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BAY AREA WOODWORKERS ASSOCIATION

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DECEMBER MEETING

WHEN
Thursday
Dec. 17, 1992

WHERE
Mainliner Club
42nd Ave.
& Pacific Blvd.
San Mateo

Sign-in & Socializing
7:00 P.M.
Potluck
7:30 P.M.-10:00 P.M.

IN THE FUTURE

**JANUARY
MEETING**
Woodline in Alameda

**FEBRUARY
MEETING**
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DECEMBER WILL BE THE GRAND FINALE FOR THE YEAR (Anne Glynn)

The December meeting will be held at the Mainliner Club, 42nd Avenue and Pacific Boulevard in San Mateo. IT IS CRITICAL THAT YOU TRY AND MAKE THIS MEETING.

Sign-in and Socializing will begin at 7:00 P.M. Next comes the Pot Luck, along with the Show and Tell of the toy-making project, both the Woody's Tinker Toys and the toys that others made to make the Outreach Toy Program a success this year, and pictures of the last trade show booth. Come and see what your fellow woodworker has done for this great project. It's not too late to make a toy, so please bring one to the meeting and make this year the BEST YEAR WE HAVE HAD. This part of the meeting starts at 7:30.

This will also give you a chance to discuss with your fellow members what happened at the BAWA BOARD MEETING. So bring your spouse, significant other or friend to the meeting. Show them what you have enjoyed all year.

You say *What do I bring to the pot-luck?* What your last name starts with determines what you bring:

A - F	Salad
G - K	Main Dish
L - Sc	Dessert
Se - Z	Appetizer

Bring enough for 6 to 8 people. As an example, Frank Hungler would be bringing a main dish. You should also bring a serving spoon for your dish and please mark it in some way so your set doesn't get lost. Plates, cups and silverware will be provided by BAWA. The set-up and clean-up will be handled by Richard Brent, Alton Jensen and Anne Glynn, but volunteers will not be turned away since BAWA is a team.

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO THE CLUB? (Anne Glynn)

While I was telephoning various woodworkers for items for BAWA for the trade show booth, I asked most of them this question: *Would you be willing to have your name placed in a hat with all the other members and, if your name was picked, would you be willing to help plan a meeting with two other members?* Because I wasn't able to talk to all of the

woodworkers in the club, I didn't get a 100% response to the question, but the overall response was YES!. Some even said they may be willing to host or be a main speaker at a meeting; others said it would be great to have a forum of woodworkers to talk about what they did in *THEIR* shops; others said it would be nice to have shop tours like the ones we had this year.

All of these things take volunteers to organize. Don't you believe we should all make the effort to have a great club? If what I saw at the club is any indication, we have a chance of achieving that goal. As you have been reading in the newsletter and hearing at the meetings, BAWA doesn't have all the areas covered. Help BAWA out and be a participant this coming year. Although many members would like the club to continue, it takes TOTAL COMMITMENT FROM ALL OF US to succeed. It is time to use your expertise or your willingness to learn to make this club work and continue to be something you can be proud to belong to.

WHAT HAPPENED AT THE LAST BAWA BOARD MEETING

(From recording made at the Board Meeting)

NOTE: The decisions made at the BAWA Board Meeting are very important for the future of the club and affect every member and potential member. Read this carefully!

It was decided by the 1992 officers and committee members that the following revisions be made in club operations:

- 1) Members and those who wish to join are to return their commitment questionnaire either at the December Meeting or by mail, and agree to help plan a meeting or perform other tasks assigned when their names are drawn from the hat (see WHAT'S HAPPENING TO THE CLUB? above).
- 2) The club dues are being *REDUCED* from \$40 to \$25, a \$15 or 37.5% reduction over last year!
- 3) Because of the difficulty of selling enough space, advertising will be removed from the newsletter to reduce costs.
- 4) The newsletter format will be changed to reduce printing and mailing costs.
- 5) Starting in February, the normal meeting place will be changed to 1499 Bayshore Highway, Suite 220A, Burlingame. Thaine Anderson has made this available at no cost.
- 6) After January, only coffee will be provided at meetings. Soft drinks will be available at vending machines.
- 7) We will have a membership card. Some stores and suppliers will give discounts to members.
- 8) There will be no free memberships to anyone in the future.

NEW OFFICERS AND AUXILIARY POSITIONS

President Anne Glynn (415) 967-6149
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TRADE SHOW	FRANK HUNGER	415 343-9559

BAWA'S FANTASTIC TRADE SHOW BOOTH

(Anne Glynn)

I want to express my deepest gratitude to all those wonderful people who accepted the challenge to be part of the BAWA TEAM for the San Mateo Trade Show.

We gave out 261 fliers and fielded 132 inquiries about membership, where to get something fixed or if there are clubs in other areas. One gentleman asked if he could take a videotape of the items in our booth since he thought it was the best display he'd seen in many years.

The booth volunteers were: Keg Alexander, Stan Booker, Richard Brent, Richard Bressani, Arnold Champagne, Yeung Chan, Doug Cooper, Sterling Dogan, James W. Frank, Peter Fuentes, Louise Garrison, Maurice E. Gunderson, Ronald Gushue, Gary L. Holsworth, Frank Hungler, John Kassay, Lars Larson, Sam Loguidicy, Brent Merkey, Harold Nelson, Harald Nielsen, Bob Niesbett, Ingemar Persson, Bill Peterson, Sig Rich, Doug Ryan, John A. Shmitt, Fred Sotcher, Dava Sowa, Vern Wastman and Bill Wescott, DMD.

The people who so generously provided the booth with items for the show are: Art Anderson, Jim Bell, Bob Berryman, Stan Booker, Ed Campagna, Arnold Champagne, Lou Chianese, Douglas E. Cooper, Doc Deyoe, Anne Fuller, William J. Henzel, Merle Hersom, Carl Johnson, John Kassay and his friend in Colorado, Clarence Kellogg, Louis Kern, Glenn Krueg, Lars Larson, Sam Loguidicy, Emilie Niehuis, Peter Meioninger, Ingemar Persson, Joe Ramsil, Sig Rich, Doug Ryan, John Schmidt, Tom Shanahan, Ed Vincent, Randy Walton and John Weidner.

Although some of these people aren't BAWA members, they came to my rescue at the last moment when we needed a volunteer or an extra item for the show.

I would like feedback from those of you who visited or worked at the show so that we can put together a guidebook for the next time we do this the coordinator can avoid the pitfalls I discovered. One change I would make is to allow better access to all the items, especially for handicapped visitors. Both I and the people who had something on display would both like to hear what was said about the display items as well as any other comments. Please jot down your comments and what you heard and send it all to the BAWA address, Attention Anne Glynn.

NEW MEETING LOCATION STARTING IN FEBRUARY

The new meeting location will be 1499 Bayshore Highway, Suite 220A, Burlingame. This is about 8 miles closer to San Francisco than the old location. Take the Millbrae Avenue exit EAST (towards the Bay) and turn right on Bayshore at the signal. 1499 Bayshore is at the corner of Mahler and Bayshore and ample parking is available.

WHEN LAST WE MET

(John Weidner)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stan Booker mentioned once again that he needs scraps to use in his classes, especially 2x6 redwood cutoffs. Anyone building a deck.....?

Someone mentioned that they were looking for an older (i.e. sturdier) radial arm saw, a DeWalt perhaps, something that would stay square. The Sunday SF Chronicle was recommended as a place to look for tools for sale.

Someone was looking for a phase converter for a 3-phase tool. Fred mentioned that phase converters are *at best* 80% efficient. (What about swapping the motor to a used electrical equipment dealer for a single-phase unit?)

Anne Fuller asked about safe non-toxic paints for toys. Fred mentioned that nowadays almost anything in acrylic paints would be safe to use. I (John W.) would add that I have had excellent results painting small toys with casein paints. The Plaka brand is available at larger art supply stores. Anne reports another solution to the problem: San Carlos Paint Company, 1664 Industrial Rd., San Carlos, (415) 595-2210, sells a non-toxic water-base paint.

Someone mentioned the usefulness of **Pacific Coast Trees** by Munn (Univ. of Calif. Press) for finding out what that tree in your back yard might be.

Band Saw Blades Exclusively at Hasting Saws, Gregg Neilson, Rohnert Park, CA, (707) 584-8541. He also does sharpening and welding of bandsaw blades, standard steel, special carbide and steel blades.

SHOW & TELL

Arnold Champagne talked about a gadget that Don Naples had made to turn down the rods to fit the Tinker Toy sets we are creating for the Christmas Outreach Program. The gizmo apparently has some planer blades mounted in the chuck of his lathe and the rods can just be pushed in and out. Arnold said that in 4 hours they did about 1400 rods! Splendid work, Don!

Carl Johnson brought in a Windsor chair. He and Bob Berryman had the good fortune to study Windsor chair making with Mike Dundar. To obtain the very straight grained Red Oak they need for making all these chairs they have been bringing to our meetings, Carl and Bob ordered a veneer-quality log (8' long and 20" diameter) from McBeath

Hardwoods, which they split up and rived for the spindles, bow, etc. For Windsor chairs you need wood with the grain running exactly parallel to the work, so you rive (split along the grain with a frow) rather than rip. Carl said he first made the stretchers a bit too long and when he tried to force the chair together they "literally exploded." The bowed back is a single piece of steam-bent oak. Carl said he was going to make a dining room set of six, and "depending on how they come out, they may all be in different rooms!"

SPEAKER FOR THE MEETING

Our speaker for the evening was Sti Stivinson and his subject was Using Math in the Workshop. Sti is a machinist who has taught machine tool technology. He showed pictures of some items he had made using his knowledge of machine technology and some of the jigs he uses in his shop. He went into the uses of trigonometry in figuring angles in shop work, ways to figure rotation and surface speeds of various sized items on the lathe and the speeds you get from different pulley sizes. Sti said, "I don't feel dressed without my calculator. I keep one in my pocket, one in the toolbox and one by my Barcalounger..."

One always learns something new at a meeting. Thanks, Sti.

TOOL SWAP

We had a small number of tools and things swapped and everyone who bought something from someone else went home happy.

FOR SALE

Wood Jet JWP 15H0 Wood Planer. Never been used, still in crate. Cost: \$1,100. NOTE: at C&B Tool this is \$1,250 + tax, \$1,350! Call David Kirsch, Work: (408) 286-9700 Home: (408) 395-5852.

OTHER TRADE SHOW NEWS

(Anne Glynn)

Bob Berryman gave his talk about Windsor Chairs at the San Mateo Trade Show. He gave you the feeling that you were in his shop watching as the chair was being built.

He covered a variety of topics, notably how he built a steam box for bending the chair hoop, where he got the parts and how to convert them to use on the steam box and why wedges go *across* the grain (so they don't split the wood). The difference in his talk was how he took you each step of the way, explaining the whys of each step. He showed us which tools to use, how to use jigs to make the chairs and passed around parts so we could feel and see them first-hand. He even talked about the mistakes he and Carl Johnson made along the way.

He kept the listeners glued to their chairs to learn all they could; it takes a rare breed of speaker to do that!