



The Bluechipper

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March 2005

Meetings:

3rd Thursday of the Month
At 7 p.m.

Broad Street Baptist Church
3809 West Broad Street,
Tampa, FL

This month's program is Cabinet Making 101 with Lyn Crider. Lynn is going to show us how to design and build 2 different wall cabinets for our new hosts at the Broad St Baptist

Remember to check our advertiser page for local merchants

A Message from Jeff

This past months meeting was the first at our new location at the West Broad Street Baptist Church and it worked out very well. Many members approached me after the meeting saying how well they thought this facility would work out for the club. I would be interested in hearing thoughts from everyone about this or anything else happening in the club. Once again we had a great number of first time visitors, many of which are members of the church where we are now meeting. I was glad to see the fellowship that everyone extended to each other. Besides the HCC class we all have another opportunity to use the Taylor Craft studio and to direct those without tools or new to woodworking a place where tools and space are available. We have the space at this church to have our own storage area although we need an exterior pre-hung door to finish it off and provide our own secured access. If anyone has such a door and would be willing to donate it to the club please let me know. This space can be used to hold the toys, which are made by members throughout the year, and to keep the video collection, which is now at Porter Cable. Then members could check out the tapes right from the meeting for a month at a time. If someone would like to step forward in overseeing and acting as the video librarian please let me know. Besides this position I really think it will be detrimental to our annual gift of toys to the local charities if we don't have a chairperson in place. Please consider taking an active part; no amount of service to others will ever be looked down upon. Hats off to Betty and the rest of the staff in helping support the club and for the offering of bakery goods at the end of the meeting. Thanks for your support and we'll see everyone in March!

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Treasurers Report:

Old Balance	\$ 3400.75
Income	625.00
Expenses	492.48
New Balance	\$ 3533.27

WOODCRAFTERS CLUB OF TAMPA, INC.

Meeting Minutes, February 17, 2005

Our first meeting at the Broad Street Baptist Church was called to order by president Jeff Sukup in the church's Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm with 50 members and guests in attendance. The following first-time guests were introduced: Stacie Cash, Hurly Flick, Sam Hayes, Armando Dial, Rev. Dr. Kevin and Pat Ahrens of Broad Street Baptist Church, plus Rose Radtke, J. Will Chesney, Ken Chesney, Landon Chesney and Al Van Skaik.



The minutes for the January 17 meeting were accepted and approved as published in the January 2005 Bluechipper. Treasurer Bill Smith reported an income of the month of \$628, expenses of \$47.40, leaving a balance of \$3445.75.

Streetcar Committee: Angel Ranon reported little new was happening to the project but, however, he was researching a beetle problem that had cropped up in a wooden post of an open car, on loan from the car provider in Iowa for possible purchase by the Tampa Streetcar organization.

Toy Committee: Jeff read excerpts from a letter of thanks from the Okeechobee Housing Group expressing gratitude for toys received in December. He also pointed out that the club still needed a chairperson for this committee.

Another thank you letter received from North Tampa Christian Fellowship.

Update on Available Woodworking Shops: Rose Radtke, of the Taylor Craft Studio, which is operated by the City of Tampa Recreation Department spoke on the availability of this shop, which is located at 611 W. Indiana Avenue. She noted that the shop had recently acquired several new machine tools and was in need of some woodworkers to help out in a coaching and teaching capacity on Tuesday nights between the hours of 5:30 and 8:30 pm. Further information listed under woodworking shops at end of newsletter.

State Fair Report: Vernon Blackadar stated that the fair was now in progress and that The Woodcrafters Club of Tampa had done well in the Find Handcrafted Furniture Division. The following club members were recognized for each having a piece entered in this exhibit: Walt Shorkey, Tom Soyke, Vern Blackadar, Lynn Keiter and Mark Kimball.

From Angel Ranon: I thought I would share an experience at the State Fair with the club. The Friday during my turn at the Fine Furniture exhibit I spent some time with a group of students and their teacher from Sickles High School. They take woodworking at their school and the asked so many questions of all of us that were that that it made my stay at the fair the most enjoyable one I have ever had there. I have volunteered every year since we have participated. They not only spent time at our exhibit but also at the Wood turners. George Dinsmore, who is a member of both clubs, was so impressed with the youngsters that he gave their teacher a set of turning tools. I am sure he will speak to the club about it at our next meeting.

Dues Report: Treasure Bill Smith noted that a number of members had not yet paid their '05 dues and it would be desirable to get them paid ASAP in order that the club could get an early start on the '05 Membership Directory. Also it was pointed out that a number of nametags had come in going gratis to new members and going at \$5.00 per if they were going as replacement tags to seasoned members.

Under new business Jeff mentioned that a movie night was being proposed for the club that would run about one hour on Friday nights at the church and feature items of interest to the woodworking community. He also stated that many woodworker videotapes were available renting at \$1.00 per week at the Porter Cable store. See note at end of newsletter.

Under Buy, Sell, Trade or Give-Away: Jeff stated that he still had some metal chests available.

Under Q & A: Jeff Sukup indicated that he was searching for a way to clean saw blades. Lynn Keiter stated that he cleans his by spraying with Easy Off oven cleaner and then hosing the residue off with water. Tom Soyke indicated that a way to clean blades and avoid the fumes was to use a tablespoon of Arm & Hammer Baking Soda and some very hot water.

Dick Stillwagon mentioned that he had recently acquired a Makita dovetail jig and was looking for other persons who could share experiences in using these.

Under Show and Tell:

Mercy Trujillo showed off a scroll-sawed Valentine plaque that her husband and fellow club member, George had made for her.



Bob Campbell demonstrated several old-time tools dating back to the 1860's.

Jim Smith discussed and showed off his purchase at auction of a molding plane with a set of 52 blades plus the manual.



Dick Stillwagon showed off a wooden box containing a ring that he had received in appreciation for his work at St. Pete Times Forum during hockey games. This ring was similar to those awarded to the Tampa Bay Lightning players for their winning of the Stanley Cup trophy.

Hurly Flick brought along a wooden map of the USA, which had been specially created to show off the new state quarters now being produced.



Ken Chesney showed off a lazy susan and a banana holder that had been created by his father, J. Will Chesney.



Following a break for refreshments, the 50-50 drawing was held. The winner was George Dinsmore who walked off with the \$40 prize.

Lynn Keiter called the club's attention to the weekly breakfast gathering of club members at Jimbos at 4103 Kennedy Blvd. W. All members are invited to attend these informal sessions, which occur each Tuesday around 7 to 8 am. See additional information under CHEWING THE BACON at end of newsletter.

Vice Pres. Joe Jennings introduced the program theme for the February meeting, which was "Antique Woodworking Tools". Joe showed off several carpenter tools that had been owned by his paternal grandfather.



The largest assortment of antique tools was brought along by Bob Fritzsche who showed off a number of planes produced by the Stanley Company.

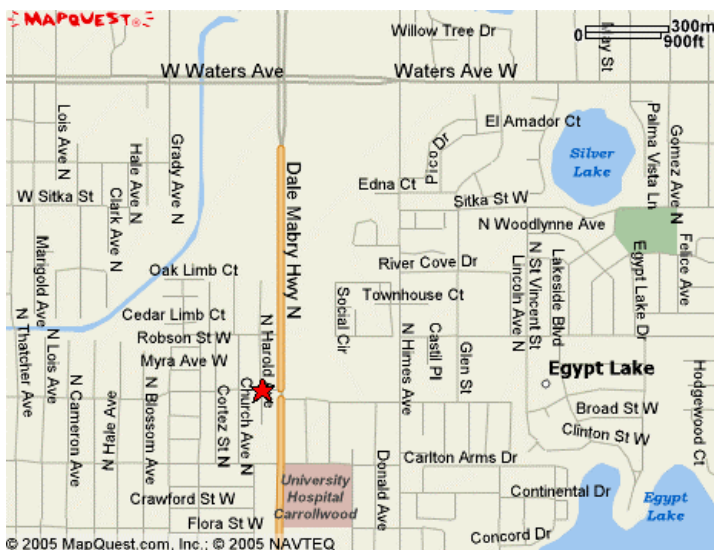


Bob was able to offer a number of tips on the usage of and the evaluating of these older tools. (See Bob playing the old saw above)



The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.
Respectfully submitted, D. R. Core

The new location at the Broad Street Baptist Church at 3809 West Broad Street just west of Dale Mabry between the traffic light intersections of Hamilton (to the south) and Waters Ave.



CLUB VIDEO LIBRARY at Porter Cable
There are almost 200 videos to choose from. Rental is \$1.00 per week from Porter Cable at 4538 West Kennedy Blvd., Tampa.

PUBLICATION

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CHEWING THE BACON

Club members informally meet every Tuesday roughly between 7-8 a.m. at Jimbo's Bar-B-Que on West Kennedy Blvd. Located one block east of Lois Avenue, to swap ideas and stories (some of which may actually be true) and have a good time. All are invited. Typically, between 12-20 members show up.

BUSINESS ADS AVAILABLE

To help offset the costs of publishing the Bluechipper each month, businesses are welcome to advertise in the Club's monthly newsletter. The business card size ads are \$50 per year. Club members are encouraged to mention their availability to their local hardware store, lumberyard, or wherever they get their supplies.

For more information, please call Tom Van Eepol 813-287-0103.

Woodworking Shops

The following is a list of shops that are available in your area to use if you do not have a shop of your own.

- HCC Shop at the Dale Mabry Campus, Tech. Building, Room 135. Saturdays 9 a.m. to Noon. \$39 for six 3-hour classes. Phone 253-7980 for application. Club members \$7 per session to use shop. If you work as a class assistant after doing your work, you can use the shop free.
 - Taylor Craft Studio
611 W. Indiana Ave., south of ML King, East of North Blvd.
Phone #813-274-8364.
Wednesday 12-3.
\$1.50 per week, plus material fee.
 - MacDill Air Force Base (retired or active military with ID)
8223 Hangar Loop Drive.
Phone #813-828-2093.
Tues/Thurs 12-8, Wed/Fri. 10-6, Sat 10-5.
\$2.00 per hour plus materials.
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Membership dues COUNT = 101

The Woodcrafters Club has 101 members listed. Dues are due in January and 30 members have not paid their dues!

The March issue of the Bluechipper will be the last issue for those who's dues are not paid. You may use the form on the back of the newsletter to send your dues.

Welcome new members!

Joan Ochoa Tampa, FL

Frank Coolidge Tampa, FL

Ken and Martha Copper Temple Terrace, FL

John and Monica Atkinson Tampa, FL

John and Sherry Jardin Valrico, FL

LJ and Faye Harvill Plant City, FL

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*Next meeting Thursday
March 17th.
New meeting place
Please see inside for
details*

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Membership Application/Renewal form

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____ Phone Hm#: _____

E-mail address: _____ Wk#: _____

Do you wish to receive The Bluechipper by e-mail? _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

NEW

RENEWAL

Please mail dues to Bill Smith 4402 HENDERSON BLVD, Tampa, FL 33629

Renewing members \$25.00 Due by first of the year

- New members joining January – June \$25.00
- July –September \$12.50 will cover you for the rest of the calendar year
- October – December \$25.00 will cover you for rest of the year and all of next year.