



The Bluechipper

Volume XX

Edition 318

April 2006

Meetings:

3rd Thursday of the Month
At 7 p.m.
Broad Street Baptist Church
3809 West Broad Street,
Tampa, FL

May 2 x 4 Contest
See inside for rules

Have you paid your dues? Paid UP Members getting Better. We now have 69 paid = 74%. Getting closer to 93

WOODCRAFTERS CLUB OF TAMPA, INC.
Meeting Minutes, March 16, 2006

2006 OFFICERS

The March meeting of the Woodcrafters Club of Tampa was called to order by President Joe Jennings, in Almand Hall of the Broad Street Baptist Church at 7:00 pm with 44 members and guests in attendance. The first time visitor was Roy Horton who is president of the Woodturners Club. The minutes for the February 16th meeting were accepted and approved as published in the March 2006 Bluechipper with the correction of the date referenced in line one. This should make reference to the February minutes instead of January minutes. The treasurer's report as filed by Treasurer Bill Smith was also approved reporting a current balance of \$2641.54.

President
Joe Jennings 813-238-7101
joe621@mindspring.com

Vice President
??? Nominations ???

Secretary
Del Core 813-935-4264
drcore@aol.com

Treasurer
Bill Smith 813-837-4533
wd4hha@juno.com

WebMaster
Tim Wiley (813) 963-1551
wileyti@yahoo.com

Newsletter
Lyda Brown 813-655-5442
BrownRose@ij.net

Old Business, New Business
Negative response.

Toy Committee

Reporting for the Toy Committee, Mark Kimball stated that toy car wheels were now available at this meeting. It was noted that Archie Bowyer had cut out in excess of 100 cars. Grover Good showed off a sample doll crib that he had constructed from an 8 foot 2x4.

Fair Committee

Vern Blackadar mentioned that he had nothing new to offer in regard to the 2006 State Fair but he made the case that the 2007 Fair is only 12 months away and encouraged our membership to resolve to have a piece ready when Fair time rolls around again.

<u>Treasurers Report:</u>	
Old Balance	\$ 2641.54
Income	258.00
Expenses	400.14
New Balance	\$ 2499.40

HCC Classes

Don Avery reported that the new woodcrafter's class at HCC would be starting on Sat. March 25th.

~*~* STOP THE PRESS – NEWS FLASH *~*~

Sad news! The woodworking class at HCC was canceled because of the lack of students. Apparently, few new people will enjoy the art of woodworking. Perhaps we should anoint more disciples and spread the joy of woodworking to the masses.

Buy, Sell & Trade

Hurley Flick mentioned that he had a Craftsman Lathe, Model 103.2160 for which he was having difficulty finding a faceplate and a live center. He would appreciate any aid in finding support equipment for his lathe.

Video Tape Library

Jeff Sukup, sitting in for Video Tape Librarian Stacy Cash, mentioned that the club had a good supply of VCR tapes covering many aspects of woodworking. He also noted that sign-out records indicated that several tapes had been checked out for unduly long periods and ought to be returned.

Misc

Bill Smith reminded the membership that the 2 x 4 Contest was just around the corner in May and that members would do well to have their projects under way.

John Jardin reported on having attended the two-day Furniture Design Seminar conducted in St. Petersburg by Mike Fortune and sponsored by the St. Pete Woodcrafters Guild.

Wes Martin reported on having attended the Tool Show recently held in Kissimmee.

50-50 Drawing

Following a short refreshment break, the 50-50 drawing was held with the winner being Bob Campbell.

Show "N Tell



Chester



George



Grover



Vernon

PROGRAM

Tom Soyke of New Port Richey, who is employed by Woodcraft of Clearwater, was again our speaker for the March program. His subject was "The Use of Jigs for the Table Saw" to insure accuracy and consistency in duplicating project components. By way of illustration, Tom had brought along two display cases and one mirror coat rack that he had constructed earlier making use of specially constructed table-saw jigs to aid in making tricky cuts.



The subject of computer-aided design with particular emphasis on AutoDesk, an offshoot of AutoCAD was discussed. It was pointed out that planning for the various steps of a woodcraft project was somewhat analogous to the moves one must consider in playing a game of chess.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
D. R. Core

2 x 4 Contest

I think it is time to shed some light on a club sixteen-year-old tradition. It is called a 2x4 contest and you start with a construction grade 2x4. You can pick out any old 2x4 but if you are going to get the least bit fancy then look for a nice one with preferably no knots, checks, gouges and straight.

This all started back in March 1990 at the Tool Show that was held at the Florida State Fair. Our club had a booth there and during the 3 day show I discovered that the man selling those hardened drill bits that would drill through a file and just about anything else was president of the Orange County, California Woodworking Club, His name is Jim Griffin . This was in 1990 and I was president of the Tampa Club and wanted to know all I could about activities for the club members. He told me about his club and how much fun they had with the 2x4 contest. I sat down with Angel Ranon and hammered out the ground rules and now you know the rest of the story. Thanks to Bob Sneed, we have a very nice award for first place: A 6" random orbiting sander with dust port, adjustable orbit, speed control and Velcro disk attachment from Ridgid. Read the following guidelines and put your imagination to work.

Making sawdust,
Vernon

The 2x4 contest is scheduled for the May meeting on Thursday May 18th. 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.

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.



ANNUAL TOOL AUCTION AND PICNIC

Reminder about the tool auction and picnic scheduled June 3, 2006 (Sat) at 9:30 am at the West Broad Street Baptist Church, 3809 West Broad St Tampa. Bob Fritzsche will be our auctioneer. Watch for more information!

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.

Membership dues
106

COUNT =

Dues are due now

You may pay by cash or check at the January meeting or mail check to the treasurer at 4402 Henderson Blvd. Tampa 33629.

Please make this job as treasurer easy for me and pay now. The quicker all pay. The quicker the 2006 roster will be printed.

How to get "The Bluechipper"

- The editor emails the Bluechipper to the webmaster who transfers it to the web site. You can access current and past issues of the Bluechipper by going to

http://www.tampawoodcrafters.org/html/blue_chipper.html

- The editor then sends the email members a notification that the newsletter is ready.
- If you have trouble accessing the web site Bluechipper, please contact the web master Tim Wiley at (813) 963-1551 or email wileyti@yahoo.com
- Hard copies of the Bluechipper are mailed usually by the Saturday before the meeting.
- If you have not received your newsletter by mail, please call Grover Good at (813) 985-1838

Please send roster corrections to Bill Smith
813-837-4533 wd4hha@juno.com

FROM THE EDITOR Lyda Brown
The editor can be reached at home 813-655-5442, work 813-626-7788 x86122, via e-mail brownrose@ij.net or snail mail
4023 Robinson Rd, Valrico, FL 33594

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 attend.

~~~~~

## 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 Bill Smith 813-837-4533

~~~~~

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.
\$45 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 material

INTERCITY LUMBER
RALPH GRIFFIN
5301 CAUSEWAY BLVD
TAMPA, FL 33619
(813) 626-5232

CRAFTSMAN SUPPLY
ALAN CONLEY
5011 E. BUSCH BLVD
TAMPA, FL 33617
(813) 988-4677

YOUR AD HERE
CALL FOR
INFORMATION

WOODCRAFT®

Independently Owned & Operated Franchise
26250 U.S. Highway 19 North • Clearwater, FL 33761



Phone: 727/723/0575
Fax: 727/723/0126
www.woodcraft.com

Helping You Make Wood Work

Jennifer
TRAVIS
Desktop Publishing, Inc.

Tim Stark
727.403.9900

For all your design and print needs!

- business cards • brochures • flyers • rack cards
- promotional items • newsletters • postcards

YOUR AD HERE
CALL FOR
INFORMATION

OFFICE DEPOT
PRINTING DEPARTMENT
10057 E. ADAMO DR.
BRANDON, FL 33619
(813) 654-8111

HARDWARE



HOURS

MON. THRU FRI.
8 AM TO 6 PM
SAT. 8 AM TO 1 PM

NORTH ROME LUMBER & HARDWARE

WE MAKE A VARIETY OF MOLDINGS

SOME LIGHT MILLWORK

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

5810 N. ROME AVE. PHONE 876-3705
TAMPA, FLORIDA 33604 FAX 876-6116

Woodcrafters Club Of Tampa, Inc.
Attn: Grover Good
6710 E 113th Ave
TEMPLE TERRACE, FL 33617

Next meeting
April 20, 2006

THE BLUECHIPPER

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE WOODCRAFTER'S CLUB OF TAMPA, INC.

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.