

Southwest Tool Collector's Association

SWTCA Newsletter
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Just concluded our Gulf Coast/Houston area Regional Tool Meet on Saturday morning. This is the thirteenth year for this gathering and it never fails to generate quite a buzz with the locals and members. Some of the attendees have been coming since the original gathering. New attendees never fail to ask "how long have you been doing this?" or "you mean you've had these here before?" There's no doubt that these gatherings are a very special way to spend time together and to nurture an obsession (even if you don't recognize your hobby as being an obsession yet). There is never a lack of enthusiasm for these meetings here in Houston. Our bi-annual meeting here is suffering though. We have people who often travel long distances to come to these shows looking forward to buying tools and we're beginning to run somewhat shy of dealers to bring a good variety of inventory to this meet. Having a large dealer or two is the best way to anchor one of these meetings because people are here to buy this being one of the most concentrated sources of old tools available. I understand the Bedford meeting has the opposite problem. It has plenty of dealers and not enough new attendees looking to buy. If you are a dealer in antique tools or tool enthusiast living near one of these meeting locations, please consider coming to either one or both of them as they are an important source of new members and an ongoing representation of the club as a whole. Without the "grass roots" meeting approach (the regional meetings), We're less able to do a very efficient job of promoting and supplementing the club membership. I know you'll find your efforts very rewarding. I want to enclose a letter here from a fellow I just met last week who needed an outlet for his elderly father's workshop equipment, tools and etc. I encouraged him to come to the Saturday meeting and bring whatever he could as I was concerned about having enough inventory as is was (several of the regular dealers being unable to attend this time). His gracious thank you says a lot about these shows as it is an evaluative statement of this regional meeting as determined by an "outsider".



.....Editor

Thanks for the kind note, and for the great lunch, Jim. I did not have a chance to say a proper goodbye because Bob Springer was anxious to go with me to my parents' house to pick up four RC sailboats that Dad built. Bob also scored a lot of extra stuff from the garage, plus a stack of books and magazines on machining and boat building.

It was a pleasure to meet your group -- from the young, quiet guys to the crusty curmudgeons. I was delighted to get Dad's tools into capable and caring hands of people who are a lot like him; people who can take raw materials and make something beautiful, whimsical, or functional. Even though it wasn't really about the money, we did clear about \$XXX, which will help us in our move. I know some of your guys got super bargains, and that was the whole idea. Everybody leaves happy.

Because this was our last-ditch effort at disposing of Dad's tools, we donated the remaining unsold items to the Second Blessing charity store on Rogerdale Road, just west of Beltway 8, between Westheimer and Richmond.

Thanks again for all your efforts to make this happen, and also for making the connection with Tim the blacksmith, who will be putting Dad's prized engine lathe, and a truckload of other stuff, to good use.

Warmest regards, Reid McTaggart
Microsoft Consulting Services
EPM Architect

SWTCA Spring 2006, Tool Show (Tul sa Okl ahoma)

It is said, that a shark can smell blood in the water over a mile away. In my opinion, that doesn't even come close to an antique tool collector and their ability to smell rust from as far away as the next county (I have even heard tales of traveling tool collectors catching a whiff of rust while flying over rural areas in jumbo jets, although these claims cannot be substantiated).

All that being said, a bunch of old rust sniffers got together this past April 15th, in Tulsa Oklahoma, for the SWTCA Spring Tool Show. There were 30 tables containing many fine and unusual tools, being offered for sale.

The show was well attended, with approximately 35-40 collectors and dealers showing up to buy, sell, trade, and tell lies.

Dealers came from as far away as Iowa, Missouri, Texas, Kansas, Arkansas, and of course, the locals were well represented with the usual bunch of Okies from Tulsa, Oklahoma City, and surrounding towns.

Trading was brisk, with a good number of tools changing hands, and by the looks of all the rust smudged, smiling faces, I think it is safe to say that a good time was had by all in attendance.

A little less than \$100 was made for the club, but I say, any show where you don't lose money is a good show. Okay, let's face it, any tool show, whether you make money or not, is a good show. There was even talk of making this show an annual event.

.....Tim Hoss



When Blind Luck's a Lady...

You could spend a lifetime planning for “*THE*” epoch chance encounter to occur but when it does come around it will certainly catch you by surprise. Whether you are able to take advantage of the circumstances or not, the thrill of the moment will likely stay with you for a long long time.

My intent here is to post a column dedicated to just such occurrences as they are offered up by our members. All of us have experienced some of these moments before so please share the moment with the rest of us by jotting down the details and sending them along for publication.

You can't hear it coming if it doesn't make a sound!

...Not the first but certainly one of the most memorable encounters I've crossed paths with happened in my own yard! It took place about 13 years ago when a couple of us local tool collectors began the shaky business of hosting a regional Houston tool meet and this particular meeting (our first) took place at my house. I knew a few of the attendees but most were unfamiliar and attended by personal invitation extended during a previous nationally circuitous Woodworker's Show which had spent a weekend here in Houston.What happened during this premier hosting event was not something easy for me to talk about for a long time because on this particular occasion, I let fate slip right through my fingers. I was most concerned with being a hospitable host to the folks on hand as most knew no one else and had given up their morning to join a bunch of strangers in a new and only modestly organized gathering of antique tool enthusiast want-a-be's. As it turned out, one of the guests was not truly an enthusiast but had a number of his grandfather's tools in tow and was looking for information. What he showed me early upon my greeting him was of all things, a beautiful Phillips plow plane and along with it.....a VERY respectable center wheel plow plane! This was of course, beyond believable to me. I asked if he was here to sell them but he was actually looking for more information on them and was unfamiliar with the pieces. I spent the next hour or so inside and outside the house greeting arrivals and discussing various displays I had located throughout the house. I later discovered that one of the members present had scored both fine tools and paid the gentleman reasonably for them. It really created some excitement for that meeting and needless to say, there was an even larger attendance for the following meeting. I don't mind missing out on the opportunity as that's part of the game and I'm thrilled one of my friends was able to take advantage of the morning's spoils. What I do have trouble withis explaining to others how I bungled the opportunity to obtain both a Phillips plow plane AND a beautiful center wheel plow plane IN MY OWN BACK YARD.....OUCH!!

Please send me an article (any length) on your favorite or most unusual “tool encounter” to.... wwwspringhill1@sbcglobal.net (or the enclosed address listed for editor) and share some of the excitement with those of us who typically lead a much more mundane and lesser existence.

Jim Goodson

Time to Retire Already!!

The Daily Sentinel-Nacogdoches, Texas Wednesday February 15, 2006

18-wheeler plows through building



An 18 wheeler ran through a downtown storefront Tuesday afternoon in Garrison. The driver of the tractor-trailer rig was injured when his truck plowed through the vacant building, just before 4 p.m. Rhonda Spencer, with Garrison in the news, said Dedrick Denorris Brisco, 29 of Monroe, La. was injured when a tire blew out on his rig and sent him out of control into the Garrison downtown square. Brisco's truck, which was loaded with pet food, ran over a concrete picnic table on the square before continuing through the former Goodson's Antique shop, Spencer said. Brisco received what appeared to be non-life threatening injuries Spencer said, but was transported to a local hospital as a precautionary measure. (The Daily Sentinel-Nacogdoches)

If you have been a long time member of the SWTCA (at least 10 years or so), then you may remember my Father (A.C.Goodson) who frequented many of the tool shows and spent many an hour scouring the grounds of Canton and other local markets for antiques for some 30 years (He'll be a senior senior citizen this year at a respectable 90 years old!). Club members, locals and others either knew him or as legend has it, have heard of some dealer "up East Texas" who had buildings full of Antiques and old tools....a treasure of un-substantiated proportion and whose location was unknown to many. The truth is not always larger than fiction and so it goes with this great legend but it (the truth) is also not so very far off the mark. This incident took out his Law Office and Library as well as a substantial axe collection among other relics he housed there. His other building was not involved in this incident. His health slows him down considerably and has put an end to his antique hunting but doesn't slow down his enthusiasm for reading and other interests. He luckily was not at his office on the day of the accident and spends much less time there these days but stubbornly refused to close it. I "think someone else" was trying to tell him that "it's time to retire already!". This building wasn't truly an antique shop as described by the newspaper article but housed many of his antiques and on occasion opened up to the inquisitive local or tourist happening upon it and peering into the dusty front window with that un-compromising look of awe upon their faces. It was often a pleasant respite for him to break his routine and do a little horse trading with the those who happened by. And the aftermath?? A total interior collapse of his office area with walls and ceiling down and back wall shoved back some 14 feet the force of the truck having used his desk as a battering ram to move the wall. The "pet" food in the truck?? Turned out to be Alligator pellets! They're all over the floor in there now so if YOUR pet happens to be one of those, he now has a lifetime supply available!



A.C.Goodson along with his wife J.R.Goodson (just beyond the officer) survey the damage to his Law Office located in one of the historic buildings within the town square of Garrison Texas. This building was built in 1894 and will be restored to its original exterior integrity upon claim settlement.



SWTCA Bedford Texas Regional Meet February 4th 2006

On a beautiful winter morning, 60 tool collectors, spouses and friends converged in Bedford Texas to attend the 12th annual Super Saturday meet. Starting off the meet was a woodworking demonstration by Frank Strazza from Homestead Heritage, the unique crafts village at Brazos del Dios (Waco Texas to the rest of us). Frank is one of their master carpenters, and he showed the attending members how he has built Windsor Chairs using traditional hand tools. What an experience! I wish I could do that type of work...my fine woodworking is limited to what can be done with a chainsaw. After Frank's demo, member David McDonald reached into his wondrous bag of tricks (others would call it his Winchester Tool Collection) and pulled out a number of Winchester fakes. Always a great topic for collectors, David showed his passion and expertise in the Winchester tool line by educating us on what we need to beware of. Thanks, Frank and David, for your help in leading our education program. Also, 5 members set up displays of their particular collections or interests! Thanks, Guys. We all appreciate your dedication and work to provide insight to your fellow members. At 10am sharp, we churmed the water and the sharks came out. 23 tables of all kinds of tools and accessories were up for sale and the collectors were there to accommodate the dealers. Selling and trading was hectic and only a short break for lunch, served by the members of the K of C, interrupted the day. By 2pm, tool bags were filled and wallets were emptied, but a great time was had by all. On a sad note, it was announced that due to a decrease in participation, the annual SWTCA / MWTCA Area I Hotter'N'Hell meet in July has been permanently canceled. The only way we can insure that our local meets survive is to attend! Without your participation at these local gatherings, the meets will slowly dry up and blow away. Thanks to all and see you next year the Saturday before the Super Bowl at the 13th Annual Super Saturday Meet!! For more information on the School of Woodworking at Homestead Heritage, go to <http://www.homesteadheritage.com/>.

Gregor Mszar



Bud Blake ...accomplished in "the spin"



Larry Creedon & Jeff Gaston discuss "the details"



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19th Annual Groundhog Meet Bentonville Arkansas

On 2/18/06, weather played a major factor at the Groundhog Day Tool Meet, the 19th Annual.

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During the night, a 1-inch ice storm and 4-inches of snow made the trip impossible for those who live only one or two hours away.

Advance registrations from 12 states were from Michigan to Iowa to Tennessee to Georgia, Alabama, and Louisiana, to Texas and in between.

Nearly 100 Meet members were unable to get to Bentonville because of the weather.

The prize tool at the show was a recent purchase by Jim Price, a rare patented brace with attached bits in a folding, revolving apparatus. Only four examples exist.

Emery Goad

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To promote the collection and exchange of tools, implements and devices used by our forefathers.

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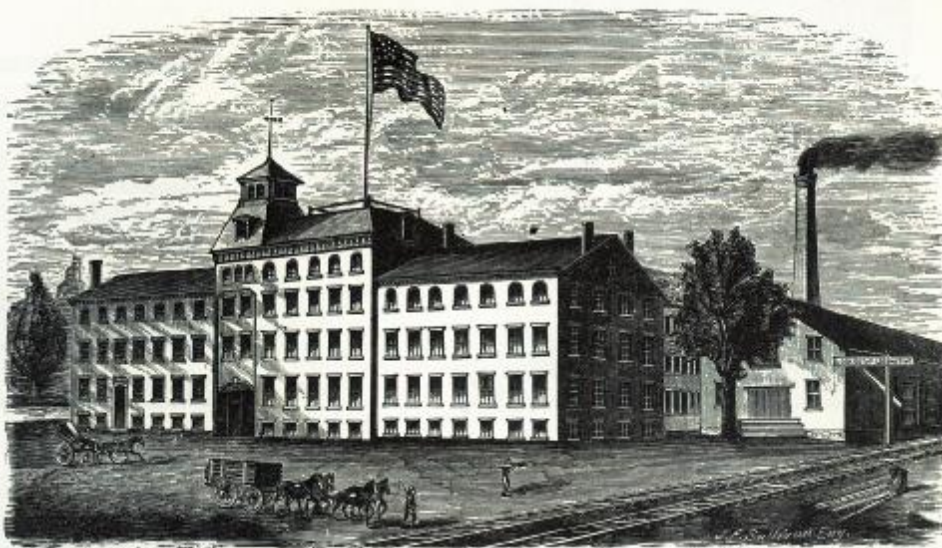
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from which this article was made available as will others in the newsletters to come.



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The Stanley Rule & Level Company, of New Britain, State of Connecticut, is one of the most prominent concerns in this country engaged in the manufacture of their mammoth factories is given above, as well as the demand for their excellent year 1873, their sales included over 54,000 dozen Spirit Levels, 3,300 dozen Try en Mallets, and corresponding quantities of the Company is the manufacture of "Bail-styles of which are illustrated on this page, exceeded 70,000. The primitive, and indeed these tools were invented, had been by the the tools here represented, the plane-iron is while the thickness of shaving to be taken off any surface, can be readily controlled by the use of a thumb-screw, located just in front of the hand of the workman, and by which he can push down, or withdraw, the plane-iron as the nature of his work may require. A plane having a flexible face, for the use of stair builders, or indeed, all classes of builders having ornamental work coming under their hands, is shown near the top of this article. It can be used for planing all surfaces, whether concave or convex, and the plane-iron is adjusted by the same method as the other planes. While it is true that the greater part of the labor of preparing lumber, which was formerly done by hand labor, is now performed by machinery, leaving only the more delicate parts to be executed by the hand tools; this has only stimulated greater ingenuity in seeking for the better adaptation of these tools to the needs of the men who use them. Full description of the peculiar features of the adjustable planes may be had from the illustrated circulars of the manufacturers. The Warerooms of the Company are at 35 Chambers Street, New York. Their tools may be found in the hands of all principal Hardware Dealers.



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- JUN 10 ARROYO HARDWOODS OLD TOOL SWAP MEET, PASADENA, CA BOB WILBER,
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JUL 22 M-WTCA AREA Q MEET, RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA ED HOBBS, 919-791-5100

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- AUG 4-5 WESTERN NEW YORK ANTIQUE TOOL COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION MEET, AT MJD OPEN
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