



# The Bluechipper

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May 2005

Meetings:

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month  
At 7 p.m.

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

Check out the web sites new look  
[www.tampawoodcrafters.org](http://www.tampawoodcrafters.org)

May 19<sup>th</sup>  
Program  
2 x 4 contest

## A Message from Jeff

I would like to welcome new members Hurley Flick and Genroy M Powell Sr. we appreciate and look forward to your company.

Well I hope everyone is far along on his or her 2 X 4 project by the time you all get this. It was tough for me to get started but once I did, it really started to come together. After seeing the wonderful examples that those members brought to the April meeting of past projects it got me thinking that just about anything could be made from a 2 X 4 with just a limitation to its size. I know that sounds a little far fetched but if you let your imagination go to work, you would be surprised what you would come up with. Many thanks to those who brought those in last month for the inspiration!

I'm very excited about Mark Kimball taking the charge with the toy committee. He certainly spoke with a passion at last month's meeting and needs the assistance from all of the club members if continuing in this great community service project. Thanks also to Groove and Sylvia Good for assuming the responsibilities of mailing out the Bluechipper.

Chester Rodriguez wasn't at the April meeting due some surgery earlier in the day but the pictures of his most recent projects gave a good idea of what he has been up to. I would like to encourage everyone to continue to bring in pictures of those items which are too large to transport; I sure everyone will appreciate it. See you all at the May 19th meeting!

Jeff Sukup

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### Treasurers Report:

Old Balance	\$ 3263.61
Income	62.64
Expenses	3197.80
New Balance	\$ 3605.24

WOODCRAFTERS CLUB OF TAMPA, INC.  
Meeting Minutes, April 21, 2005  
Respectfully submitted, D. R. Core

Our third meeting at the Broad Street Baptist Church was called to order by president Jeff Sukup in the church's Fellowship Hall at 7:05 pm with 47 members and guests in attendance. Guests were first-time visitors John Atkinson, Frank Coolidge and Gennoy Powell, Sr.



The minutes for the March 17 meeting were accepted and approved as published in the March 2005 Bluechipper. Treasurer Bill Smith reported a new balance of \$3262.71. Treasurer Smith also reported that storage of old treasurer records for the club was becoming a burden and asked for advice about disposing of records after a certain date. He was asked to hold these records until rules for maintenance of such records could be confirmed.

Following a short break, Dean Bunnell won the 50/50 raffle.



For the first part of the program, Vern Blackadar showed some of the issues involved with the creation of some wooden window frames for a 1949 Packard automobile.

For part two of the program Tim Wiley demonstrated the features of the WCOT website at [www.tampawoodcrafters.org](http://www.tampawoodcrafters.org). With the use of a laptop computer connected on line and a video projector and screen, Tim was able to walk the membership through the various features available on the updated web site.



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Streetcar Committee:

John Bloch reported on behalf of the streetcar committee that car # 163, which seats 27, is now a completed project and is now up for charter. He also stated that car #402 is now waiting restoral and that the service car received from the museum in St Petersburg is available.

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HCC Classes:

Don Avery reported that the next woodworking class begins June 4 and will run for 6 weeks. He passed around a sign-up sheet for assistant instructors to help out with these classes.

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Toy Committee:

Mystery? Where are the toys made at the Fair Fine Furniture Show Shop? If you have these, please call Mark Kimball, 286-0780.

There will be wood and patterns for you to pick up at the coming meeting. Bill Smith has us off to a running start with seventy cars.

Thanks, Mark



Grover Good showing a crib that was one of the toys made

Mark Kimball has advised that he will take over the toy committee as Grover and Sylvia Good have agreed to be his replacement in helping to get the Bluechipper ready for mailing. Mark requested that various club members prepare a number of templates in order that newer club members will be able to cut out the wooden bodies of the toy cars and trucks that the club hopes to have ready at Christmas time. Mark also advised that he had a substantial quantity of whitewood 2x4 cut-offs in his truck for hand out following the meeting. Grover also showed off a number of little-boy and little-girl toys that club members could duplicate.

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### Video Tape Committee:

The videotapes owned by the club are now stored on-site at the Broad Street Baptist Church. Stacie Cash has agreed to be our new videotape librarian. She had on display at the meeting some 140 tapes owned by the club, which are available for member use for the \$1 per week rental fee.



### 2 x 4 Contest:

Jeff announced the 2x4 contest is scheduled for the May meeting on Thursday May 19<sup>th</sup>. Participants are advised that it is necessary to use at least 2/3 of a standard 96-inch white wood 2 x 4. No other wood allowed but various items of hardware is ok.

A number of club members brought in for display some of the projects that they had created for 2 x 4 projects of previous years.



This year's incentive award for participation in the contest will be a ticket to the big raffle that will follow.

These are the rules

1. Select a project, preferably original, that can be built from an 8 foot 2 x 4.
2. The 2 x 4 must be of construction grade pine.
3. You must use at least 2/3 of the 2 x 4, but not more than the 8 foot 2 x 4.
4. The 2 x 4 can be in the rough or milled material.
5. You may use nails, screws, glue, staples or any other method of assembly.
6. The finish can be of your choice, such as shellac, varnish, lacquer, tung oil, even unfinished. Avoid painting since judges will want to see the knots, splits, saw marks, cracks, hammer marks, etc.
7. To be eligible to compete, you must be a club member in good standing (with dues paid).
8. The last rule is that you must enjoy building it.

### PET Project:

Jeff mentioned that volunteer help is still needed in making PET (Personal Energy Transportation) wheel chairs.



Volunteers assemble on Wednesdays from noon until 4 pm and on Saturdays from 8 until 4 pm at the workshop located at 5101 Bayshore

Club Auction and Picnic:    MAY 28 2005

Vern Blackadar reported that the auction would be held on Saturday, May 28 at the grounds of the Broad St. Baptist Church. The auctioneer will be Bob Fritzsche who pointed out some of the following issues relating to the auction. He stated that minimum bids would be allowed for those sellers who do not want their sale item to be sold below a pre-set minimum price. He also pointed out that there would be no sales tax, no buyer's fee and no auctioneer commission.

We are coming right down to the pencil mark and we will be making one cut only --so let's do it right and get a good feeling from the result! There are some of us who have woodworking friends who for some reason or other just can't seem to make it to our meetings. You maybe can't think of anyone immediately but if you dwell on it for a little bit you will come up with several names. This is when you will have to call on your resources to communicate with these woodworkers and persuade them to join you for an interesting morning on May 28. This time you can't take any excuses. Maybe you will have to then arrange to pick them up and bring them with you. Maybe you have noticed a new person using a table saw out in front of his garage and you've been itching to stop and talk to the person, this is your chance.

If you were at the last meeting, Bob Fritzsche did a good job laying out the fundamentals and he will review them for everyone before the auction starts. Remember, what it brings is what you will take home or spend on something you need. Don't make the mistake of thinking that no one would want whatever you bring, Bob can sell ANYTHING and I mean ANYTHING...



It takes just a hint and Bob Fritzsche starts auctioning anything

What ever it is, bring it to the Broad Street Baptist Church, 3809 West Broad Street, Tampa FL between 8 and 9 am on Sat May 28. , The auction will start around 9:30 am. If you don't know where the location is please call me 813-689 2989. Bring a lunch, the club will provide some cold drinks.

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Under Show and Tell:

George Dinsmore showed off several turned sycamore goblets, a piggy bank, bench and depth gage that he had made.





Jim Smith brought along a sample of a flag case that he has been making to hold the US flag that families of deceased veterans are presented with at veteran's funerals. At this time, he has made some 25 such cases.



Vern Blackadar showed off a case created to hold a number of writing pens. This case was unique in that the lid had been inlaid with a piece of wood taken from the original sailing vessel, the US Constitution now in Boston harbor.

Jeff Sukup's latest work

Member Angel Ranon, also a member of the Midwest Tool Collectors Society, showed off a tongue/groove plane and also a boxwood plane that he had inherited from his grandfather.



Under Buy Sell, Trade or Give-Away:

- Have lost interest in woodworking and have good used woodworking equipment for sale. Delta 14" Bandsaw Model 28-280. Craftsman table saw Contractor Series 3 HP -10" Belt Drive, Craftsman Belt Sander and Disc Sander Contractor Series, Craftsman 6 1/8 " Jointer/Planer Contractor Series Makita 12" Planer. Delta "BOSS" osolating sander, and many accessories for all. Oh, and have some exotic woods...not a ton but... Purple Heart, maple, cherry, cedar, oak, etc. Enough for smaller projects. Call me. My home is 813-654-1831. Cell phone is 863-860-6317. I want to get my garage back to house my Land Cruiser. I want to avoid a "Garage Sale" and will accept any fair offer. I live in Brandon. Roy Hall
- Ian Greig mentioned that he had a rocking chair that would be free to anyone looking for such a repair project.

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**PUBLICATION**

This publication is produced monthly for the members of the Woodcrafters Club of Tampa, Inc. Circulation is approximately 150. Subscription is included with membership in the Woodcrafters Club of Tampa.

Articles submitted for publication should be mailed to the editor. Articles received by the first of the month will be published in that month's issue.

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**Membership dues** **COUNT = 101**

You may use the form on the back of the newsletter to send your dues.

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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.

**FROM THE EDITOR**

Lyda Brown

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**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.

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**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.

**North Tampa Christian Fellowship**  
*Iglesia Cristiana Menonita de Tampa*



206 West 131st Avenue ♦ Tampa, Florida 33612-3446

December 22, 2004

Jeff Sukup, President  
Tampa Woodcrafters Club of Tampa  
P. Box 18874  
Tampa, Florida 33679-8874

Dear Jeff and Woodcrafters,

Your generosity is to be commended. You keep making children happy with your gifts of wooden toys, etc.

Thank you so much for the wooden toys you donated to our church for our children. We gave out the cars, trucks, and buses, etc. at our annual Christmas Banquet held in our sanctuary on December 19, 2004.

It was a pleasure to see the children enjoy the fruits of your labor.

May God continue to bless you for your willingness to share your talents, time, and materials. Keep on making sawdust!

Most sincerely,

Mercy Trujillo, Church Secretary and Children's Church Director  
North Tampa Christian Fellowship / Iglesia Cristiana Menonita de Tampa

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Some more  
toys!

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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.