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## WHOLESALE HARDWARE BRANDS OF THE SOUTHWEST

(Part 2. ARIZONA, COLORADO, LOUISIANA, NEVADA, NEW MEXICO, UTAH)

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These graphics represent some markings that were used by Southwestern wholesale hardware concerns .

When I originally decided to do a couple of articles specifically targeted to cover hardware wholesalers in the states considered to be within the domain of the Southwest Tool Collectors Association, I settled on nine states; Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and Utah. I also indicated that I had considered adding California, primarily because of geography. The first nine states listed account for the theoretical territory effected by the majority of the Southwest Tool Collectors Association members, so for now those are the included states.

One of the guiding criteria for listing what companies were to be included in my project is that the company was to have been a distributor or supplier of tools. That eliminated those companies that were primarily distributors of plumbing goods, electrical goods, automotive goods and/or any other speciality hardware concern that did not place a special significance on tools.

The list is far from complete. Additional information whether to add, modify or delete a company or any data related to the company will be very much appreciated.

Another criteria that was used applied to

companies that were called "manufacturing and or supply companies." Many were actually another form of distributor that supplied the retailer. Some were called jobbers and some were even combination wholesalers and retailers.

I haven't split hairs determining who is included and who is excluded. My primary intent is to identify those companies that have been the major players and what brands, if any, did they use.

Out of the 163 companies I had originally identified as eligible, 83 were located in Texas. As I covered Texas by itself, there remain 80 more concerns on my current list of Southwest concerns. That can change as information is updated.

Within the remaining eight states, the majority of wholesalers did not use proprietary brands. Nonetheless, I have divided the remaining states into two groups with this segment concentrating on those firms located in Arizona, Colorado, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah. The total number of wholesalers identified within these states is 54 with 20 of them associated with having used proprietary or house brands.

A review of the number of establishments

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## UPCOMING SWTCA EVENTS

July 24  
8th Annual Hotter "N" Hell Meet  
Bedford Texas

September 3-4  
SWTCA Fall Meet  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

October 23  
SWTCA Area Meet  
Houston, Texas

October 30  
SWTCA Area Meet  
Mustang, Oklahoma

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and their locations clearly indicates that there were areas of the southwest where wholesale hardware concerns were very few and/or far between. Obviously the territories serviced by each company varied. Some were localized, others were far reaching. Some companies observed what are now state boundaries but that may have been entirely their decision. Probably all overlapped into the territories serviced by other wholesalers. Competition was obviously a driving force.

Some sold only manufacturer brands while others sold manufacturers brands and their own proprietary or house brands. Some proprietary or house brands were supplemented with trademarks or logos, others were only a name. Comparatively, a large number of companies that did use house brands restricted using those brands to certain items, sometimes only one or maybe two. The most common items appear to have been axes and in some cases hand saws.

A listing of those located within the five states noted that used a proprietary brand or trademark is included with this article.

Eight concerns were identified in **Arizona**, none of which is known to have used a proprietary brand or associated trademark. Six of the concerns were located in Phoenix while the other 2 were in Tucson.

**Colorado** concerns identified total 14 with 5 known to have used a proprietary brand or associated trademark. Nine of the 14 were located in Denver.

During the years involved in the study, **Louisiana** could boast of at least 20 hardware wholesalers that handled tools with 10 of those using their own proprietary brand or brands.

Next on the list comes **New Mexico** with 5 wholesalers, all of which were located in Albuquerque. Two of those companies are known to have used their own brands. Actually one of the companies was an independent affiliate of a company with a similar name that was located in Texas. Both companies used the same two proprietary brands which tends to suggest they were actually the same company but incorporated in two different states.

**Nevada** had two wholesalers but neither is identified with a private brand or related trademark.

**Utah** ends the list for this segment of wholesale hardware companies located in the southwestern states included this time. Five of

the six wholesalers identified were located in Salt Lake City with 3 of them associated with house brands.

A few observations that may be found interesting include the fact that a significantly high proportion of the companies that used proprietary or private brands were established prior to 1925, of those, most date back to the last quarter of the 1800s. That is not to say that they started to use proprietary brands from the time of their establishment. Many wholesalers attributed their establishments to the late 1860s; right after the Civil War. Some were established even earlier.

More than likely the trend really caught on in the 1880s and 1890s. The addition of new wholesale hardware proprietary brands seems to have diminished after 1925 or so. Quite possibly that was one of the impacts of the declining economy. By 1930 many wholesale hardware companies had actually closed their doors, sold to larger companies or merged with other companies.

The great depression and then WW II dealt additional devastating blows to the once burgeoning wholesale hardware trade. After WW II numerous buying cooperatives emerged including those that impacted upon the hardware sales areas. With all these changes not only did the number of wholesale hardware concerns diminish but so to did the manufacturers of the wide variety of hardware items that bore the brand names representative of hardware wholesalers.



Markings used on stationery in advertising and on tools.

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## WHOLESALE HARDWARE BRANDS OF THE SOUTHWEST

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### WHOLESALE HARDWARE CONCERNS in ARIZONA, COLORADO, LOUISIANA, NEVADA, NEW MEXICO & UTAH

COMPANY CITY ST. DATES(known) BRANDS or LOGOS (Known)

#### Arizona

Of the 7 wholesale hardware companies identified, none are known to have used proprietary brand names.

|                         |         |    |            |  |
|-------------------------|---------|----|------------|--|
| Arizona Hdw. Co.        | Phoenix | AZ | 1936-1975+ |  |
| Mallico Distributors    | Phoenix | AZ | 1974+-     |  |
| Nusbaum Hdw. Co.        | Phoenix | AZ | 1937-1956+ |  |
| Phoenix Hdw. Co.        | Phoenix | AZ | 1974+-     |  |
| Steinfeld & Co., Albert | Tucson  | AZ | 1854-1919+ |  |
| Western Hdw.            | Phoenix | AZ | 1955-1961- |  |
| Zeckendorf & Co., L.    | Tucson  | AZ | 1854-1898+ |  |

#### Colorado

Of the 14 wholesale hardware companies identified, 5 are known to have used proprietary brand names.

|                                 |            |    |             |                                |
|---------------------------------|------------|----|-------------|--------------------------------|
| Banner Hdw. Distributing Co.    | Denver     | CO | 1902-1974+  |                                |
| Baxter Hdw. & Trading Co.       | Walsenburg | CO | 1933+-      |                                |
| Branson & Griswold Hdw. Co.     | Trinidad   | CO | 1907-1921   | Co. name inside wrench         |
| Ellis, Son & Stanchfield        | Denver     | CO | 1889-1898+  |                                |
| Foss, M. L. Inc.                | Denver     | CO | 1899-1939+  |                                |
| Hendrie & Bolthoff Mfg.&Sup.Co. | Denver     | CO | 1861-1941+  | H & B                          |
| Holmes Hdw. Co.                 | Pueblo     | CO | 1889-1974+  | Tru-Tint, Holmes Special       |
| Moore Hdw. & iron Co.           | Denver     | CO | 1871-1938+- | Wedgeway                       |
| Moore's Sons, J.M.              | Denver     | CO | 1871-1899+  | Preceded Moore Hdw. & Iron Co. |
| Morley Mercantile Co.           | Denver     | CO | 1935+-      | Questionable: could be Morley  |
| Selma Hdw. Co.                  | Selma      | CO | 1934+-      |                                |
| Tritch Hdw. Co., George         | Denver     | CO | 1860-1929   | Tried and True                 |
| Webb, Henry N.                  | Leadville  | CO | ?           |                                |
| Western Hdw. Co.                | Leadville  | CO | 1928-1937+- | (Same as Phoenix, AZ?)         |

#### Louisanna

Of the 20 wholesale hardware companies identified, 10 are known to have used proprietary brand names.

|                              |              |    |             |  |
|------------------------------|--------------|----|-------------|--|
| Baldwin, A. & Co.            | New Orleans  | LA | 1822-1998+  | Cut Keen, Southern Belle, ABCO, Quick Action |
| Brown-Roberts Supply Co.     | Alexandria   | LA | 1930-1974+- |  |
| Bucklew, Curry & Co.         | Shreveport   | LA | 1869-1985+  | Phoenix, Phoenix Axe                         |
| Doherty Hdw. Co.             | Barton Rouge | LA | 1898-1943+- | Capitol Zadok                                |
| Fuqua Hdw.                   | Baton Rouge  | LA | ?           |  |
| Gibbons & Gordon             | New Orleans  | LA | 1930+-      |  |
| Lee Hdw. Co.                 | Shreveport   | LA | 1919-1974+- | Caddo  |
| Madisco Hdw. Co.             | Shreveport   | LA | ?           |  |
| Monroe Hdw. Co.              | Monroe       | LA | 1947-1974+  | Feather Edge                                 |
| Murray-Brooks Hdw. Co., Ltd. | Lake Charies | LA | 1936-1975+- | M B  |
| Ogilvie Hdw. Co., Thomas     | Shreveport   | LA | 1935-1999   | TOHCO  |
| Perrin Bros.                 | Lafayette    | LA | 1889+-      |  |
| Rice & Son, Henry            | New Orleans  | LA | 1900?       | Our Maine                                    |
| Rice, Born & Co.             | New Orleans, | LA | 1848-1907   |  |
| Southern Hdw. Co., Ltd., The | Monroe       | LA | 1974+-      |  |
| Standard Supply              | New Orleans  | LA | 1950+-      |  |
| Stauffer, Eshlemann & Co.    | New Orleans  | LA | 1828-1974   | Sayville, SECO Magnolia                      |
| Stratton-Baldwin Co.         | New Orleans  | LA | 1822-1985   | I Cut Keen, Cut Keen                         |

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|                             |             |    |            |  |
|-----------------------------|-------------|----|------------|--|
| Vordenbaumen & Eastman      | Shreveport  | LA | 1896-1898+ |  |
| Woodward-Wright & Co., Ltd. | New Orleans | LA | 1947-1974+ |  |

### New Mexico

Of the 5 wholesale hardware companies identified, 2 are known to have used proprietary brand names.

|                             |             |    |             |                      |
|-----------------------------|-------------|----|-------------|----------------------|
| Ilfeld Co., Charles         | Albuquerque | NM | 1866-1956+- | CICO                 |
| Korber & Co., J.            | Albuquerque | NM | 1882-1956+  |                      |
| Post Co., E. J.             | Albuquerque | NM | 1879-1989+  |                      |
| Whitney Co.                 | Albuquerque | NM | 1898-1902+- |                      |
| Zork Hdw. Co. of New Mexico | Albuquerque | NM | 1946-1975   | Krack-A-Jack K Z & M |

(Affiliated with Zork of El Paso, Texas.)

### Nevada

Of the 2 wholesale hardware companies identified, none are known to have used proprietary brand names.

|                    |             |    |        |  |
|--------------------|-------------|----|--------|--|
| Bradley Co., J. R. | Reno        | NV | 1974+- |  |
| Kelly, Mott & Co.  | Carson City | NV | 1863   |  |

### Utah

Of the 6 wholesale hardware companies identified, 3 are known to have used proprietary brand names.

|   |                |    |             |  |
|---|----------------|----|-------------|--|
| Industrial Supply Co.   | Salt Lake City | UT | 1903+-      | D-Pend-on  |
| Lowe, Geo. A. Co.   | Ogden          | UT | 1907-10+-   |  |
| Salt Lake Hdw. Co., The   | Salt Lake City | UT | 1889-1986   | Trustworthy, Favorite,<br>Schweikhart's Favorite |
| Strevell-Paterson Hdw. Co.  | Salt Lake City | UT | 1870-1974+- | Anchor, Challenger,<br>Very Best, Good Luck      |
| ZCMI Wholesale Distributors<br>(Zion Cooperative Merchantile Institution) | Salt Lake City | UT | 1886-1956+  |  |
| Zion Co-op. Merc. Co.   | Salt Lake City | UT | 1868-1956+  |  |

### COMPANIES WITH UNKNOWN LOCATIONS...

|                 |      |  |      |  |
|-----------------|------|--|------|--|
| Gopher Hdw. Co. | ???? |  | 1916 |  |
|-----------------|------|--|------|--|

Obviously it would take more space to include references to each hardware company identified in the areas that was located in the five states included herein. All the known companies and markings will be listed when the final work gets published.

This information is being sought for a book on Brands, Logos, Markings & Stationery used by American Wholesale Hardware Concerns. Any assistance will be acknowledged in the "credits portion" of the book. Any specific references or indications that the brands were used on axes is also being sought for a parallel project.

Dozens of individuals interested in the history of tools and hardware have contributed bits and pieces to the overall project and I sincerely thank them all for doing so. Space limits the inclusion of each name and location herein but those people that have taken the time and made the effort will be included in the credits section upon final publication.

The illustrations have all been drawn by the author. They are based on the actual markings used by the various companies, unless otherwise noted.

This material is intended as a reference. The information used to compile this list is incomplete. An entirely accurate and complete listing would be impossible to produce but what I already have can be expanded upon.

*I certainly would appreciate any graphics, rubbings or photos of marks or labels.*

**Additional graphics, information and corrections are always welcome.**

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# Want Ads

**WANTED:** - Habitat for Humanity of Taos, New Mexico uses draw knives to peel logs for roof beams (vigas) for affordable adobe houses they build. Donations of usable draw knives would be appreciated or I will buy user knives at a reasonable price. Also seeking information on repairing handles. Individuals or groups are welcome to volunteer to help build these houses. For volunteer opportunities contact the Taos Habitat office at 505 758-7827. For draw knife information contact Mike at 303 321-0578 or mike-joanie@msn.com.

**SEEKING INFORMATION:** IMPERIAL AXE, HARSDOG CO., Pittsburgh, PA & Otumwa, IA: They made a number of forged products including axes. I am trying to determine what the center portion of IMPERIAL axe embossings looked like. (photo, rubbing, scan) I would also like to determine if they also used the brand PREMIER on axes. Contributor credit will be provided when project is published. Tom Lamond, 30 Kelsey Pl., Lynbrook, NY 11563-1516, or TomLamond@aol.com

**WANTED:** It's not too late ... 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. Tom Lamond, 30 Kelsey Pl., Lynbrook, NY 11563-1516, or TomLamond@aol.com

**FOR TRADE OR SALE:** Good cutout DUANE H. NASH cast iron seat: \$150.00 or trade for wrench/wrenches. Some of you Texans should be able to get me wrenches marked DALTEX, BROWN, KELLY, or other Texas wrenches. I would also really like to have a TRIMO wrench, SCHULZ book #637 complete

with tip cleaner blade. Thanks. Roy Huntley (870) 365-0053.

**FREE:** ADS for the SWTCA E-M@RT monthly classified newsletter. All TOOL COLLECTORS can place a reasonable number of 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 gregormszar@comcast.net.

**WHY HAVEN'T YOU USED YOUR ADS FOR THIS ISSUE?? IF NOT, TOO BAD%^+@#\$\$ YOUR COMPETITOR DID!!**

**WANTED:** Throat adjustment piece for an Iver Johnson No. 1255 Iron Smooth Plane. This is the one pictured on Page 160, P-TAMPIA, Plate #192a,b. I want the throat adjuster, or will buy a broken plane for parts, as long as the adjuster is there! Please mail me at: Peter McKenny, 8 Oakwood Avenue, Woodlands Park, North Gosforth, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, England, NE13 6QE or ring 011-44-1191-236-6173 or, if easier, contact Gregor Mszar at 817-937-5475 and he will contact me. Cheers! Peter.

**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

**TOOL CATALOG #49 AVAILABLE:** Two Chisels is now offering Catalog #49 - April 2004. Subscription rate is \$20 for 4 issues (however long four issues takes). We publish when we get around to it, or when the shed gets full, whichever comes first. There is not much basis for you to guess when the next issue will be out. **WE SELL TOOLS, NOT CATALOGS!!** Two Chisels, 1864 Glen Moor Drive,

Lakewood, Colorado. 303-232-1932.

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

**WANTED:** A Type 20 Stanley No 2 plane. This is an 8" No 2 plane with blue japaning. 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

**INFORMATION:** I have started an independent tool newsletter—TOOLSWAP/USA that comes out 4 times per year. There is a web site and it links to all the other old tool sites/events across the country www.toolswapusa.com. I have lots of ideas for articles that will be interesting to anyone who loves old tools and the stories behind them. To subscribe to the newsletter, send \$10 to Laura Pitney / 2535 Grambling Way / Riverside, CA 92507. If you want to be on a SoCal Old Tool Swap Meet Email Reminder List, send your name and email to laura@toolswapusa.com. The Anderson Plywood Old Tool Swap Meet is near the LA Airport and there are hotels next to the swap meet for anyone who has business in California. Hope to see you at one of our events. Laura Pitney

**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

**WANTED:** Private car/tool collector is looking for automotive script tools (non-Ford). Contact Roy Judd 2416 Hermosa Ave. Hermosa Beach, Ca 90254. royajudd@aol.com

**WANTED:** Wood planes marked: H.G. Stillely maker. Planes are usually rosewood with Oakland or S.F. also stamped under the makers name. Tim Daniels, contact at tdaniels@danielsandhouse.com

**FOR SALE:** Hundreds of top quality unusual hand tools, patented levels, patented planes, treadle equipment, braces, machinist tools, marking gauges, etc. Stanley, Sargent, Ohio, Union, and many more obscure makers. Not many hammers or wrenches. Almost everything is in excellent condition and will be upgrades for many. No junk. No fire sale prices either, please expect reasonable close to market prices. Example - Sargent Shaw's patent #14 (Stanley 5 size) in Fine condition for \$140 (book says \$100-\$200). Contact me with your want list. Steve Johnson 425-868-1532 or email (preferred) at tooltimer@msn.com.

**WANTED:** Member written articles or tool tips, with or without illustrations, for all issues of the SWTCA Newsletter. Come on guys!!! Put some of those stories, tips, and advice in writing and email them to tmjtx@cox-internet.com.

**WANTED:** Cash for antique tool collections, big or small. Also cigar box openers, call or E mail Larry Creedon 817-354-4612

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# Want Ads

**INFORMATION:** Sign of the Joiner, a quarterly journal on wooden planes, has started the 5th year of publication. The journal contains articles covering wooden planes and plane-makers as well as unpublished marks and new information. New information is solicited from all those interested in wooden planes by American, English and Canadian makers. Subscriptions are \$16 per year. Please contact Pat Lasswell, 6211 Elmgrove Rd, Spring, Texas, 77389, 281-251-3121, or by email at [pmlasswell@ev1.net](mailto:pmlasswell@ev1.net).

**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@ev1.net](mailto:undermc@ev1.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, [gregormszar@comcast.net](mailto:gregormszar@comcast.net)

**FOR SALE:** 2 Ft - 4 Fold English Architects Rule-Ivory. Late 1800's-great condition. \$375. Stanley #45/#55 Cutters - Most numbers available; email request for availability. \$4 each or 6 for \$20, plus shipping. Stanley #55 "SPECIAL" Cutters #2, 29, 42, 46, 52, 56, 61, 63, 65, 66, 72, 74, 76, 81, 83, 91, 92, 94, 96, 101, 103, 105, 111, 112, 114, 116; \$15 each, plus shipping. Gregor Mszar, 817.937.5475, [gregormszar@comcast.net](mailto:gregormszar@comcast.net).

**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](mailto: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](mailto:melmiller@adelphia.net)

**NEW BOOK FOR SALE:** I don't know if you were aware of it, but for the last two years I have been working on a new book entitled A Source Book for Rule Collectors. Well I was/am, and it (actually two books) is now almost complete (at long last). I turned the larger part, the Source Book, over to The Astragal Press in August, and am just now finishing up the accompanying volume A Rule Concordance and Value Guide. They should be available some time this winter. This is what these two books consist of; The Source Book is 8-1/2" x 11", 300+ pages, paperbound (to keep the cost down) and has the following chapters: A reprint of Ken Roberts 1983 Introduction to Rule Collecting; Seven reprints of 19th century rule manufacturers price lists; Reprints of more than 20 articles of special interest to rule collectors; Reprints of the first three issues of the short-lived rule collectors journal MENSURATION which was published in the late 80s; A chapter on materials, construction, and the rulemaking process; A chapter on graduations and markings; A large chapter on special rule types and applications; A chapter on European measures before the metric system; A chapter on rule accessories; and, A bibliography of all known books, catalogues, articles, &c. dealing with rules and linear measures: The Value Guide is 6" x 9", 64 pages, paperbound. It is an extension of the my Concordance, which Ken Roberts & I published 5 years ago, consisting of a number of tables in which the columns represent different makers and periods of manufacture, and the rows

different types of rules and rule materials and construction. If a given maker has made a rule of a given type/construction, then the box in this column & row which represents this combination will have that maker's number for that rule and a two-amount value range (GOOD to NEW) for it. Thus it is both a concordance and a price guide for the nine most important American rulemakers. The purpose of these two books, which will be sold as a pair, is to gather together in one place as much as possible of the information of value and/or interest to rule collectors. The price for the two books will be \$45.00, give or take a dollar or two. If any SWTCA member would like to preorder this pair of books, I am now accepting advance orders. To place an order all you have to do is let me know via email (include your mailing address) at [philstan@rcn.com](mailto:philstan@rcn.com). When they are printed I will ship you a copy of both with an invoice for the list price of the pair (as I said, probably \$45.00) plus \$5.00 for shipping. Hoping to hear from you soon, Phil Stanley

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

**FOR SALE: HOLLOW AND ROUNDS AND BEAD SETS.** Set A - condition good. Mathieson 2 to 18 set of 18 planes. No #4 Mathiesons but has two #4 Mosley hollows instead (easy to make a round out of one of these) and is missing a #12 round (has a #11 hollow in place of it). you can look for the missing Mathieson planes which should be fairly easy to find to make it perfect. List price for this set is \$300 and will sell for \$250. Set B - condition good. Mathieson-2 to 18 set of 18 planes Has a #2

Mosley hollow instead of Mathieson. No #10 round and has a #10 Mosley hollow to replace it. List price is \$300 and will sell for \$250. Set C - condition very good to fine. Nelson - Edgeware Road - 1 to 17 odd set of 18 planes. This set is perfect and a rare odd number set. List price is \$700 and will sell for \$600. Set D - Condition very good. Nurse - 7 Mill Street - 2 to 18 set of 18 planes plus 5 matching beads and 1 bench plane. Total of 24 matching planes for the same tool box! List price \$895 and will sell for \$700. Set E - Condition good. Wilcox - Manchester - 2 to 18 set of 18 planes has several replacement planes that include #2 Lunt, #4 Varrville hollow, #10 & #12 Davis hollows, #14 Varville round. List price \$ 275 will sell for \$200. I have the matching set of Wilcox beads - 8 planes that I will sell for \$200, list is \$240. Contact Troy Marshall - [tmarshallj@aol.com](mailto:tmarshallj@aol.com)

**WANTED:** Breast drills, hand drills, push drills, bow drills, pump drills and Archimedean drills. Seeking the more obscure made in U.S.A. models for a research project. Even if you are not interested in selling, I'd like to hear about different drills in your collection. If possible send details & digital photos to Mike Urness at [PLNCRZY@aol.com](mailto:PLNCRZY@aol.com) or by snail mail to PO Box 6022, Chesterfield, MO 63006-6022.

**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](mailto:chkoll@aol.com)

**WANTED:** Old and unusual saw sets or saw related items. Prefer "as is" versus "cleaned". Ron White , [vwwhite1557@earthlink.net](mailto:vwwhite1557@earthlink.net)

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# Want Ads

# Letter to the Editor

**HELP:** I need your help in finding someone that can sell me a couple new Starrett tools at discounted prices. There are two pieces I want but they are quite pricey. Can anyone get me in touch with someone who can help? Thanks in advance. Gregor Mszar 817.937.5475 or gregormszar@comcast.net.

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

**DON'T FORGET:** When you change your email address, please make sure I get your new address. Just send it to me with the Subject: New

Email Address, and I'll use the return address. Thanks. Gregor. gregormszar@comcast.net

**FREE:** ADS for the SWTCA E-M@RT monthly classified newsletter. All TOOL COLLECTORS can place a reasonable number of 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). **TIME TO SPRUCE UP YOUR AD???** Let me know! (Gregor Mszar at gregormszar@comcast.net or 817-937-5475)

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

**WANTED:** Antique Pencil

Dear Editor,

*I was struck funny by the comment in the April issue of the SWTCA newsletter concerning no meeting reports for the 2 early year meets. What struck me funny was: Why can't we get someone to spend 15-20 minutes to write a meeting report? At the Super Saturday meet, we had 80 attendees, and with 170 folks at Emery's Groundhog Meet, that's a total of 236 candidates (250 attendees minus the 2 hosts minus the 12 or so guys who always help with the meets) who could potentially write an unbiased meeting report. Do we*

*automatically assume that the host will write it?? What?? Our members spend a heck of a lot of time searching flea markets and trade days, cleaning and cataloging tools, building sales displays, and marketing tools for sale. I know that there is no monetary gain to writing a meeting report, but why can't we add a very small amount of time to all these other tasks to benefit the club and your fellow members????*

Gregor Mszar

Bedford, TX

*P.S. You will find a meeting report for the 2004 Super Saturday Meet elsewhere in this newsletter.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**JUL 9-10** LIVE FREE OR DIE TOOL AUCTION, HILLSBOROUGH CENTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARTIN DONNELLY , 800-869-0695 [www.mjdtools.com](http://www.mjdtools.com)

**JUL 24** 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HOTTER'N'HELL MEET, SWTCA/MWTCA AREA-I, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL, BEDFORD, TEXAS GREGOR MSZAR , 817-937-5475 [gregormszar@comcast.net](mailto:gregormszar@comcast.net)

**JULY 30** TOOL SHOP INTERNATIONAL AUCTION NEEDHAM MARKET, SUFFOLK, UK TONY MURLAND , 011-44-1449 722992 [www.antiquetools.co.uk](http://www.antiquetools.co.uk)

**AUG 13-15** PNTC "BEST OF THE WEST" SHOW, BEST WESTERN FIFE HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER, FIFE, WASHINGTON STEVE DICE, 253-838-1148, [sdtools@msn.com](mailto:sdtools@msn.com)

**AUG 28** SINDELAR FINE WOODWORKING-TOOL MUSEUM MEET, EDWARDSBURG, MICHIGAN JOHN SINDELAR, 269-663-8841 [msca-rol421@aol.com](mailto:msca-rol421@aol.com)

**AUG 29** 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSERYU MEET--DARLEYS BARN - MWTCA AREA F ANNUAL TOOL MEET, SOUTH WHITNEY, INDIANA. MORE INFO AT <http://web.ics.purdue.edu/~cberger/areaf>. Jan Cover at [jacover@purdue.edu](mailto:jacover@purdue.edu) or 765-494-4288 days or 765-523-3586 evenings

**SEP 3-4** SWTCA FALL MEET OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA CRAIG GUY , 405-373-3222 [ol2lguy@aol.com](mailto:ol2lguy@aol.com)

**SEP 17-18** LIVE FREE OR DIE TOOL AUCTION, HOLIDAY INN EVERETT TURNPIKE, NASHUA, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARTIN DONNELLY , 800-869-0695 [www.mjdtools.com](http://www.mjdtools.com)

**SEP 25** 44<sup>th</sup> DAVID STANLEY INTERNATIONAL AUCTION , CHARNWOOD ARMS HOTEL, N. COALVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE, ENGLAND DAVID STANLEY , 011-44-1530-222320 [www.davidstanley.com](http://www.davidstanley.com)

**SEP 30 - OCT 2** MWTCA FALL NATIONAL MEETING, AIRPORT MARRIOTT HOTEL, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI MIKE URNESS , 314-434-4325 [plncrzy@aol.com](mailto:plncrzy@aol.com)

**OCT 8-9** LIVE FREE OR DIE TOOL AUCTION, SHERATON FOUR POINTS HOTEL, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA MARTIN DONNELLY , 800-869-0695 [www.mjdtools.com](http://www.mjdtools.com)

**OCT 22-23** 25<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL SHOW/AUCTION - BROWN AUCTION SERVICES, SHERATON INN, HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA CLARENCE BLANCHARD, 800-248-8114 [ceb@finetoolj.com](http://ceb@finetoolj.com)

**OCT 23** SWTCA HOUSTON AREA MEET HICKORY HOLLOW BARBEQUE RESTAURANT, HOUSTON, TEXAS CHARLEY KOLL , 210-684-2767 [chkoll@aol.com](mailto:chkoll@aol.com)

**OCT 30** SWTCA OKLAHOMA CITY AREA MEET HOME OF JIMMY SHIPMAN, MUSTANG, OKLAHOMA JIMMY SHIPMAN , 405-376-4301 [jshipmanx2@wmconnect.com](mailto:jshipmanx2@wmconnect.com)

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\*(as advertised last year)

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Freeway, Bedford, Texas 76022 , - call 817-267-5200. Other  
hotels/motels available; call me for more details.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION,**

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## Brown Auction #24 WOWS Collectors

By Gregor Mszar, Bedford, Texas

Recently I attended the 24<sup>th</sup> International Tool Auction in early April in Harrisburg, PA. For those of you who are unfamiliar with this auction, it is by far (in my humble opinion), the premier tool auction in the country. Along with David Stanley's auction in England, these two are the top tool auctions in the world. This auction was sponsored by Brown Auction Services, headed up by Clarence Blanchard of Pownal, Maine. In addition, Mickey Holmes was the auction manager.

As this auction has the best, often times the most unique tools that come up for sale, I always buy the catalogue, whether I'm going to the auction or not. As an added bonus, it makes a great reference. The color pictures are of high quality, the descriptions are concise, and as Clarence says "No Fuzzy Numbers".

However, with this particular auction, I had a special reason for going. Some of you folks know that I collect old pencil sharpeners and/or have seen my ads for Antique Pencil Sharpeners. Well, at this auction, a large consignment of pencil pont sharpeners were going to be auctioned, compliments of fellow SWTCA member John Ballintine. I had seen John's pencil sharpeners many times while visiting his home, and I had my eye on a couple of the sharpeners that were to be sold.

The first sharpener to come up was a black japanned, rotary disk GEM Pencil Sharpener. It has a sandpaper covered disk that the pencil scrapes against. The handle that turns the disk also turns the pencil. I bid up to \$675, but quit as it hit my max bid and I had another 4 sharpeners to bid on. The next sharpener auctioned was also a rotary disk style manufactured by Chelsea Mfg. Co., but was painted green and had the original, if tattered, box. I wasn't inter-

ested in this one, but I noticed that there were 3 bidders on cell phones. As the opening bid was made, I fell out of my seat. The opening bid was \$10,000.00. That's TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS!! As the bidding went up in increments of \$500, the room woke up and was sparked with excitement. "When the phones stopped smoking", as stated by Clarence Blanchard in his newsletter, the final bid was \$17,050.00 WOW! A new world's record was set for a pencil sharpener. Well, when the rest of the sharpeners came up, the fire that was set on the Chelsea continued, and the rest of the sharpeners went higher than I had planned to go. After the last pencil sharpener was sold, almost every dealer in the room decided that pencil sharpeners were to be added to their portfolio of products.

As it turns out, I came home empty handed, except for another degree from the School of Hard Knocks. It was a great auction: not just for the sharpeners, but also for all the items that were in the sale. In addition to the Chelsea, a new world record was also set for a center-wheel plow plane. A Sandusky Center-Wheel Plow Plane with six ivory tips in rosewood went for \$22,000.00. The 25th International Antique Tool Sale & Auction is scheduled for OCTOBER 22 & 23, 2004. Tool Show: Friday 1:00 - 7:00 p.m. Auction Preview: Friday 1:00 - 7:00 p.m.; Saturday 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. Auction Starts at 9:00 a.m. Saturday. Venue is the Sheraton Inn, Harrisburg, PA. More info can be found at [www.finetool.com](http://www.finetool.com).

Lastly, I want to congratulate John Ballintine on a fabulous collection that I was able to enjoy in his home, and had the fun to try and buy. Thanks, John.

## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Super Saturday "BOWLS" Over Collectors

By Gregor Mszar, Bedford, Texas

It was a clear and crisp January morning in north Texas as tool collectors from the Southwest converged in Bedford for the Super Saturday Tool Meet. This semi-annual joint meet between SWTCA and M-WTCA Area I is held each year on the Saturday prior to Super Bowl Sunday. As the event coordinators arrived, members of the two clubs were already waiting, not necessarily patiently, at the door, to get in. Hot coffee and donuts greeted the early arrivals who wanted front row seats for the pre-sale activities.

Patrick Lasswell (Spring, TX) editor of The Sign of the Jointer, opened the days activities with a discussion and presentation of 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century plane identification and makers. Patrick had a large supply of examples of beautiful, early made American hand planes to complement his discussion on plane profiles, cutters and wedges. Along with Patrick, a number of members offered displays of tools to assist in the continued education of our members. Alton Bowman (Flower Mound, TX), owner of Alton Bowman Studio, brought along his handcrafted reproduction of a 19<sup>th</sup> century mahogany marquetry donkey. Alton has been restoring some of the country's finest furniture for the past 30 years, including the Rosedown Bed for the Dallas Museum of Art and the Texas Supreme Court Justice Bench, and fellow members truly enjoyed picking up some tips from him. (Editors note: Alton has graciously volunteered to be our guest speaker in Jan 2005 to demonstrate the use of his marquetry donkey. Charlie Koll (Austin, TX) brought along a gaggle (or is it a bevy) of fine #2 size hand planes, and John Harrison (Dallas, TX) displayed a great assortment of newly found gems of the tool world. Frank Strazza, Master Carpenter from the Center for Essential Education -School of Woodworking, spoke about upcoming classes at their Waco, Texas-based woodworking school. In addition to presenting a class schedule offerings, Frank enjoyed visiting with attendees who have participated in classes at the woodworking school.

All of these activities led up to the task at hand. At 10am sharp, the flood gates opened and tool trading began. To insure that everyone gets an even

chance at all potential sales, no tools can be shown or sold prior to the 10am start. This late morning start time also allows for attendees from cities such as Austin, San Antonio, Houston, OK City, and Tulsa a chance to drive in without having to get up (get up?) at midnight.

Eighty attendees were afforded a large quantity and variety of quality collectible and user tools from the 30+ sales tables. Trading was brisk and a number of dealers reported excellent sales for the morning. After the initial sales frenzy, collectors took a more relaxed approach and took their time in examining the wares for sale. Troy Marshall (Colleyville, Texas) brought along his usual multiple tables of eclectic tools; Craig Guy and his posse from Oklahoma City brought a variety of woodworking and blacksmith tools; and Gregor Mszar produced his normal mound of Stanley #45/#55 cutters. As usual, the volunteers from the Knights of Columbus provided a hot lunch giving the attendees the required nourishment needed to continue the exhausting task of tool collecting.

As the meet wound down, collectors packed up their new found treasures as the dealers and traders packed up their wares. Another Super Saturday had come and gone, a great time was had by all (as always). Even though the clubs try to keep the costs to members at a minimum, a total of \$121.90 was left over after all the bills were paid and was deposited into the SWTCA treasury.

Thanks to all who made this meet a success, and looking forward to seeing everyone again next year at the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Super Saturday Tool Meet, on the last Saturday of January in Bedford Texas. And don't forget our other joint meet, the Hotter N' Hell meet July 24, 2004.

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*From the Editor;*

*Thanks to all who submitted articles for this newsletter and to Tim Melcher for allowing an interview at the Wichita meet. If your article didn't get printed, rest assured, it will be in the next newsletter. If you haven't yet submitted a joke, story, or an article, I urge you to do so. Your input is what makes the newsletter.*

*Special thanks to Tom Lamond, for his excellent article, "Wholesale Hardware Brands of the Southwest". It is greatly appreciated. You have a standing invitation to submit articles any time. All members who enjoyed the article should get in touch with Tom and let him know.*

*To the other tool associations, editors, and publications, please be aware that Tom Lamond's article is copyrighted and is not to be reprinted without his express consent. You can find his contact info in the article.*

*In an attempt to maintain some order, I have set firm deadline dates for information going in the newsletter. Those dates for the remainder of my term of office are- September 30, 2004, December 31, 2004, March 31, 2005, June 30, 2005, and September 20, 2005. The newsletter will go out within 5 days of these deadlines.*

*For you SWTCA meet organizers, I will be delighted to print information announcing your meet. Whether you need a meet notice, a flyer insert, or a registration form, I can find a place for it. I can insert one you make up or make one up for you. However, I will no longer solicit these items. It is up to you to get it to me in a timely manner.*

*The same applies to meet reports. If you want a report or article about your meet in the newsletter, with or without pictures, either write it and send it to me or ask a fellow member to do the same. I'll be happy to proof your spelling and grammar, if you like, and I'll even take pictures if I attend, but I will not write the articles. I am your editor, not your author.*

*In closing, I agree 100% with the sentiments expressed in Gregor Mszar's letter in this issue. As members, we should all contribute more than our dues to the club. I do not act as editor because I get some perverse pleasure from working an extra 16 hours a quarter doing newsletters. I am your editor because it is a way I can give back to the club as a whole and to the members I now call friends, for sharing their knowledge of tool collecting with me. Get involved! Your club needs you.*

*Cordially,  
Tim Johnson, Editor*

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