



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

Next Meeting
November 19

Show And Tell Your
Green Project At This
Month's Meeting

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As you are well aware the debate over health care has been in the news for months. Now I'm wondering how much is really necessary. For example, just last week I received two - not one but TWO - cardiac stress tests on the same day. And at absolutely no cost to me! Nor to my fellow tax payers for that matter. How, do you ask is this possible? (At least I assume your curious mind would ask.) It's easy if you make as many woodworking mistakes as I do. The first occurred as I started dry fitting the back of my current project. It has two rails, five stiles and four panels. I had the two sides pre-positioned on the bench and held in place with clamps. It was easier to clamp the sides in an inverted position, so I did it that way. After attaching the first rail and slipping the tenons of the center three stiles into place, I panicked! The tenons at the opposite end didn't reach the opposing rail. (Cardiac stress test #1) After measuring and consulting my drawings it dawned on me. Since I'm dry fitting it upside down, the 'bottom' rail is actually the 'top' rail. I had the rail resting upon the bench. It should have been 1 and 1/2 inches above the bench. So much for dry fitting upside down! Later the same day I routed out the slots for hinges. The right side was 3 and 1/2" up from the bottom (correct). However the left side was 3 and 1/4" up from the bottom (incorrect). (Cardiac stress test #2) Don't bother asking how I made that mistake as I have NO clue. When I make bad mistakes, I always take a break and go back into the house. The very thought of adding a 1/4" cross grain patch is horrible - you can't hide it. The solution finally came to me. Cut out the full 3 and 1/4" remaining to the bottom, and add a 3 and 1/2" patch WITH the grain. It won't show! I'm sure we all curse our mistakes, but sometimes the creative thoughts that go into repairing our mistakes tends to make us better wood workers. That being so, I should be in the genius ranks by now. Happy woodworking, Tom



MESSAGE FROM TOM WHITTINGTON ON OUR MEETING THIS MONTH

- Brady Placek from the Brandon Woodworking Club will be demonstrating furniture restoration techniques for us. Have your questions ready for him. I know all of us have attempted to repair items in the past. Here is chance to learn how!
- Bring those "Keeping it Green " projects in as well as whatever "Show & Tell" projects you have laying around. Remember that this will be the first time we draw a participant's name for a \$10.00 cash award.
- Keep that sawdust flying. Tom Whittington

TIP OF THE MONTH

Straight and Tapered Plug Cutters

Basically, there are two types of plug cutters. One cuts a plug with straight sides. And the other creates a gradual taper on the sides of the plug, see photos.

<p>Most of the time, a straight plug cutter produces a plug with a consistent diameter, so you get a pretty good fit. But if there's any runout in the drill press, the plug will vary in size. This can create a gap when you tap the plug in the hole.</p>	<p>Straight Plug Cutters</p> 
<p>A tapered plug cutter solves this problem. As its name implies, it cuts a plug with tapered sides. So even if there's a bit of runout in the drill press, the tapered sides allow the plug to wedge tightly in the hole. In addition, a tapered plug cutter creates more of a shearing cut than a straight plug cutter. Because of this, there's very little chipout on the sides of the plug, so you don't end up with a gap around the plug.</p>	<p>Tapered Plug Cutters</p> 

OUR TOY PROGRAM

This month is it for the toy program. Bring your finished axles to this month's meeting. Then on Tuesday, the 24th, let's get as many as we can by 6 PM at the Broad Street Baptist Church to put everything together. Bring hammer, glue, and any toys you have made. Toy orders will be filled and loaded for volunteers to deliver. Please call Mark Kimball, 813-286-0780 if you have any questions.

TOOLS EXPLAINED (CONTRIBUTION OF ANGEL RANON)

DRILL PRESS:

A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, denting the freshly-painted project which you had carefully set in the corner where nothing could get to it.

WIRE WHEEL:

Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, "Oh, ****!"

SKILL SAW:

A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short.

PLIERS:

Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters.

BELT SANDER:

An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.

HACKSAW:

One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle... It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

WISE-GRIPS:

Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

OXYACETYLENE TORCH:

Used almost entirely for lighting various flammable objects in your shop on fire. Also handy for igniting the grease inside the wheel hub out of which you want to remove a bearing race..

TABLE SAW:

A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.

HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK:

Used for lowering an automobile to the ground after you have installed your new brake shoes, trapping the jack handle firmly under the bumper.

BAND SAW:

A large stationary power saw primarily used by most shops to cut good aluminum sheet into smaller pieces that more easily fit into the trash can after you cut on the inside of the line instead of the outside edge.

TWO-TON ENGINE HOIST:

A tool for testing the maximum tensile strength of everything you forgot to disconnect.

PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER:

Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids or for opening old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt; but can also be used, as the name

implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads.

STRAIGHT SCREWDRIVER:

A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws and butchering your palms.

PRY BAR:

A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50 cent part.

HOSE CUTTER:

A tool used to make hoses too short.

HAMMER:

Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent the object we are trying to hit..

UTILITY KNIFE:

Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on contents such as seats, vinyl records, liquids in plastic bottles, collector magazines, refund checks, and rubber or plastic parts. Especially useful for slicing work clothes, but only while in use.

Sumb*tch TOOL:

Any handy tool that you grab and throw across the garage while yelling "Son of a *****" at the top of your lungs. It is also, most often, the next tool that you will need.

NOTE:

Pictures from the club's banquet last month are available on the web site: <http://www.tampawoodcrafters.org>

FOR SALE

- Fred Schwinn at 3809 Stanley Road, north west of Plant city is selling his entire collection of woodworking tools.

813-650-1435

1. Bandsaw, 18" deep by 11.5" capacity, 2 hp, 220v, ENCO, all cast iron.....\$700.00
2. 10" Craftsman Radial Arm saw on steel stand, 110 volt150.00
3. Sander. heavy duty 1 1/2 hp, 220 v, pedistal mounted, 6"by 48" and 12" disc plate, direct drive.....200.00
4. Drill Press, Floor model,1hp 110/220volts, with table & fence assembly.....125.00
5. Shaper, cast iron on stand, 3 hp, 220volts, with assorted cutters.....350.00
6. Jet Planner, 3hp, 220 volts, 15" by 6" capacity, heavy duty on stand.....900.00
7. Dust Collector, double bag type, 220/ 3 hp300.00
8. Cabinet Saw, Rockwell 10' 3HP,220V, Surrounded by 8' square work top, 52" unifence guide system,
bottom mounted router in one corner, extra Makita 1/2" router, & full set of 1/2" raised panel bits.....750.00

Fred would prefer to sell it all as a package deal and is accepting offers. Property also 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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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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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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