

SouthWest Tool Collector's Association

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SWTCA
NEWSLETTER

April 7, 2005

In Memoriam

George Joseph Tocquigny passed away on Easter Sunday morning, a peaceful natural death. A resident of Sherman, Texas for over 50 years, he will long be remembered as a fine woodworking craftsman.

Born in Pittsburgh, Kansas on June 20, 1919 of Alexander and Balbina Tocquigny, they moved to Carrizo Springs, Texas where he spent his boyhood years. Following his siblings, George pursued his college degree at Austin College. He completed his Bachelor of Arts in Spanish in 1940. George enlisted in the U.S. Army-Air Force and served during World War II in France. During his military training, he met Lt. Mary Petrick, a flight nurse, at Truax Field in Madison, Wisconsin. They would reunite after the war and eventually marry on September 19, 1947 in Carrizo Springs.

George finished his second college degree at North Texas State University earning a Bachelor of Arts in Industrial Arts in 1951. He applied his talents to build his home and adjoining woodworking shop in Sherman. George began a productive 40 year career as the Director of Maintenance for the Sherman Independent School District. During his distinctive tenure, Sherman High School and Dillingham Middle School were constructed. In 1968 George served as a U.S. government envoy to Nicaragua to improve the school facilities.

George is reunited once again with his wife Mary who passed away in 2003. He is survived by one daughter, Suzanne Key of Arlington, Texas; three sons, George A., Dennis and Rick, all of Denver, Colorado; seven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. He is also survived by one sister, Rosalie Oelkers of Austin, Texas; two brothers, Robert Tocquigny of Carrizo Springs and Joe Tocquigny of Seguin, Texas; and loving daughters-in-law and various nieces and nephews.



A celebration service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 31, 2005 in the Waldo Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Lander Bethel of Grand Avenue Presbyterian Church will officiate followed by graveside services at Cedarlawn Memorial Park. Family visitation will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 30.

Pallbearers are George's grandchildren and son-in-law, Otis Key. Honorary pallbearers are Al Lupercio, Henry Sory, Charles Robinson, Arden Tocquigny, Raymond Brown, Bill Roberts, L.T. White, Etna Robinson, Paula Wendell and Al Zorilla.

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Contact information is available on the website or in the Membership Directory

SWTCA SEMI-ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Bedford Texas

April 1, 2005

The treasurer's report and secretary's report were submitted by Jim Shipman and Clint Litsey in advance of the meeting.

Meet host, Gregor Mszar, reported 35 members attended the spring 2005 meet.

The Board discussed the future meeting schedule. The Fall, 2005 meet will be in Albuquerque, New Mexico in a joint meet with the Rocky Mountain Tool Collectors Association and PAST. Tentatively, the Spring, 2006 Meet may be in Bentonville, Arkansas at the same time as the Goundhog Meet. The Fall, 2006 Meet on Labor Day will be in Oklahoma City. Craig Guy is the Host. This meet may be a one day meet on Saturday. There may be room trading for members the night before. The Board discussed waiving the registration fee, charging a fee for tables, and making the banquet meal optional for members. Tentatively, the public will be invited in the late morning or early afternoon for free appraisals and to participate in tool trading. The auction will be held in mid-afternoon and the public will be invited to participate in the auction. The public participation is to interest new members and advertise the club. Craig Guy will place appropriate advertising in the Oklahoma City paper for the appraisals and the tool show in the estate sale section of the newspaper and also for the auction in the auction section of the paper. The club discussed hiring an auctioneer for a flat fee. The club might assist in the cashiering and the auctioneer should provide the clerk, if possible.

Carl Blair has volunteered to manage the club's website. The club approved with the consent of the current webmaster.

Charley Koll submitted his resignation as an area director and Jim Goodson from Houston was appointed to take his place.

Emery L. Goad, President

Washer Trimmer

By Alvin Sellens



This gadget was bought at a recent SWTCA meeting. It was tentatively represented as a washer trimmer. Having never seen one before, I couldn't resist. It has a cast aluminum body marked *Canaco Park, Calif. Perfect Products, Inc.* It doesn't appear to be very old.

After sharpening the blade and a little overall cleaning, I tried it out on a neoprene faucet washer. It did an excellent job of trimming a shaving from the washer leaving it round and smooth; a task that would be quite difficult to accomplish without some sort of tool. I agree that it is indeed a good washer trimmer. It will trim any size washer, up to a .8 inches, down to .4 inches.

I can't imagine way anyone would want such a device. It would seem much simpler to just buy some washers the correct size. I suppose that there is a repairman out there somewhere who prefers to cut his own washers.

FINE TOOL JOURNAL AUCTION SCHEDULE FOR 2005

JUNE 5, 2005

SEPTEMBER 11, 2005

DECEMBER 5, 2005

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WANTED: 4" Crescent-Style Wrenches: I pay \$50 for Jaguar, \$70 for J.C. Penny, \$200 for Keen Kutter-Simmons. Emery Goad, (888) 889-3340, kisinc@swbell.net

WANTED: Gun barrel caliber gauges, small triangular shaped about three inches long with measurements .22, .25, .38, .45 etc., also old auto oil cans with names like Caddilac, Pierce-Arrow, any name except Ford, pay up to \$75. Emery Goad 1-888-889-3340, kisinc@swbell.net

EUROPEAN TOOL FAIR: 6th annual European meeting of antique tool dealers, held on August 20th & 21st 2005, selected dealers only, two days of tool hunting, lectures and demos at a topic, wonderful location in the mountains in central France, nearby airport served from London Stanstead Airport, accommodations available on site. For further info contact tcoudert@wanadoo.fr. All the best, keep levelled! Thierry Coudert, CLASSIC TOOLS Ltd, <http://www.classictools.com>

WANTED: Rogers Mitre Planer. The Rogers Mitre Planer was made by the Langdon Mitre Box Company and was sold by Millers Falls. I will consider any condition and I will consider buying parts. I am also looking for further information on the Rogers Mitre Planer. Contact Joe Stankus, 2130 Meadowview Dr., Roanoke TX 76262, (817)-431-8150, or email at Stankus@verizon.net.

WANTED: Saw guides for Stanley #100 miter machine (Marsh miter machine). Contact Joe Stankus, 2130 Meadowview Dr., Roanoke TX 76262, (817)-431-8150, or email at Stankus@verizon.net.

CALIFORNIA DREAMING 2006: Three Days of Solid Fun with Great Tools and Great Weather. Next year the San Diego PAST Old Tool Show is January 19-21 at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel. Show Host Al Bennett promises that the event will be Bigger and Better than ever. For More Information, contact Al Bennett (albitron2@cox.net) or Laura Pitney (laura@toolswapusa.com). Go to www.toolswapusa.com and click on Save San Diego Show to find out why this Old Tool event is worth coming to. Hope to see you there.

HALF & HALF: Half the question concerning Hardsocg's axe markings has been resolved. I saw the IMPERIAL design on eBay but I'm still trying to resolve the other half of the question; about Hardsocg's PREMIER brand. Did Hardsocg use it on an axe and, if so, what did the marking look like? Tom Lamond, 30 Kelsey Pl., Lynbrook, NY 11563-1516 or TomLamond@aol.com

ANTIQUE TOOL AUCTION: The Bill Hinz collection from Hutchinson, Kansas will be auctioned off on June 13, 2005 starting at 9 AM at Baxters Auction Gallery, 8051 E. 46th St., Indianapolis, IN, 46226 For a complete list with links to photos, go to <http://homepage.mac.com/ratdaddy/auction.htm> for additional information call Mike Urness, auction manager, at 314-434-4325 or by email at PLNCRZY@aol.com

INFORMATION: Sign of the Jointer, a quarterly journal on wooden planes, has started the 5th year of publication. The journal contains articles covering wooden planes and planemakers 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@evl.net.

GIVING: OK, I'm giving anyone that wants it another chance to help me out with information on the BENTON MFG. CO. or the BENTON COUNTY MFG. CO. They made or marketed axes and maybe other tools. They used a least three different triangular shaped logos on axes with the brand name OUR OWN, along with either of the two company names mentioned. Exactly where were they? I think Arkansas. When did they operate? You tell me. Contributor credit will be provided when project is published. Tom Lamond, 30 Kelsey Pl., Lynbrook, NY 11563-1516, or TomLamond@aol.com

WANTED: American Ivory Non-Stanley rules. All other makers other than Stanley. I am interested in Fine or Mint condition rules made from ivory. If you have something I could photograph or that you want to sell, please let me know at steve@finetools.com. You can also call me at 425-868-1532. Steve Johnson.

WANT ADS

ANNOUNCEMENT: The Western New York Antique Tool Collectors Association meets four times a year at the Holiday Inn, Batavia, New York, just off the New York State Thruway at Exit 48. Meet dates are listed below in the Events Calendar. A typical meeting would include tool trading from 9 to 11:30, a short business meeting followed by a presentation. For more information, please contact President Charles Wirtenson at cwirten1@twcny.rr.com or 315.363.7682.

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

PLEASE HELP: establish the online Catalogue of American Patented Antique Tools! Visit <http://www.finetools.com> for details. Steve Johnson

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WANTED: Junker Ohio Tool Co screw arm boxwood plow plane. Need one boxwood arm with good threads for #101. Al Bennett, albitron2@cox.net. Thanks.

WANTED: I will pay cash for box lots of old tools. I need tools that are attractive, have all their parts, have pretty woods or brass fittings, etc. Nothing rare and expensive, please. Charlie McAlister, 830-833-2905 or rain-crow@moment.net

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: 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

FREE: ADS for the SWTCA E-M@RT monthly classified newsletter. All TOOL COLLECTORS from all clubs 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: 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: 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, un-dermc@evl.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

THE BIGGEST TOOL SHOW WEST OF THE MID-WEST

Coming September 2 & 3, 2005

At

The Sheraton Uptown Hotel in Albuquerque, NM

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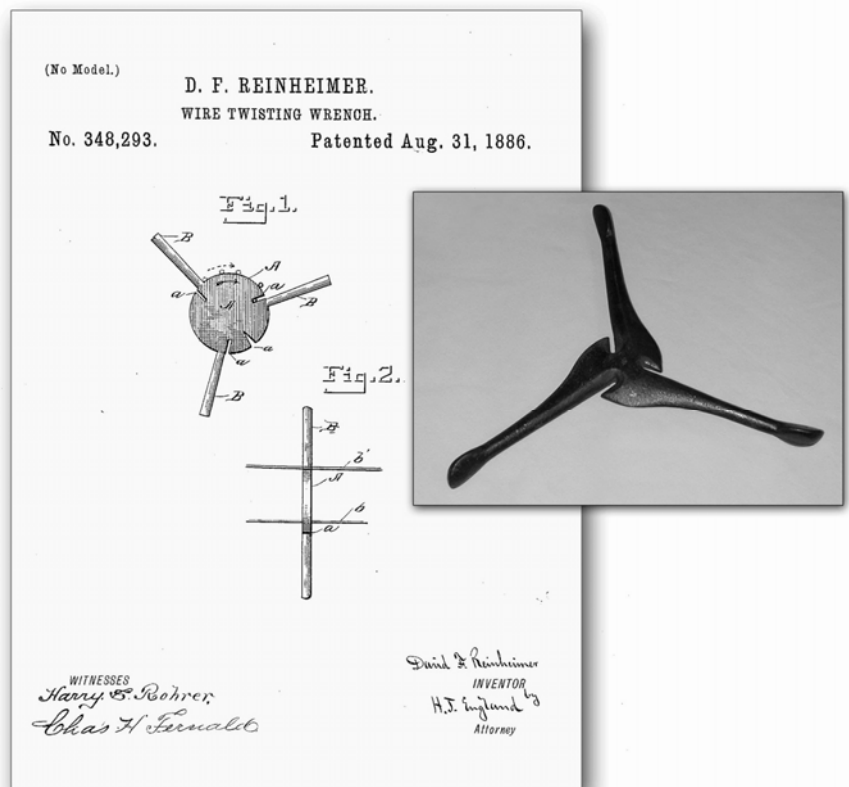
After the show consider taking the short drive to Santa Fe or Taos, NM

For additional information call Bill McDougal (505) 344-9272

Wire Twister

by Jim Goodman & Carl Matthews

This "gizmo" was found abandoned on the "whatsis" table at the Spring Meeting in Bedford. It didn't take too much time to decide what its function appeared to be (and apparently we were correct). The big debate however was how it must have been used and more confusing, how to Disengage this thing from use once finished. The answer was never successfully established so the wrench thingy was never identified positively at the meeting. Thanks to Carl Matthews who took the time to look up the original patent (shown here) and establish the fact that it was a wire Twister indeed.Still doesn't explain how it was used and then disengaged however!



Upcoming Events

APRIL, 2005

- APR 9 MWTCA AREA Q MEET, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA BOB FIELDS, 704-393-1282
- APR 13 LONG ISLAND ANTIQUE TOOL COLLECTORS ASSC MEET, BRUSH BARN, SMITHTOWN, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK
RAY WISNIESKI, 631-499-7115
- APR 16 CRAFTS OF NEW JERSEY SPRING TOOL AUCTION, ELKS BUILDING, FLEMINGTON, NEW JERSEY
GREG WELSH, 908-439-3266 glwesh@earthlink.net
- APR 23 MWTCA AREA A MEET, MEDINA, MINNESOTA ERIC MATTSON, 651-462-3955
- APR 29-30 LIVE FREE OR DIE ANTIQUE TOOL AUCTIONS, NASHUA, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARTIN DONNELLY , 800-869-0695
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MAY, 2005

- MAY 1 MWTCA AREA D MEET, HUMBOLDT, IOWA LEROY WITZEL , 515-332-3649
- MAY 1 FINE TOOL JOURNAL AUCTION, FINE TOOL JOURNAL CLARENCE BLANCHARD , 800-248-8114 ceb@finetoolj.com
- MAY 11 DAVID STANLEY GENERAL AUCTION , CHARNWOOD ARMS HOTEL, N. COALVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE, ENGLAND
DAVID STANLEY , 011-44-1530-222320 www.davidstanley.com
- MAY 11-14 EAIA ANNUAL MEETING, CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, SHERATON CHARLESTON NORTH
TOBY HALL, 508-993-9578 eaia@fastdial.net
- MAY 13 EAIA TOOL AUCTION BY ANTIQUE AND COLLECTIBLE TOOLS, SHERATON CHARLESTON NORTH , CHARLESTON,
SOUTH CAROLINA CLARENCE BLANCHARD , 800-248-8114 ceb@finetoolj.com
- MAY 21 ANDERSON PLYWOOD OLD TOOL SWAP MEET, CULVER CITY, CA JOHN ARENSON, 310-397-8229
laura@toolswapusa.com

JUNE, 2005

- JUN 5 CRAFTS REGULAR MEETING, MASONIC LODGE, HIGH BRIDGE, NEW JERSEY HANK ALLEN, 201-444-9440
ah524@attglobal.net
- JUN 8 LONG ISLAND ANTIQUE TOOL COLLECTORS ASSC MEET, BRUSH BARN, SMITHTOWN, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK
RAY WISNIESKI, 631-499-7115
- JUN 11 TOOL GROUP OF CANADA MEETING ANNUAL SPRING OUTING, LOCATION TBD, SOMEWHERE IN ONTARIO
PETER MYERS, 416-781-8153 petermyers@rogers.com

Upcoming Events

JULY, 2005

- JUL 8-9 LIVE FREE OR DIE ANTIQUE TOOL AUCTIONS, HILLSBORO CENTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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- JUL 9 AUSTIN HARDWOODS OLD TOOL SWAP MEET, SANTA ANA, CA DREW SHELLNBARGER, 714-450-2365
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- JUL 23 9TH ANNUAL HOTTER'N'HELL MEET, SWTCA/MWTCA AREA-I, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL, BEDFORD, TEXAS
GREGOR MSZAR , 817-937-5475 gregormszar@comcast.net
- JUL 23 MWTCA AREA Q MEET, RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA ED HOBBS, 919-828-2754

AUGUST, 2005

- AUG 1 FINE TOOL JOURNAL AUCTION, FINE TOOL JOURNAL CLARENCE BLANCHARD , 800-248-8114
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- AUG 3 TOOL SHOP INTERNATIONAL AUCTION, NEEDHAM MARKET, U.K. TONY MURLAND, 011-44-1449-722992
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- AUG 10 LONG ISLAND ANTIQUE TOOL COLLECTORS ASSC MEET, SMITHTOWN, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK
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- AUG 13 LIVE FREE OR DIE ANTIQUE TOOL AUCTIONS, AVOCA, NEW YORK MARTIN DONNELLY , 800-869-0695
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- AUG 20 ANDERSON PLYWOOD OLD TOOL SWAP MEET, CULVER CITY, CA JOHN ARENSON, 310-397-8229
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- AUG 20-21 6TH ANNUAL EUROPEAN TOOL MEET, SAINT NECTAIRE, FRANCE <http://www.classictools.com>
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- AUG SINDELAR FINE WOODWORKING-TOOL MUSEUM MEET, EDWARDSBURG, MICHIGAN JOHN SINDELAR, 269-663-8841
mscarol421@aol.com
- AUG 28 DARLY'S BARN MWTCA AREA F MEET, SOUTH WHITLEY, INDIANA JAN COVER , 765-523-3586 jacover@purdue.edu

SEPTEMBER 2005

- SEP 2-3 THE BIGGEST TOOL SHOW WEST OF THE MID-WEST. PRESENTED BY THE SOUTHWEST, ROCKY MOUNTAIN, AND P.A.S.T.
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jandbmcd@aol.com.

Super Saturday Meet

Bedford, Texas - February, 2005

Another good meet by Host Gregor Mszar !

Don't Miss Hotter'n'Hell on July 23, 2005



SWTCA Regional Meet in Houston

March 12 - 2005

By Jim Goodson

A gorgeous morning broke for us here in Houston last Saturday as we once again gathered for our semi annual regional meeting for the Gulf Coast Area. Thirty one people signed up at check in and with them came friends and family members. Dealers arrived approximately 8:00 A.M. and the members attendance peaked at around 9:30 at which time there was quite a buzz. A glitch in the schedule occurred when the Restaurant manager informed us that the water had been shut off for



the entire block for some unknown reason and the kitchen could not be "cranked up" for lunch until such time as it came back on (code violations). Luckily it came back on eventually and lunch was available by about 11:30 but the Restaurant employees were really moving! Lunch together with friends at the end of the meeting is definitely one of the high points of the morning. Lots of tools were available for sale and a great many parts as well. One individual brought a large trunk of old tools to sell and it was purchased by one of the members on short order. Both went away happy. A wide variety of tools was on hand from many many different professions. Many 18c. tools were available and some very special and early 17th/18thc. tools were on display. Stanley tools and parts were plentiful and early blacksmith forged items were for sale as well. Newly available were some stone tool artifacts brought by Charlie McAlister from Blanco Texas who had several tables (and a deck rail) adorned with a variety of early tools and implements. Lots

of visiting and discussion prevailed over the morning calm and another great morning seemed to dissolve too quickly into memory.



FROM PRESIDENT EMERY GOAD

After a couple of years of decline, tool collecting and membership in tool clubs is growing. Recently the Missouri Valley Wrench Collectors newsletter announced their membership has increased by 53% since the year 2000. The hardware collectors club which meets twice a year is reporting repeated years of significant growth. Auctions are bigger, better and more members are attending. The Midwest Tool Collectors Association is recovering from a couple of years of decrease in membership.

Help your tool club grow by getting involved today. Start, by attending the next meet in your area.

FROM THE EDITOR

Thanks to all for the submissions for this newsletter but, as usual, they are all used up. The deadline for submissions for the next newsletter is Friday, July 1, 2005. Send what you can, as soon as you can. The newsletter will be mailed shortly after the July 4th Holiday.

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