

Southwest Tool Collector's Association

SWTCA Newsletter

LABOR DAY MEETING

by
Bill McDougall

Our eighth biennial joint meeting in Albuquerque was another great event with members from 13 states attending. New Mexico supplied the most attendees followed by Colorado, Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas, in that order.

Starting with parking lot trading early Friday morning through the banquet and auction Saturday evening, everyone seemed to have a good time. Bill Dark and Larry Williams conducted a continuous demonstration of making wooden planes. Dennis Scheel showed us how wooden barrels and tubs were made, and Martha Liebert gave a very interesting talk on old photos and photographers of the west.

Bill McDougall won first place in the exhibits with a motley assortment of dental and surgical instruments. Bob Finch won second place for his display of coachmaker's tools, and Dave Miller took 3rd place for his display of Disston Saw Mfg. Co. advertising items. Connie Fessler won first place in the spouse's division with a unique display of antique fans. Each display winner was given an interesting and useful book.

Our thanks go out once again to our loyal member John Walcott who donated some great plumb bobs and awls which he made and were gratefully accepted as door prizes by several winners of the drawing.

Connie Fessler organized a free bus tour to the Atomic Museum and Old Town.

The auction, ably conducted by Emery Goad and auctioneer Leo Stambaugh, was very successful with many tools from estates and members sold. With the clubs receiving 10% of all sales, it looks as though we will be within the budget again this year.

As always the efforts of several people made this another very successful meeting. We all owe a very special thanks to those who donated their time and effort to produce our eighth joint meeting.



CONGRATULATIONS!!!To the recently elected officers of SouthWest Tool Collectors Association for the term September, 2003 thru August, 2005: Emery Goad-President, Bud Blake-Vice President, Jim Goodson-Editor, Clint Litsey-Secretary, and Jim Shipman-Treasurer. Paul Coppinger is our WebMaster, and our Directors are as follows: Tom Mitchell-Kansas and North, Bill Clark - Louisiana and East, Bill McDougall - New Mexico and West, Carl Blair - Oklahoma, Paul Coppinger-North Texas, and Charley Koll- South Texas.

TRAVELS WITH CUSHMAN

By Don Rosebrook

I had long threatened to write a book called "Travels with Cushman". It was a big joke between us and some insiders. I did travel a lot with Ron and in fact, I went to England and Scotland with him a couple of years ago and ironically enough that's where I was when I learned of his death in August. It makes me very sad.

I had known Ron for about 12 or 13 years. When he learned that I collected levels (almost no one did in those days) he made it a point to find and bring to me some very fine and rare levels. The prices must have seemed high in those days and so that interested him. That's the way he was - if he knew you collected something he would make it a point to have a fine piece for you the next time you met. Ron had been a collector and dealer for many years before I met him and he knew a lot about collections that I had never knew existed. He was also good at talking someone out of a piece so that he could resell it. But more than that he had the ability to recognize a good tool even if he knew nothing about it. His trade table always featured some of the best and rarest tools in a show.

I visited his home a few times and he came here to Prairieville a few times and we often roomed together on the road when I traveled alone. He shared a lot about his personal life that I won't repeat here but I know that his wife always accused him of having affairs on the road even when he came here. That wasn't true. He lived for tools and his children and went far out of his way for her family. That's the way he was. He was proud of the accomplishments of his children and never missed a chance to tell me about them. I had an unusual experience a few years ago at Easter when I went to dinner, with Ron, his son and one of his two daughters, at the home of his first ex-wife. It was certainly a warm and friendly time and I was impressed that Ron was on such good terms with her. That wasn't the case with his second ex-wife who had just moved out a few weeks earlier and taken the doorbell with her.

Few people knew that chubby Ron had been a marathoner in earlier days. A lot of Ron was little

boy. He was an only child and in many ways it showed. He could exhibit spontaneous generosity that startled me at times. It might not have seemed that way to most people but his feelings were easily hurt. He could pout about things that most of his friends didn't think was important. We teased him about that and many other things.

He was a superlative salesman at a show and usually was one of the very first people to turn up at the hotel where the show was to be held and one of the first in the parking lot even on dark, cold and drizzly mornings. His background prepared him well for his work as a dealer. He had been an administrator at a local university and before that he taught marketing and business classes. Prior to that he had worked in a bank. Seems like everyone knew him and even in a big parking lot where he might be wandering around buying tools, if you asked someone you could be directed to him. One of the important lessons he taught me was that even if you sold nothing at a show, it was a success if you bought some good things for resale later. This is an important point that many would be dealers miss.

A few years ago, Ron told me that he didn't have any trouble finding dates, but there wasn't any romance involved with any of the women he dated. It would just be nice, he said, to hold hands once in a while. That changed for Ron about two years ago when he met Elaine Pratt. Within a few months they were engaged, Ron was just bubbling over when you saw him, and, you always saw them together. Elaine was a very pretty and vivacious woman and just what Ron needed. Unfortunately a few months after the engagement, Ron was found to have colon cancer and their plans were put on hold.

He brought us good humor, fine tools and a great knowledge of both tools and collectors. The tool collecting community will be much poorer for the loss of Ron Cushman. He will be missed by many.

UPCOMING AUCTIONS

23rd International Antique Tool Auction
Brown Auction Services
October 25, 2003
Clarence Blanchard, 800-248-8114,
ceb@finetoolj.com

San Diego Old Tool Show & Auction
San Diego, CA,
January 15-17, 2004,
Laura Pitney, editor@tooltalk.org

Live Free or Die Antique Tool Auctions
Martin J. Donnelly
Listed Antique Tool Auction
International Catalogue Antique Tool Auction,
Indianapolis, Indiana
March 26-March 27, 2004
For Details, Call (800) 869-0695

43rd David Stanley International Auction, North
Coalville, Leicestershire, England,
March 27, 2003
David Stanley, tools@davidstanley.com

24th International Antique Tool Auction
Brown Auction Services
April 3, 2004,
Clarence Blanchard, 800-248-8114,
ceb@finetoolj.com

CRAFTS Spring Tool Auction
Flemington, NJ
April 17, 2004
Greg Welsh, 908-439-3266
glwelsh@earthlink.net

Live Free or Die Antique Tool Auctions
Martin J. Donnelly Antique
Listed Antique Tool Auction
International Catalogue Antique Tool Auction,
Nashua, New Hampshire
April 23-24, 2004
For Details, Call (800) 869-0695

Early American Industries Association Catalogue
Antique Tool Auction,
Wilmington, Delaware
May 14, 2004
For Details, Call (800) 869-0695

Live Free or Die Antique Tool Auctions
A Division of Martin J. Donnelly Antique
Antique Tool Fair
& Catalogue Antique Tool Auction
Hillsborough Center, New Hampshire
July 9-10, 2004
For Details, Call (800) 869-0695

UPCOMING SWTCA EVENTS

Oklahoma City Regional Meet

October 25, 2003

Contact Jimmy Shipman

shipman@aol.com (405) 376 - 4301

Houston Regional Meet

October 25, 2003

Contact Charley Koll

chkoll@aol.com 210-684-2767

10th Annual Super Saturday Meet

January 31, 2004

Bedford, Texas

Contact Gregor Mszar

swtca@metronet.com 817-937-5475

17th Annual Ground Hog Meet

February 14, 2004

Contact Emery Goad

kisinc@swbell.net 888-889-3340

Houston Area Regional Meet

Mid-March, 2004

Contact Charley Koll

chkoll@aol.com 210-684-2767

SWTCA Spring Meet

March 27-28, 2004

Wichita, Kansas

Contact Emery Goad

kisinc@swbell.net 888-889-3340

Same-Show-New-Name Meet

July 24th, 2004

Bedford, Texas

Contact Gregor Mszar

swtca@metronet.com 817-937-5475

OTHER MEETS

June 17-19, 2004, MWTCA National Meet,
Akron, OH, John Kesterson, 330-753-2751,

August 29, 2004, Darly's Barn MWTCA Area
F, South Whitley, IN, Jan Cover, 765-523-
3586, jacover@purdue.ed

FROM THE EDITOR

At the request of Jim Goodson, and with officer approval, I have assumed the responsibilities of Newsletter Editor. All submissions for the newsletter can be made by email to tmjtx@cox-internet.com or by mail to

Tim Johnson
3826-D Troup Hwy
Tyler, Texas 75703

You can reach me by phone at any of the following numbers:

Home (903) 509-2563
Work (903) 939-0300
Cell (903) 520-0549

I welcome your suggestions and hope to see a lot of member participation in the newsletter. Your pictures and articles about our events or tool collecting would be most appreciated.

Remember!!! If you don't report it, I won't know what is going on and you won't see it in the newsletter.

GET WELL: To Jimmy Shipman, after undergoing cancer surgery 3 weeks ago. Jimmy is at home recuperating, is still weak, but is getting his strength back. Cards and letters are very welcome and encouraged.

Jimmy is still planning on holding his local meet in Mustang, OK October 25, so plan on being there (Joan will be serving her world-famous Chicken Dumpling Soup).

THANKS!!! To Connie and Dave Fessler and Bill McDougall for a great show in Albuquerque. The members of RMTTC, SWTCA and P.A.S.T. thank you and all of your assistants for the hard work you all did to make the show a great success! Let's do it again in two years!

On the facing page you will find a blank membership application. Make some copies and have them handy. When you talk to someone about the club, give them a copy; or even better, just sign them up on the spot.

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT OUR WEBSITE ??

To see the coming events and view photos of past events, to obtain membership forms for prospective new members, and to meet your new club officers visit the club website at

www.swtca.org

Houston Regional Meet
October 25, 2003

Join Charlie Koll and all the members in the Houston Area at the Hickory Hollow Barbeque Restaurant, 101 Heights Blvd, Houston, Tx.

Come on out and enjoy the good food and great fellowship. Who knows ? You might just find that special tool you've been searching for.

Setup starts around 9:30 a.m. and there is no charge for trade tables. Need more information email Charlie at CHKOLL@aol.com.

From the *Mechanical News* - Summer, 1885

THE MUCH-ENDURING MILLWRIGHT.

Seriously, the millwright deserves more consideration than he generally gets, says a correspondent of the *Millers' Review*. He is the last mechanic who comes into the mill, and has to contend with and correct the errors of all who have been there before; and often gets blamed for the incompetence and neglect of those who come after him also, for that matter. If the mason has not made the foundations level and straight (nine inches is said to be a bricklayers' trifle), the millwright has to correct them. If the carpenter has not framed the building properly, the millwright has to suffer in the shape of extra work to make it right. If the manufacturers of machinery have neglected to send some parts of their machines, or made them so they will not work properly, or if they get broken in transit, the millwright has to supply the omission, remedy the defects, or repair the broken parts. If the machinist makes bad fits of boxes, pulleys, keys, etc., he must make them right, and very often without proper facilities for doing it. All these things occur daily, and as no one is blamed for any deficiency or imperfection of the mill but the poor millwright, he has to see to them all.

And then, as he was the last one to begin his work, he is the last one to be paid, if there is any money left, and if there is not, he has to wait, it may be for years or it may be forever. The man who sells the machines generally manages to get half his money before the bargain is made, and the balance as soon as it is closed. The lumberman and carpenter, the mason and machinist, get theirs before it runs out. And the millwright often has to wait. I have always had to wait for mine, and am waiting for some yet.

SOUTHWEST TOOL COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

The Southwest Tool Collectors Association (SWTCA) is a Not-for-Profit group of men and women with a common interest in collecting, trading and studying antique tools. Organized in 1975, we currently have over 400 members, generally concentrated in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. Many of our members are also members of other clubs, including the Early American Industries Association (EAIA), Midwest Tool Collectors (MWTCA) and the Rocky Mountain Tool Collectors (RMTC). We have members from all over the United States, and even one member from Australia.

Meetings sponsored by the Association are held twice a year, once each in the spring and fall. For two days, members get together to buy, sell, trade, and display their collections. Individual members make presentations or demonstrations of various subjects ranging from the use, restoration, or reproduction of a specific tool, to estate planning. In addition, several meetings are sponsored each year by local area members, with the support of the Association. These local meetings are becoming increasingly popular among members.

SWTCA tries to provide activities and services of interest and benefit to its' members. In addition to meetings, the club publishes a quarterly newsletter. This newsletter covers club activities and services, ads of tools wanted and for sale, and notices of upcoming meetings (including those of the other clubs previously mentioned).

The club also provides limited services to survivors of club members in the disposal of members' collections. This assistance may include non-professional advice, appraisal and referral to appropriate dealers or institutions.

Membership is U.S. \$12 per calendar year. Memberships received after Sep 15 will carry over to the next calendar year. _____12/00

Date: _____ Check one: New ____ Renewal ____ Information change ____

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Zip+4 _____

Primary Phone: (_____) _____ Secondary Phone: (_____) _____

Fax: (_____) _____ Are you a dealer? Yes ____ No ____

Collecting Interests: _____

E-Mail Address 1: _____

E-Mail Address 2: _____

E-Mail Address 3: _____

Web Site Address: _____

PLEASE PRINT THIS INFORMATION CLEAR ENOUGH SO I CAN READ IT !!!!!!!!!!!

PLEASE REMIT \$12 BY CHECK, PAYABLE TO SWTCA, AND MAIL TO:

CLINT LITSEY, SECRETARY - SWTCA, 9729 S. SPENCER, SEDGWICK, KANSAS 67135

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE: 18th CENTURY ENGLISH PLANES INCLUDING A FEW PLOW PLANES. Also several matched sets of hollows and rounds (English) contact Troy Marshall - tmarshallj@aol.com

Attention Users AND Collectors! They DO make them like they used to!! THE EXQUISIT TILL has become the only distributor of Adria Toolworks saws in the Southwest. Check them out at www.adriatools.com For a limited time I am offering a special discount to SWTCA members only. These are absolutely stunning hand crafted saws. Most people who try them say the handles are much more comfortable than the mass made and marketed Lie-Nielsen saws. 8" Dovetail..\$105 plus shipping, Small Tenon (crosscut or rip)..\$115 plus shipping, Large Tenon (crosscut or rip)..\$125 plus shipping. Shipping is typically around \$5 for the 1st saw. I don't charge any handling fees, only the cost of shipping. Because they are hand crafted by a single talented craftsman (Eddie Sirolich) at this time, these saws are in short supply and there is no guarantee that they will be available in the future. If you are a collector, now is the time to put some back as an investment. If you are a user, you know the difference an investment in quality tools can make. Ron Huebner, 214-707-8102 lonelobo@highstream.net, Fax: 817-854-0101.

FOUND: In my box upon return from Albuquerque: A round, tapered, reddish-brown wooden pin, 7/16"± x 3"± long, tapering to a point, with a small steel point inserted. At about the third point, there is a semi-circular notch about 1/4" deep. What the hell is this thing? Somebody must need this bad. Bob Finch 303-232-1932. rffinch@aol.com

DISCOUNT: Just a note to let you know that during the month of October members of our e-mail list (this means you) will receive \$10.00 off their first purchase of the month. This transaction can be completed in person, or by e-mail. Call us at 972-271-TOOL (8665) to let us know when you would like to stop by, or e-mail with your special request. Look forward to hearing from you. Best Regards, Lynn Dowd, Dowd's Vintage & Antique Tools, Sponsor of the One Old Sorehead & One Nice Guy Vintage & Antique Tool Sale.

WANTED: Cash for antique tool collections, big or small. Also cigar box openers, call or E mail LarryCreedon 817-354-4612 larryoldtools@aol.com

WANTED: Winchester items, tools, sporting goods or advertising. No firearms. Collections or pieces OK. Please advise price and condition. David McDonald, 14211 Kellywood Lane, Houston, Texas, 77079. (281) 558-5236, undermc@covad.net

WANTED: Cast Iron Levels in G++ Condition. Should be complete and intact. Also broken levels for vials, inclinometers. Please, no Stanley or Starrett. Gregor Mszar, (817) 937-5475, swtca@metronet.com

WANTED: Axe and/or Hatchet labels or markings; copies or photos; B/W or color; hard copy or downloads. I'll redraw them. Also axe manufacturer and/or wholesaler basic information. Contributor credit will be provided when project is published. TomLamond@aol.com. Tom Lamond, 30 Kelsey Pl., Lynbrook, NY 11563-1516.

WANTED: I am interested in Stanley Everlasting Chisels. I am looking for a "salesman split chisel" that was used to show the inner workings. About 2 years ago I started a "Type Study" that I would like to finish. Would like to contact anybody else who has collected info on same. The last type with "simulated rosewood" composition handle I do not have yet either. My web site hasn't changed in a long time and I have more chisels now with better markings. I have been slowly approaching a full set of #20's, #40's and #50 over the last 4 years but still lack a few. Over the holidays I started a Chisel Cabinet with hand-cut dovetails (using Disston backsaw and Everlasting Chisels) Take a look. Find Everlasting Chisels page and then go to #20 or #50 and you will see the types I have found so far. Any thoughts on finding others with interest in Everlasting Chisels would be appreciated. Gordon Muster, Oldtooluser@cswebmail.com <http://users.ev1.net/~gmuster/>

WANTED: Siegely Plow Planes #2, All Types and condition. Parts welcome. Jim Gatlin, 150 Longhorn Drive, Bastrop, TX, 78602-5053, (512) 321-2142, jimpeggat@msn.com.

WANTED: Lever caps for No 2 size metallic planes. Contact: Charley Koll, 5538 Gleason Dr, San Antonio, Tx 78240 Ph 210-684-2767, chkoll@aol.com

CLASSIFIED ADS, Continued

WANTED: Fancy old levels by Davis, etc. Also any literature, etc., on the Davis Level & Tool Co. that would help with my Davis study. Thanks, Mel Miller, 360-274-4973 or melmiller@adelphia.net

WANTED: Early patented planes - all the odd, strange looking ones. Will buy complete planes or just parts. Thanks, Mel Miller, 360-274-4973 or melmiller@adelphia.net

SEEKING INFORMATION: I am looking for information on the BENTON MFG. CO. or the BENTON COUNTY MFG. CO. They made axes and maybe other tools. They used at least three different triangular shaped logos on axes with the brand name OUR OWN, along with either of the two company names mentioned. Where were they? Possibly Arkansas or Ohio, maybe Pennsylvania. When did they operate? Contributor credit will be provided when project is published. Tom Lamond, 30 Kelsey Pl., Lynbrook, NY 11563-1516, or TomLamond@aol.com

WANTED: Hard to find No 2 size metallic planes, ie, Foss Patent, Hahn, Munks Patent, Orr & Lockett, Standard Rule, etc. Charley Koll, 5538 Gleason Dr, San Antonio, Tx 78240 Ph 210-684-2767, chkoll@aol.com

WANTED: Old and unusual saw sets or saw related items. Prefer "as is" versus "cleaned". Ron White , vwhite1557@earthlink.net

WANTED: 6 inch cast iron Davis and Cook " L " shaped corner level. No cast breakage. Keith at 2lman@cableone.net

WANTED: Antique Pencil Sharpeners, prefer cast iron, pre-1900. Gregor Mszar, (817) 937-5475, swtca@metronet.com

WANTED: Patented Plow Planes, any and all condition. No Stanley please, except for Miller Patent. Gregor Mszar, (817) 937-5475, swtca@metronet.com

WANTED: Antique dental and medical instrument. Prompt payment in American dollars. Bill McDougall, 4020 Grande Dr. NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87107-2724. (505) 344-9272, jandbmcd@aol.com

WANTED: 4" Crescent-Style Wrenches: I pay \$70 for J.C. Penny, \$200 for Keen Kutter-Simmons. Emery Goad, (888) 889-3340, kisinc@swbell.net

WANTED: Seeking material for book. All items marked "The Winchester Store" and all pre-1943 advertising, sports, & paper items. Also ARMAX, BARNEY & BERRY, CRUSADER, and HENDRYX items. Tim Melcher,(918)786-8500. melcher@greencis.net www.thewinchesterstore.com

WANTED: Stanley #2 type 18 (I'm betting that no one has seen one, but I keep looking). Filletster bed for Miller's Patent #41, type 4 (japanned) or type 9 (nickel plated). Buy or trade. John Steele 6615 W 147 Terrace, Overland Park, KS 66223 913-897-9064, jsteele490@aol.com

FOR SALE: 9" Wood chisel with fluted handle, marked CRESCENT TOOL CO JAMESTOWN NY No. 175 - 1 1/4 USA \$30.00 pp. 10" TRUSTWORTHY PLANE \$30.00 pp. Wrenches: CHATTANOOGA #4 \$200.00 pp; CHATTANOOGA #3 \$30.00 pp; DREIS & KRUMP 12" IMP.\$32.00 pp; SYRACUSE Z2 excellent repair \$35.00 pp. Can trade for 4" crescent type wrenches with rare names. I buy 4" crescent wrenches. Roy Huntley (870) 365-0053.

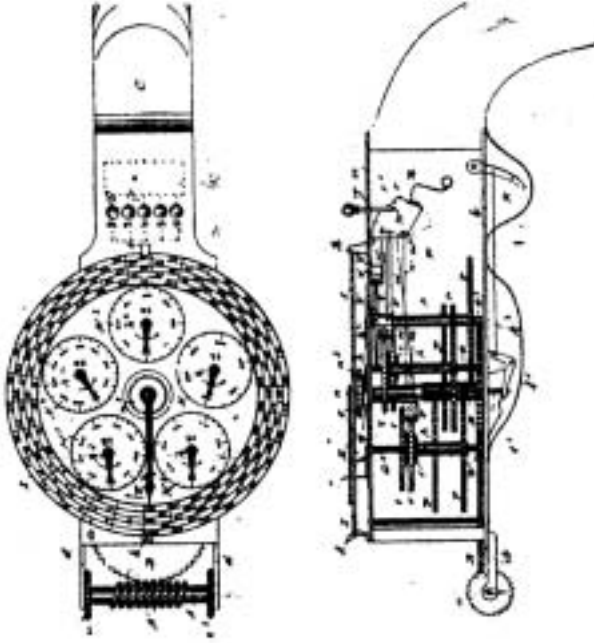
WANTED: A Type 20 Stanley No 2 plane. This is an 8" No 2 plane with blue japanning. Plane has a larger brass adjustment wheel and a Kidney shaped hole in the lever cap. Contact Charley Koll, 5538 Gleason Dr, San Antonio, Texas, 78240, (210) 684 2767, chkoll@aol.com

FREE: ADS for the SWTCA E-M@RT monthly classified newsletter. All SWTCA members in good standing (or members of all recognized clubs), can place up to 3 (three) - 25 word ads each month. All ads should be received by the 1st day of the month for publication that month. EM@RT will be published during the first week of each month at a random time and date (whenever Gregor can get to it). Send all ads to swtca@metronet.com.

TIME TO SPRUCE UP YOUR AD??? Let me know!
(Gregor Mszar at swtca@metronet.com or 817-937-5475)

RECENT PATENTS.

THE illustrations in this department are prepared expressly for the columns of THE MECHANICAL NEWS from the official records of the United States Patent Office.



LUMBER-MEASURING INSTRUMENT.

With the barrel *A*, having measuring-wheels a^1 and worm *A'*, are combined the gear *B*, pinion *D*, and a series of wheels *P*, loosely mounted upon upright arbors *G*. Mechanism is provided for locking each wheel to its arbor, and for locking the arbor when the wheel is released. *At* are ratchet-wheels and *at* *v* pawls which can be thrown separately into and out of action. The sleeve *m* forms part of the driving-pinion *D*. The loose spindle has an index-hand *E* with pin *e* and coil-spring *g*, means for throwing up the spindle and a spring for returning it into position to couple the hand to the sleeve. Other parts shown are the series of plates *W*, connecting-wires *w*, spring-plate *R* and push-rods *T*. Edward Y. Knapp, Arcata, Cal., is the patentee.