MEETING
ETHEL MACLEOD HART SENIOR CENTER
915 27th STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA
(BETWEEN I & J STREETS)
September 6, 2011 7:00 pm

President’s Message

Many thanks to the August speaker, William Rosales of Mirka Abrasives. His discussion of their products, both the abrasives and the tools was very informative. He talked in particular about their new Autonet™ abrasive and their CEROS sander. Please visit Mirka’s web-site at www.mirka-usa.com for more information about their great products. Some the Mirka abrasives that I use in my shop are Abralon, Abranet, and Royal Gold. They are all great. I also have one of their HVLP air guns.

We will have two speakers for the next meeting:

- Rob Down visited the “Design in Wood” Exhibition at the San Diego County Fair. He will have a slide show of the pictures he took of the entries. This juried show is one of the best in the country. You can view the more than fifty winners at www.sdfwa.org/diw. This does not do justice to the full exhibition of over 350 entrees that were juried in to the show and viewed by an estimated 1,160,000 visitors this year.

- Tom Nelson will show us how to use a computer and the web to get help with our woodworking. There is a lot of good (and some not-so-good) information and instructions out there. He will access the web and podcasts live at the meeting to show how it is done.

If any of you have a suggestion about a favorite woodworking website, send the URL to Tom Nelson or Andy Volk before September 3rd and we will put it on a list to be given to the members.

The general meeting of September 6 will be the last day to enter the 30th anniversary logo contest. The winner will be announced at the October general meeting. Anyone can enter. However, only members will be awarded the prize (an Epson printer). Family members can submit entries on behalf of a club member and will be prize-eligible. Note: all contest submissions and the rights thereto become the property of the SAW Club.

There are changes to the contest structure that are detailed on page 3. We are working on getting ribbons for the contest winners. Also, the board wants to know what prizes you would like to see in the raffles. There is slip in the newsletter for you to submit suggestions. Drop it off at with any BLUE nametag board member.

The SAW elections will be held in October general meeting, so start thinking NOW about running for one of the offices on the board. I will NOT be running for any office in 2012 because of other personal commitments. Contact a current BLUE nametag board member (see page 2) if you have questions.

We need a few volunteers to help with refreshments and the small and large raffles. If you would like to help, please see any of the BLUE nametag board members.

Save the Date: Fall Shop tour is tentatively set for Sunday, October 9th. More detail will be coming in the next newsletter.

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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.

2011 SAW BOARD
All listed are voting members of the Board
All Phone numbers without an area code are 916.

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Large Raffle Roberta Taylor
Merchandise Judy Wavers Hank Wavers
Badges Charles Linn
Refreshments Holly Lovvo Rob Drown
Web Master Jason Beam

General Meeting Program Schedule

| Sep       | Tom Nelson on Woodworking internet sites
| Oct       | Elections! Do you want to serve on the Board?
| Nov       | “Toys Contest”
| Dec       | Presentation of Toy to the Salvation Army

Library

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

New Books:
Build A Doll’s House by Michal Morse
Simply Beautiful Boxes by Doug Stowe

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.

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

Family members at the same address can be added at half this rate. No refunds will be given on membership dues.

The club is always looking for new members. Recommend us to all your woodworking friends!

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 Charles Linn for more membership information.

Newsletter Items

Contributions to the newsletter must be sent to the Editor. Andy Volk, 7380 Sierra Ponds Lane, Granite Bay, CA. 95746, or e-mail amvweb@surewest.net by the 20th of the month for inclusion in the following month’s newsletter.

Newsletter Photos

If SAW had a position for official photographer, the position would be assigned to Steven Hitchens. Stephen takes most, if not all, of the photos appearing in the newsletter. If you like the pictures, be sure to give Stephen your thanks!
The next board meeting will be held at 7 PM on Thursday, September 15, 2011 at the Target at 65th and Hwy 50.

"If I had asked my customers what they wanted, they would have replied, 'A faster horse.' " Henry Ford

“To do two things at once is to do neither”. Publilius Syrus, a Latin writer of Maxims in 1st Century BC Rome.

Have fun and work safe,

Gary Foster

**CONTEST CHANGES**

Earlier this year, the Board of Directors decided to try and increase membership participation in the General Meeting contests. Well, we’re at it again!

Our last experiment consisted of the creation of two divisions: Expert, and Beginner, later tweaked to Experienced and Novice. This did not have the intended effect of drawing in more entrants. Only a couple of people have entered in the Novice/Beginner category, and even those resulted in questions on whether they were categorized properly. Although SAW has budgeted $100 for each contest, the total amount has never been awarded.

Another contest flaw is the difficulty of judging. SAW has been trying to remove bias by having entrants be anonymous. However, without the entrants describing their entry, the judges can have a difficult time understanding the intended purpose or the complexity of the item.

The Board of Directors has voted to make the following changes:

#1: Each entrant is encouraged, but not required, to submit a description of their entry with any information which could increase appreciation by and knowledge of the judges. The description should be on paper no larger than 8½” x 11”, and should be short and concise enough for the judges to have time to read and understand it.

#2: SAW is returning to a single category for all entries. The prize amounts have been changed to $30 for 1st, $25 for 2nd, and $15 for 3rd place. In addition, the judges have an opportunity to award up to three $10 Honorable Mention prizes. These will be awarded at the sole discretion of the judges, and will not to be awarded automatically.

If anyone would like to make any suggestions, or would like to volunteer as a judge, please see Rick Lovvo at the General Meeting, or through the information on page 2 of the newsletter.

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**Classified Ads**

SAW members have been coming up with many great ideas, such as how to network with other members outside of SIGs, or creating ways to borrow set-up tools. Might we suggest using the classified ad section?

Ads can be run for more than one month. Just contact us each month and let us know the ad is still valid. Remember, you must be a member to take advantage of our free ad space!

**Free Redwood!**

A friend of mine has several large blocks of Redwood he wants to give away to a woodworker.

4 Piece 12X12X 5 ft and 1 piece 12X12X 2 ft.

This wood is dry and about 6 years old. Surface is gray in color and some cracking but should be good for re-sawing for planks or chain saw carving;

You may take all or part of the wood. You will have to haul it yourself, but my friend will help load it for you. The best part it’s FREE and in Elk Grove/ South Sacramento area. If interested in this wood or want to inspect the wood, contact Tom Taylor.
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 for the class. It is open to a limited number of SAW members.

Wood Projects SIG  Contact Person:  Steven Hitchens

The Wood Projects SIG will be held Sept 3rd at Paul Verlindes’ Shop. The subject is using pocket-hole jigs and screws. Many construction ideas will be discussed.

I am looking for someone to host the October SIG at their shop.. I am always happy to help the host in any way.

Scroll Saw SIG  Contact person:  Holly Lovvo

Hello! We had a great showing at Jerry Engell’s house with 10 people attending. Everyone was cutting car bodies and having a good time. Thanks Jerry for hosting this month’s SIG.

We will be having the September SIG at Neil Knutsen’s shop. He will be showing us how to make beautiful birds out of wood that have large wing spans. Neil brings a lot of experience, and has displayed his birds at various functions. I will also have other projects to make if someone wants to cut something else. There will also be other scroll saws at the SIG.

Furniture Projects SIG  Contact Person:  Paul Jacobs

There will be no September Furniture SIG unless someone volunteers a site and subject.

Small Lathe Turning SIG  On Hiatus until we have a new coordinator

Novice SIG  Contact persons:  Rob Drown

A reminder that the August Novice SIG is at Gary Foster’s shop on Saturday the 27th. The SIG will cover sharpening of Chisels, Plane Irons. Card Scrapers, and Carving Gouges with “Gary Sharp” system, water stones, and the Tormec low speed grinder.

September SIG will be on Specialty Planes. How to adjust and apply specialty planes, (rabbet, shoulder, scraper), spokeshaves, draw knives, and shooting boards. Remember that the Novice SIG has moved to the 4th Saturday of the month from 10 am till 1 PM.

Happy Anniversary SAW Members!

The year 2012 marks the 30th anniversary of SAW. In celebration of three decades of woodworking excellence, our club is hosting a 30th year logo contest. It can be a modification of our current logo, left, or something entirely new.

Draw up a design and submit your entry for a 30th year SAW logo. If your design* is selected by our esteemed panel of judges, you can take home a new Epson All-in-One Printer**!

The grand prize will go to a current SAW member. Multiple submissions are acceptable. Family members can also submit entries on behalf of a club member.

Email your designs or mail your submission to SAW, PO Box 661121, Sacramento, CA 95866. Submissions must be in our hands by the SAW General Meeting for SAW on Tuesday, September 6, 2011. Winner will be announced in the October SAW Newsletter and at the October general meeting.

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** Print/copy/scan/fax:
September Large Raffle Prize

Lie-Nielsen 103 Standard Angle Block Plane

These small bronze planes fit perfectly in the hand and slip easily into the pocket. The 5¼” body holds a 1¼” x 1/8” thick blade. An unobtrusive Stainless Steel adjuster offers blade control of micrometer ease and precision with minimum backlash. The blade is set at 20” and will take a heavier cut with the grain.

September Small Raffle Prizes

WOW PRIZE!

Makita 5” Random Orbit Sander

Mirka 5” Abranet Pack, 1 Disc Each P80 - P600 and Pad Protector.

Also, samples of the new, improved Autonet discs.

Two Cherries Scraper Set

Snappy 5 Piece Countersinking Drill Set

Painter’s Pyramids with lock and tab system

5 lb. Klingspor Sandpaper bargain box

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From the General Meeting — August 2nd

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“Things for the Shop” Contest

**First Place:** Rob Drown and his Moxon Vise

**Second Place:** Gary Foster and his shooting board set

**Third Place:** Andy Volk and his Scrub Plane Blade Honing Guides

**Other entries:**
- Richard Verwoest showed a English Square done by hand
- Andy Santos showed his awls
- Jack Stellman showed an adjustable box joint jig
- Pat Miraglio shows a pen vise
- Art Hawkins and his favorite glue assist—a strip of milk jug

Show and Tell

- **Abe Low** with a walking stick and multi-purpose child’s cube
- **Andy Santos** showed his toy blocks
- **Judy Wavers** showed a batch of freshly painted toys
- Marietta Rubien shows the completed doll beds she and others have been painting and stocking with dolls.
Toy Time!

*Thank you Woodcraft for the work room for the toy workshop in August!*

We had a great time and made 305 pieces of airplanes, trucks, fire trucks and beds. In addition to the pieces machined, wheels got painted and glued up ready to go on the finished products. The airplane parts went home to get finished, the beds and vehicles kits will get distributed to be finished. Everyone worked as hard as they could for 3 hours. Thank you all.

The November Toy Contest will be a great time to show off your work, tried and true toys, and new and improved toys. The toys for family members will also be included with an opportunity for a prize. The prize in each category will be valued at $15. The actual prize will be voucher for raffle tickets (either larger or small raffle) during 2012. Enter a toy, win a prize, then enter the raffle and win BIG!

Plan ahead and save the dates for the toy workshops on September 21 and October 12. They are scheduled from 10AM to 2PM but we actually have worked so hard we are often ready to leave about 1:00.

Thank you to all the toy builders and members that help out on the side with wood, tools, and time.

If you need wheels, parts or pieces just let me know. Also, have fun while you are creating smiles.

Judy