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JANUARY -MEETING-

WHEN

Thursday
Jan. 16, 1992

WHERE

MainLiner Club
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SCHEDULE

7:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Sign-in &
Social Time
7:30 - 10:00 p.m.
Program

UPCOMING -EVENTS-

JAN. 16

January
Meeting

JAN. 20

M.L. King, Jr.
Day

FEB. 20

February
Meeting

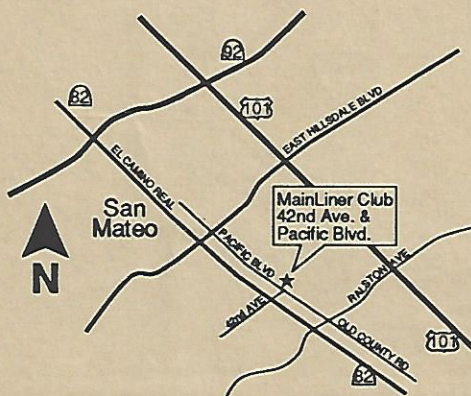
FEB. 22

Shop Tour
Open House

**Happy
New Year!**

Our meeting for January will be at our regular place, the MainLiner Club in San Mateo. Sign-in and socializing will begin at 7:00 p.m. with our program starting at 7:30 p.m.

Dust collection is the subject for January. The meeting will feature three speakers, all of



which have installed dust collectors in their shops.

Various types of systems will be discussed with their pros and cons. Questions to be answered include: What size motor is needed, what size pipe should be used, should it metal or plastic, should it be grounded, what automatic features are practical, where to purchase material, etc, etc.

There is lots to talk about and learn. Come with your ideas to share and a note pad to collect new ideas.

When Last We Met

Written by John Weidner on Dec.'s mtg.

The December meeting was a potluck dinner for BAWA members & their spouses. A lot of very tasty food appeared and there was a good crowd of us to eat it—more than I expected less than a week before Christmas. It was nice to have a chance to sit around and do more socializing than is usual during meetings.

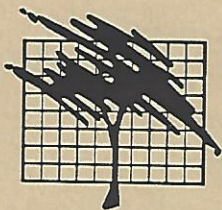
The theme of the evening was

toys, or rather TOYS! This was the night when everyone brought in the toys they had been work-

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A Message from Fred

Toys, toys, toys and toys! That's what December was all about. We had toys on the tables, on the bar, in boxes and in hand. Thanks to everyone for all your efforts. A very special thanks to Arnold Champagne and his committee who created a large percentage of the projects. Arnold delivered a full truck load of toys to disabled children for Christmas, in BAWA's name. We should be proud. Besides the toy drive we enjoyed a nice pot luck dinner, thanks to the efforts of Joaquin Echavarri. It was fun to meet a lot of the better halves that let us come to these meetings.

I've concluded some time ago that woodworking is a very important part of my life and will be an important part of the retirement that I plan in a few years. I may not be great at it but it challenges my creative abilities and offers a therapy to help me through the stresses of Bay area life. I want to be part of a group that will help me make the most of the experience. I hope that you feel the same way.

Thanks,

Fred Sotcher
President

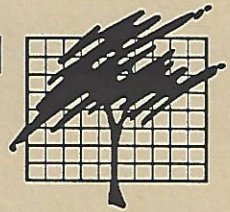


Announcement From BAWA Board of Directors

Your board of directors has put a great deal of effort into trying to develop BAWA into an organization that would represent a real value to the membership. We have done this by arranging a long series of great programs, providing a stable and low cost meeting place and by expanding our association to 190 members. We have also offered special services and programs such as our large video tape library, home workshop tour, scrollsaw workshop and our outreach program which just recently had a terrific out pouring of gifts to the less fortunate.

These activities and programs have come from the efforts of about eight people. Which would mean that 96% of our members have little or no participation in planning or organizing of BAWA functions.

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ing on for our toy program. There were a great many delightful toys heaped and piled everywhere.

ARNOLD CHAMPAGNE was the man of the hour. He had organized and inspired and pushed the program, and made many of the toys himself.

Says Arnold, "As you go through the world and see interesting toys, buy one and copy it! You can give the toy to the Salvation Army, write it off on your taxes, just save the pattern and bring it in."

"These toys are going to a couple of centers that have big hearts but not a lot of money. One is a recreation center for the handicapped, near the SF Zoo. About 3500 people use the center, young and old. There is also a child care center, (the oldest in San Francisco, since 1898.) I'd like to especially thank Veronica, who spent many hours sanding pieces with a belt sander."

Someone set up a castle, made from one of the sets of blocks, with gateways and conical tower roofs. Glenn Kreug



said that he turned so many of the tower tops that he sees them in his sleep.

One of Arnold's masterpieces was an architectural toy, a set of blocks with columns, beams, gables; just the thing for building in a neoclassical style. There were many copies of this set made. There was also a box of extra columns, for turners to take and duplicate for next year's sets.

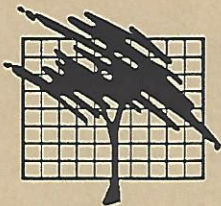
The bar was covered with boxes of toys. There were little rocking horses, band-sawed and scroll-sawed puzzle animals, sets of blocks, wooden airplanes.

While we were eating dinner I heard Bob Berryman mention getting good results gluing very oily woods such as rosewood using something called "Brake Clean," a solvent, available at auto parts stores, to remove oil from surfaces to be glued. Carl Johnson rhapsodized over the virtues of square-headed screws.



Fred Sotcher announced that Glenn Kreug was retiring after serving several years as our Program Chairman. The Program Committee has two members but now needs a leader. This is very important!

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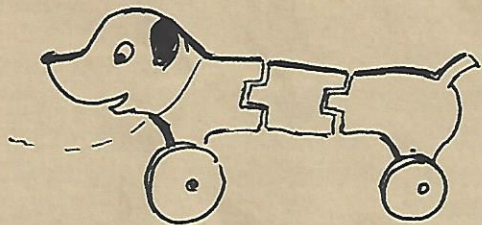


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Show and Tell

Sig Rich showed us one of his friendly ghosts, cut from scraps of pine. Also a climbing bear toy, one of the ones that climb miraculously up two strings.

Doug Ryan brought in the columns that Arnold Champagne was handing out to be duplicated. Also an articulated Dachshund. The trick to making



it was to drill the holes for the pins first, then cut out the sections !

Ray Sanchez showed off some mahogany pull-toys; Dogs, Gorillas . . . they have hinged legs that are attached to the wheels

and move as the toy is pulled. A lot of work to make.

Anne Glynn showed us some of her "jig-saw" puzzles. She glues pictures to 1/4" ash plywood with 3M clear contact cement, and cuts them freehand on the scroll saw. They have a mitred ash frame and a 1/8" ply backing.

Anne Fuller had a very cute "Baha buggy," a sort of wood VW with big wood tires. She drilled the holes for the axles oversize so that the wheels would "float" over bumps.

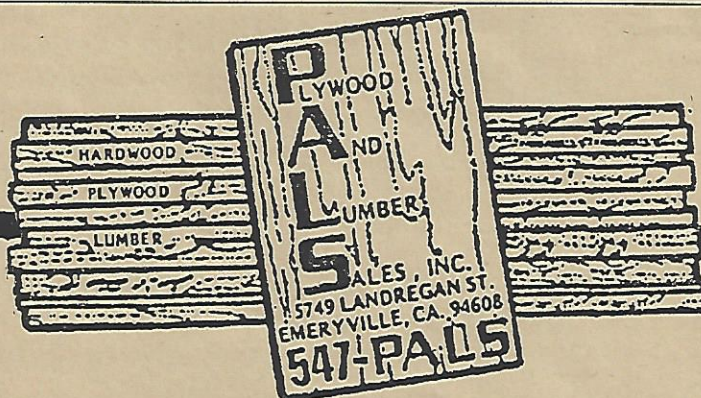
Arnold Champagne talked about the rockers for the miniature rocking horses. "How can I make these fast and efficiently?" He used the same band saw pattern that was reproduced in the last BAWA newsletter.

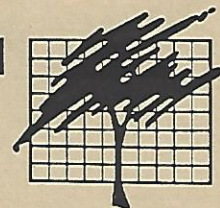
Fred Sotcher could contribute no toys, since his shop is not yet set up in its new space, but Marion Sotcher, a skilled seam-

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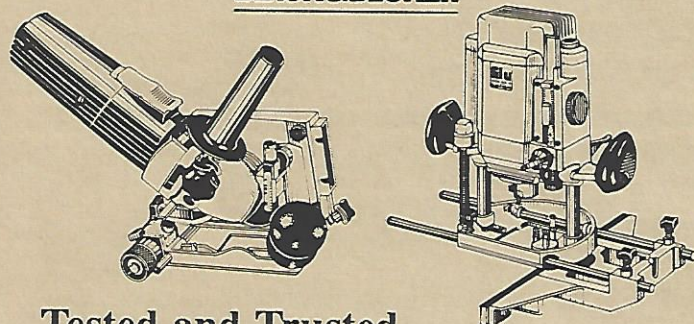
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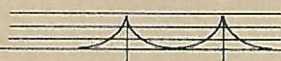
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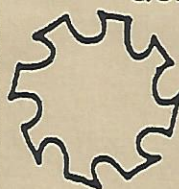
stress, brought us a batch of charming pillow dolls.

Our first door prize, won by Gene Wagg, was a "Magna-Set." It's a magnetic device for setting jointer and planer blades, which several people mentioned they found very useful. They are made by Uniquet, 801-265-1400. Also Peter Fuentes won a Hitachi Router and Anne Glynn won a sander.

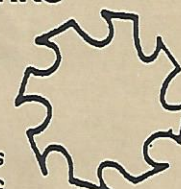
Shop Tour Rescheduled for February 22, 1992

Several BAWA members living in the mid-peninsula area will hold open house at their shops on Saturday, Feb. 22, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Members are invited to tour shops at the homes of Bob Berryman, Anne Fuller, Carl Johnson & Pete Meininger. Watch for details & maps next month.

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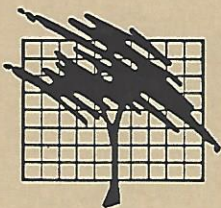
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We have thought long and hard about what could be done to improve BAWA. The one big disappointment that we have had was the lack of participation by the membership. We know everyone is busy, that's the way life is around here, but we also believe that those getting the most from BAWA are those that are active in it.

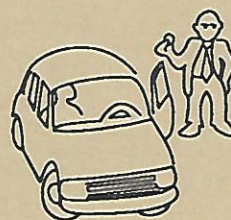
We are no longer soliciting members, we are soliciting participation. As a result of this, the BAWA board voted in a new policy.

Effective January 1, 1992, membership in the Bay Area Woodworkers Association will be limited to those individuals that pay their dues and sign up to participate in one or more activities.

The dues are \$40.00 per year and are due January 1. The activities may be picked from the list on page 7 or a new activity can be suggested. We are sure that you'll find your enjoyment in direct proportion to your involvement. The completed form is due by Jan. 31, 1992.

Ride Share

Listed are BAWA members interested in car pooling to our monthly meetings.



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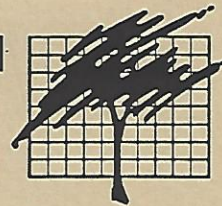
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1. Elected Offices

- ☐ President - Presides at meetings - Filled
- ☐ Vice President - Fills in for President as required - Filled
- ☐ Secretary - Records & maintains association records - Filled
- ☐ Treasurer - Maintains financial records & accounts - Filled
- ☐ Newsletter Editor - Writes & coordinates newsletter - Filled

2. Committee Chairpersons

- ☐ Program chairperson - Coordinates programs each meeting - Open
- ☐ Outreach chairperson - Coordinates community projects - Filled
- ☐ Special events chairperson - Organizes special activities - Filled
- ☐ Hospitality chairperson - Provides refreshments - Filled
- ☐ Show & Exhibit chairperson - Coordinates show volunteers - Open
- ☐ Nominating committee chairperson - Coordinates elections - Open
- ☐ Advertising chairperson - Manages advertising program - Open
- ☐ Librarian - Maintains video library - Filled
- ☐ Publicity - Promotes association with local press - Open

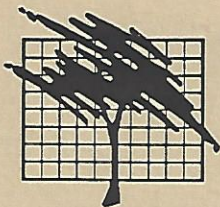
3. Committee Assistants

- ☐ Newsletter reporter - Writes articles or reports on activities
- ☐ Newsletter publisher - Publishes newsletter on computer
- ☐ Program assistance - Arranges speakers/programs for meetings

4. Helpers

- ☐ Set up meetings - Helps with setting & cleaning up each meeting
- ☐ Advertising - Finds one or more new advertisers
- ☐ Toy maker - Makes toys for Christmas program
- ☐ Staff show booth - Helps staff booth for 2 hours, twice a year
- ☐ Program helper - Sets up one or more programs for meetings
- ☐ Meeting host - Hosts meeting at his store or shop
- ☐ Newsletter assistant - Helps produce the newsletter
- ☐ Newsletter writer - Writes one or more articles for NL
- ☐ Greeter - Meets guests and new members

☐ Other _____



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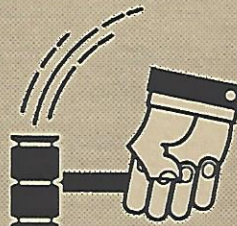
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Tech Tips

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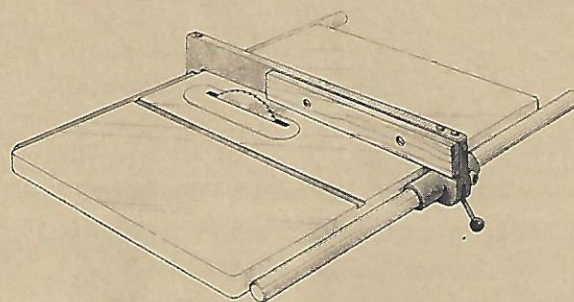
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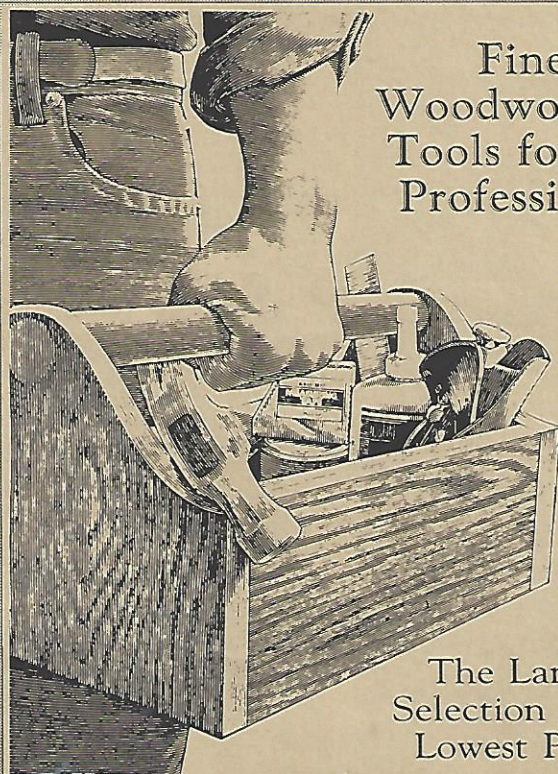
Wood often twists and bends when internal stresses are released during ripping. A rip fence that ends at the midpoint of the blade gives the wood room to do its own thing without binding between the fence and blade. I get the effect of a half-length fence by bolting a half-length board to the side of my full-length fence. Now the saw runs more easily and rarely, if ever, kicks back.

Jim Turbyville
Westland, MI

The King of Shims

I find that playing cards of known thickness come in handy when shimming a specific amount. You can find the thickness of a single card by dividing the thickness of the deck by the number of cards; mine are .012 in. Three of them are approximately 1/32 in., five are 1/16 in.

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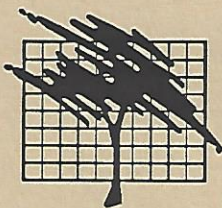
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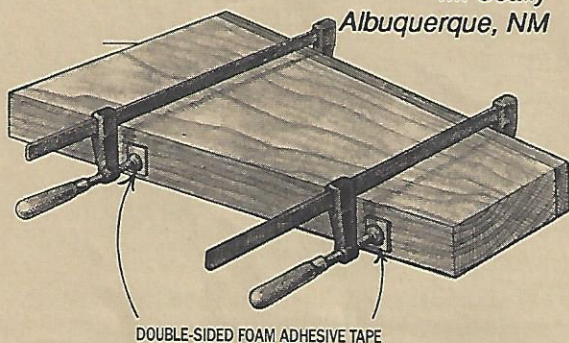
(.060) and so on. A decimal-fraction conversion chart is a handy accessory to the deck of cards.

William Guthrie
Sylvan Lake, MI

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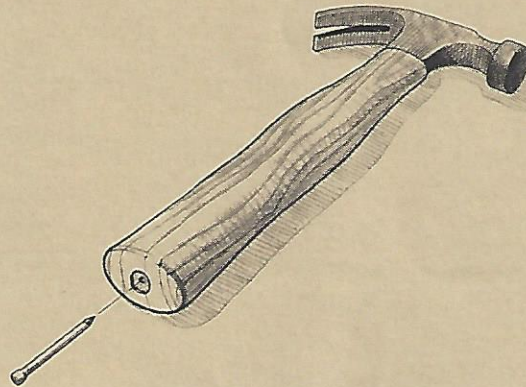
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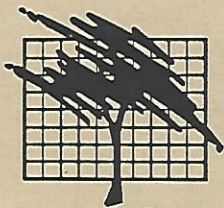
A finish nail goes into hard wood much more easily, and is less likely to curl up and die, if it is waxed first. I drill a hole in the end of my hammer handle and fill it with melted candle wax or paraffin to keep it handy. You couldn't find a better place to keep the wax.

*Bradley Hankins
Arlington, TX*

Aligning a Saw Fence

Here's a quick and easy way to align your tablesaw rip fence with a miter-gauge slot. Loosen the screws that lock the fence alignment, then press the fence against a long, steel rule or framing square in the miter-gauge slot. Retighten the screws while holding the fence tight against the rule.

*David R. Johnson
Apple Valley, MN*



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