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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"THE HAZARDS OF WOODWORKING"

What comes to mind when reading the word 'HAZARDS' in the message heading? I'm speaking only of situations that are a potential hazard to your physical self. Situations such as: Cuts and /or amputations of digits or worse; Chronic acquired respiratory problems due to longterm dust exposure; And its first cousin - swollen eyes, lips, and skin rash due to your unknown allergy to the exotic wood you are working with for the first time; The unrolled shirt sleeve that the lathe is always on the lookout for; And the most common, the flying missiles of 'kickback'. It's a good thing woodworking is so much fun and so rewarding that we mostly overlook the DARK side of woodworking. As you read through these hazards you probably thought of one or two I overlooked. I'll bet none of you experienced or even thought of the hazard I had thrust upon me two and a half years ago. Your guessing time is up... my story begins!

It was a dark and stormy night! NO-STOP! That's the wrong story. Let's start over. I had just completed my largest 'state fair' entry and decided it was too large, too heavy, and too top heavy to safely haul in my pick-up truck so I went the U-HAUL rental route instead. With the delivery complete and only ten more miles to return the rental, I called my wife via cell phone to meet me there for a ride home. At one point I actually spotted her car a half mile ahead of me so I knew she would indeed be there waiting. I pulled in beside the building, turned off the ignition but left the key in place. I rolled up the rear door and proceeded to gather up my moving pads, ropes, and wooden ramps. Suddenly the truck started moving! I ran to the tailgate to retrieve my lunch pail before it fell out. I thought one of the U-HAUL employees was moving it out of the driveway to the opposite side of the building. But no! It pulled out onto US-19, made a fast u-turn and started roaring north. It would suddenly switch lanes (to pass more cars) and throw me to the opposite side. I hung onto a side tiedown bar and started banging on the floor of the 'attic' (the overhang above the truck cab). Meanwhile my wife tried calling me on the cell phone, but I couldn't hear it ring over the traffic roar. She also alerted U-HAUL that three people just drove off with her husband. They informed her that the three just rented a truck and were told "It's in the driveway with the keys in the ignition!" They didn't know what to do so they called their corporate headquarters for guidance. Meanwhile the three can't hear my banging over the engine roar, and I keep glancing out the back hoping for a police car. After about seven miles they caught a red light, I kept banging and finally heard the passenger door open. A man popped his head around the back and yelled 'What are you doing in my truck?' I yelled back 'It's NOT your truck... I was in the process of returning this truck, take me back! He replied "We can't right now... we're on a deadline schedule!' To which I replied 'Right now this is unintentional kidnapping... If you don't return immediately, it's no longer unintentional'. They begrudgingly returned with me still hanging onto the tiedown bar. Boy that woman had a lead foot!

Cheers, Tom Soyke

MESSAGE FROM TOM WHITTING ON THURSDAY'S MEETING

I thought I was getting Tom Silva and the "This Old House" crew for this program. When they informed me it would cost Us \$1,000.00 plus expenses, I told them we would continue watching them on TV! They will be in Tampa to do a remodel project and appear at the Home Depot on South Dale Mabry Saturday, the 19th. They fly in Friday night but would not come a day early to entertain us. This after six weeks of emails and phone calls. Soooo..... You are stuck with me demonstrating the other part of the "Peachtree Route- R-Joint System" that we all saw at the tool show. I bought the program and have been using the sliding joint maker I showed you for several projects. I'm just getting started with the second setup and will attempt to share that with you Thursday night. Lets make some noise and make some sawdust fly!

OCTOBER MEETING REMINDER:

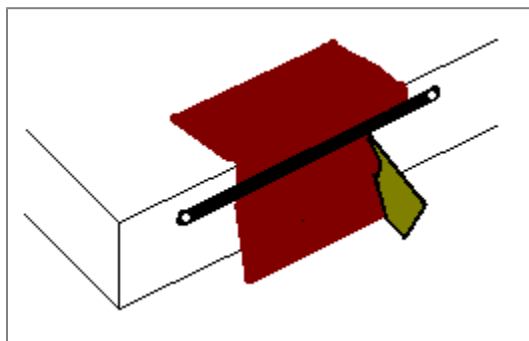
Here is another chance to show off a green project of yours since we did not get that many to show off earlier. Tom Whittington will discuss requirements for a green project at coming Thursday's meeting

MESSAGE FROM OUR WEBMASTER

I would like to add a new regular feature to this newsletter and enhance another. For the new feature, I propose a "Tip of the month". My own idea is added this month. If you have any of your own, let me know. I would also like to enhance a "For Sale or Trade" section. I listed some this month from Tom Whittington and myself. Let's make the list bigger. Combining what the Brandon club has to offer might be a good enhancement.

TIP OF THE MONTH

"SANDPAPER CUTTER"



To tear sandpaper to size, loosely tack or screw a hacksaw blade to the edge of your workbench, teeth down. Slip the paper behind the hacksaw blade with the desired amount below the teeth and tear it toward you.

OUR TOY PROGRAM

Two more months to make toys. There are more girl toys so far this year which is a real need. See the pictures below of doll aprons and cradles that were made by Bill and Millie Stoy and their daughter. Wood, patterns, wheels, and axles are available at the meetings and Mark Kimball's home (4002 Dale Ave., Phone: 813-286-0780).



PICTURES FROM OUR AUGUST MEETING



Merci's Sign on Recycled Wood Says It All



Tom Whittington Cuts a Piece of Lumber from a Log



Members Locate Their Shops On the Big Map of Tampa

FOR SALE

Tom Whittington has two 1/4 ' Routers for sale at \$15 each (both for \$25). Also a Black and Decker Miter Saw 10" for \$40.

Richard Stewart has several new Bondhus Ball End Hex Wrench Sets for sale at \$5.00 each. These are USA made and from old dealer stock. Sizes include .050", 1/16"" 5/64", 3/32", 7/64", 1/8", 9/64", 5/32", 3/16", 7/32", 1/4", and 5/16".

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Hard copies of the Bluechipper are usually mailed by the Saturday before the meeting. If you have not received your newsletter by mail, please call Richard Stewart at (610) 202-1883. Roster corrections are also accepted by Richard.

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.

FROM THE EDITOR ~ Richard Stewart, the editor, can be reached at cell 610 202-1883, cellarius@gmail.com or snail mail at 3023 W Napoleon Ave, Tampa, Fl 33611

CLUB VIDEO LIBRARY

There are almost 200 videos to choose from. Rental is \$1.00 per month. The titles can be seen on our website.

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 Whittington (813) 406-8418

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.

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. MacDill Air Force Base (Retired or active military with ID) 8223 Hangar Loop Dr. Phone (813) 828-2093.

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Membership Application/Renewal form

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____ Phone Hm#: _____

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

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

NEW

RENEWAL

Please mail dues to Mercy Trujillo 1711 W. FERRIS DRIVE, Tampa, FL. 33603

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.

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**Next Meeting
September 17**