.50
Jul - Sept $15.00
Oct - Dec $7.50

No refunds will be given on membership dues.

Commercial Membership
Commercial memberships are available for $50 per year. This membership includes yearly advertising in the newsletter. Ads are to be business card size and may be changed from month to month, if desired. Contact Treasurer Sally Green for more membership information.

Newsletter Items
Contributions to the newsletter must be sent to the Editor, Nancy Laudenslayer, by the 20th of the month for inclusion in the following month's newsletter.

LIBRARY
Books, videos, and magazines are available to members for one month at a time when checked out of the Library at the back the meeting room. Be sure to return the items at the next meeting.

New Books

| Birdhouses, Feeders | Sibley |
| Boxes Boxes | Crawford |
| Mini Power Tools | Taylot & Bullock |
| Making Elegant Gifts From Wood | Pierce |
The club is planning a Fall Shop Tour. It is planned for the 1st Saturday after the October meeting. The date is October 11th. The board would like to know if the membership wants a fall shop tour or not. If so, would the membership like the progressive format as we had for the Spring Shop Tour or have the shops open all day so you can visit the shops at your own schedule? This will be brought up at the August meeting.

Elections are coming up in November. We need a nominating committee for the upcoming election. If you want to volunteer, please contact one of the board members.

The August meeting has a CLOCK Contest. All you need is a piece of wood with a clock in it to be eligible. We also have some good raffle items. The large raffle has a Dewalt 18 volt drill/driver. What a neat item. I would like it myself. Buy as many tickets as you can afford. Good luck………

See you Tuesday, August 5th.

Floyd Gibson
SAW President 2008

Classified Ads

1) Craftsman 10" tablesaw model 21805 -- $70
10 in. Craftsman table saw with a folding collapsible stand. Right and left telescoping wings for 30 in. right and 18 in. left rip capacity.

2) Ryobi 9" Band saw - $0
This special price to a new(er) member who doesn't have many tools yet. That is how I acquired it, so I offer at same price.

Andrew Silvester

1997 ShopSmith Mark 5 Model 510 with Manual, Band Saw + 5 Blades, Urethane Tires. Drill Press + Chuck
Table Saw + 2-10" Blades + 1-10" Sanding Disk
Lathe Tools, Lathe Chuck, Lathe Rest, Posh Sticks.
2 extended legs, miter gauge, fence.
2 dust ports, 1 on band saw and 1 on table saw.
In GREAT Condition. $850 or best offer.

Dave Stamschor

A Pen + An Idiot = Jail!!!

Most of you know our vice-president, Rick McCusker works for the Sheriff's Department. His assignment is Court Security at Juvenile Court. Rick also turns pens and occasionally displays and sells them at work.

Two weeks ago, a couple approached the front counter at Juvenile Court. They were there for a detention hearing being held for their son (18). He had an outstanding juvenile matter when he was arrested and sent to the main jail. Part of the process is entry screening. The man made it through the metal detector without a problem. He then was waiting for his wife, who had sent her purse through the X-ray machine. While Rick was examining the monitor display of her purse, the "gentleman" reached into Rick's display case and removed a truly awesome pen turned from a blank of Amboyna (African hardwood). He placed it in a rolled up piece of paper and moved about 15 feet away from the counter to examine his "prize." Unfortunately for him, it was all caught on video.

The building housing Juvenile Court has 162 video cameras, all of them recorded. The incident was captured by three cameras with amazing clarity.
SIG and Class Information

A “SIG” (Special Interest Group) is a gathering of woodworkers at a member’s workshop to discuss and do projects related to the Group’s interest. Any SAW member or guest of a SAW member may just show up at the meeting.

A “Class” is a predefined project and you must sign-up to take the class. It is only open to a limited number of SAW members.

Wood Projects SIG
Contact Person: Floyd Gibson or Steven Hitchens
The Wood Projects meeting was held at Floyd’s Shop on 5th July, with 13 members attending. Subject was setting up dust collection equipment in your shop. Members discussing all the reasons and methods for removing dust from your shop. Much informative information was exchanged.
The next meeting will be August 2nd. The SIG will be held at Steven Hitchens Shop. The subject will be Finishing with HVLP Spray Gun systems. Floyd will demonstrate Apollo HVLP systems. Steve’s Shop has a large Air Conditioner to keep everything cool, both People and the Spray paint.

Scroll Saw SIG
Contact person: Buzz Arnould and Roberta Taylor
The next SIG will be August 9th Saturday, from 10am. to 1pm. at Debra Probst and Paula Rushing's shop. Roberta has a wine bottle holder with some neat fretwork and we can cut more of the CD racks for Toys for Tots. Several members have questions about pattern adhesives and compound cutting. We will show what works for us. Hope it will helps.
Tom and Roberta Taylor entered several of their projects in the State Fair. Roberta won a first place and Tom a second. They also received several honorable mentions. Way to go! Congratulations!

Furniture Projects SIG
Contact Person: Gary Foster
The August open furniture meeting subject will be The Fundamentals of Hand Cut Dovetails. The meeting will be at Gary Foster’s shop from 10am to 1pm on Saturday August 16. We will demonstrate the tools and techniques used to hand cut a dovetail joint. The meeting will be an open meeting and will not have any loaner tools to use. A list of tools needed to make it a hands on type class for you if you want is available by calling Gary direct. A sign-up sheet and the list of tools will be available at the open meeting for a separate HANDS ON CLASS if one is desired.

Toys for Tots SIG
Contact Person: Bob Schieck and Andy Santos

Small Lathe Turning SIG
Contact Person: Tom Taylor or Jason Beam
The July pen SIG was held at Tom Nelson’s shop. We had 9 members attend. Jason Beam demonstrated turning tops and how to use a thumb nail gouge to make hollow cuts. Tom Taylor showed a simple homemade jig for the lathe to sand and polish small flatwork (like puzzle pieces) on the lathe, using Abranet and the Micro Mesh disks to achieve a 12000 grit finish. The August 23rd Pen SIG will be at Tom and Roberta’s Shop. He will again demo the finishing flat work on the lathe. The Sept 27th Pen SIG will be at Jason Beam’s New shop. He will introduce the new Turning 101 class. This new turning class that Jason is putting together will take the Pen SIG to a higher level. Sign-up for the Turning 101 will be taken at this SIG. Space is limited so sign up early for the future Turning 101.

Novice SIG
Contact person: Allan Laudenslayer or Jack Duran
The July 27th novice SIG was at Rick and Holly Lovvo’s shop and covered “Jointer setup and safe usage” which was presented by Jason Beam. It was an excellent SIG. As Jason tuned up Holly’s jointer others showed what they use to tune-up a jointer. This was a good session for anyone who has questions on their jointer.
The August 24th novice SIG will be covering planer setup, since we spent the entire session in July on the jointer. The location of the August 24 will be at Jack Duran’s shop. If you have a planer that needs alignment or adjustment, please contact either Allan Laudenslayer or Jack Duran.
The September 28th SIG will be covering table saw setup and alignment, and some useful jigs that you can build to make your table saw more productive. Location to be determined. If you have a table saw that is in need of adjustment let either Jack or Allan know.
How To Make Tom Taylor’s Polishing Wheel To Use On Your Lathe

Working with small wood pieces, like puzzles, is difficult at best. Applying finish to those same small pieces can be a nightmare for some. This simple jig might be the answer; it allows finishing and polishing flat wood to 12,000 grit, like you do on your lathe turnings. I like to use the Abranet and Micro Mesh hook and loop disks to finish and polish my pens to a mirror like finish. Roberta likes to make puzzles but applying finish to small pieces is difficult and time consuming. And there’s the worry about young kids putting the pieces in their mouths.

Items needed:
Lathe face plates 3, or 6 inch will do nicely
Small piece of ¾ inch Baltic Birch plywood. Enough to make a 5 or 6 inch diameter circle. (I used both)
Hook and loop 6 inch pad protector. That’s the black thin hook on one side and loop on the other to protect your H&L backing on your ROS. Available at Woodcraft in the 2 pack for about $20.
Adhesive backed hook and loop tape. 2 inch X 5 foot roll at Wal-Mart for $8.
Make your 5 and 6 inch plywood disks and attach them to your 3 and 6 inch faceplates with wood screws. Cover one side of the wood disk with the adhesive HOOK side Tape and trim the access off the disk. Attach the loop side of the black pad protector to the hook side of the disk. Now you are ready to attach your loop sanding disk to the jig and sand away.

Note:
If using the 5 inch Abranet and 5 inch MM you have to trim the black protector to 5 inches to prevent the rough H&L scratching the wood.
Lathe speed is about 2000 RPM
Contact time of wood and disk about 4 seconds per grit.

Wood Projects SIG

What’s behind door number?

Tom Nelson and Paul Verlinde

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Ten minutes later, Rick noticed his pen was missing and contacted the control room operator. The control operator was able to review the video and identify the perpetrator. He was in the courtroom for his son’s hearing.

Our idiot left the courtroom and was detained at the exit from the building. He was issued a citation for petty theft... but there was a problem. A records check revealed he was wanted on a no-bail felony warrant for driving under the influence. He also had traffic warrants totaling over $185,000.00 from various jurisdictions around the state. Also impeding his freedom was the fact he had failed to report to a probation officer as ordered by the court, so probation wanted him, too! Since he is also here on a visa from a foreign country he also faces deportation.

After his arrest, the pen was recovered, photographed for evidence and returned to its rightful owner, our vice-president. The idiot was placed in a holding cell and was transported to the main jail later in the afternoon. One of his fellow passengers was his son. Hopefully they got the same cell to share.

The moral of the story – don’t mess with Rick or his pens!!!
General Meeting

Gary Foster 1st Prize for his coffee table

Abe Low 2nd prize for his night stand

Third Place Prize was a tie.
Vern Waters For his cabinet and Tom Taylor for his bar stool.

Gary Foster gave an excellent presentation on how to sharpen the newer laser or plasma cut scrapers. Our new projector allowed everyone the ability to see just what Gary was doing as he sharpened.

I am very sorry but, I do not have the name of the wood works for three of the show and tell projects. Each was excellent so, please let me know who you are so I can give you credit next month.

Gary Foster Butcher Block
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