

Southwest Tool Collector's Association

SWTCA Newsletter
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Labor Day SWTCA Fall Meeting to be held in Oklahoma City September 2nd & 3rd (Saturday & Sunday)

Members should have received a previous notice by now fully announcing the details for our SWTCA Fall meeting to be held in Oklahoma City over the Labor Day Weekend on September the 2nd and 3rd. This meeting will be different in format as earlier promised. Members **WILL NOT BE CHARGED** a registration fee. This fee will be paid for by the club treasury this meeting. Members **WILL BE CHARGED \$10** for each selling table used and of course for their rooms. There will be no scheduled banquet for this meeting. The trading room doors will open on Saturday morning for table and display set up from 6:30 to 8:00 AM. Early morning Trading will be restricted to the membership and begin at 8:00 AM until 11:30 AM After that time,



from 11:30 until 4:30, non-members (encouraged to attend through local advertising), will be eligible to browse and buy along with the membership. Encouragement of those outside the membership is designed to help increase club interest and support as well as to establish additional buying potential for our sales tables. From 4:30 until 6:30, the room will remain open but somewhat relaxed as attendees break for dinner and prepare for the upcoming auction at 6:30. This auction will be open to the public attendees as well as the membership so we're hoping for some brisk activity and some compounded interest. Sunday Morning, the room will open at 7:00AM until 11:30AM to both members and those non-members who wish to return. This "morning after" will (as always) be for last minute trading and bargaining, pack up, coffee and farewells. .

This meeting format has been designed to entice all of the membership and especially dealers to join us as we will need all of the dealer support we can gather so plan to attend over the long holiday weekend and lets have a good old fashioned tool scramble!

Some Meeting Specifics:

The Clarion Meridian Hotel & Convention Center @ 737 So. Meridian, Oklahoma City, Ok. 73108 (405)-942-8511This hotel is located on I-240 in western Oklahoma City. Rooms start at \$64.00 / night (up to four people). Be sure and mention SWTCA for this special rate. Contact: **Carl Blair @ (405)-376-4229** for information and to register. **Security** will be provided for Saturday night only! Dealers will be responsible for their own tables at all other times. There will be a **hospitality room** open for Friday night early arrivals. It will be open from 5:30 until 9:30 with snacks and drinks available and plenty of free opinions, evaluations and remedies whether you ask for them or not. Craig Guy will have an **open house** Sunday afternoon after the meeting at his awesome Tool Museum for those interested in seeing Heaven ahead of time! If you haven't seen his collection and this building, you are not going to believe your eyes!

A special thanks to all who contributed articles to this issue of the SWTCA newsletter. It's fun and its educational to share experiences and information with our fellow collectors. The greatest motivating factor in starting and maintaining a club is the opportunity to share knowledge amongst the membership. Please send your articles in to share.....Editor

When Blind Luck's a Lady...

Hi Jim,

I am just getting around to reading the May issue of the SWTCA Newsletter and noticed your article about the first meeting that you hosted in Houston.

First, let me say that I remember that meeting very well. It was exciting to learn that there were other tool collectors in Houston. It was also very nice of you and your wife to be such kind hosts providing both your home and refreshments for those of us who responded to your invitation.

I was mostly intrigued by your story about missing the Phillips plow plane and the center-wheel plow plane. I want to correct your belief that only one person purchased both of those planes. I purchased the Phillips for a price that (at the time) I thought was both outlandish for me and fair to the owner. I also wanted and seriously considered purchasing the center-wheel. However, another attendee wanted the center-wheel and I felt that it would be selfish if I tried to take both.

I forget the name of the person who purchased the center-wheel. As I remember he had a shop for building cabinets (I think) and he was located in La Porte (I think). He attended the first dozen or so meetings before moving (as I remember) to Austin or the Hill Country. The center-wheel had some problems and he intended to have it repaired by a "professional". I do not remember if he ever completed that task or not.

The person who brought the 2 planes to your house was tentative about selling them until he learned that we would pay him more than he expected. The fact that you were busy in the house and did not get involved with the "bidding" probably let them go for less money - but think how much money you saved!!!

I still have the Phillips plow plane and I'm quite proud of it. While I've considered making a display board for it - it still remains just as I purchased it. I was always fascinated by the box that the original owner made to hold the blades. It is functional but not well crafted. I have always thought that the set deserves a nice box and blade holder. Maybe someday - if I ever run out of "to does" I'll build one.

In conclusion, I want to thank you for all of your efforts to bring us together twice a year for a local tool meet. All other tool meets are beyond a range that I feel merits the drive.

Best regards, **Lowell Brigham**



Surgical Instruments from the ruins of Pompeii
(79 AD)



Tool Kit

(If women ran the world!)

The Story of The Coes.....

Many are the changes created by time and progress which constantly target and affect our susceptible daily lives. Though all things change with time, (some even for the better), some tend to resist that trend with the obstinance and courage of pride and human dignity. Just such an occurrence is the legendary honesty and dedicated spirit of the tool collecting fraternity which still continues to this day.

Years ago I had purchased an early Coe's patented (ca.1860's) drill press complete and good except for a 4" piece of missing casting joining the rack gear support arm to the main frame. My efforts to find a fix for this problem died off after a few months of investigation resulting in no certain repair techniques having surfaced. Early this



year a similar press sold on e-bay and I decided to contact the seller through e-bay channels to see if he might be interested in my press. He was not interested in purchasing another one but was able to put me in touch with one of the unsuccessful bidders in his auction. This fellow who lived in Wisconsin, repaired and restored these presses for show. I didn't want to struggle with the heavy boxing/crating up of this drill press so when the Louisiana contact (the e-bay dealer) learned that the Wisconsin contact wanted to buy it, he offered to pack and ship it North for \$25 plus shipping costs. When agreed upon, the plan was that the Louisiana buyer pick up the press here in Houston on his way to vacation in San Antonio. Upon returning home, he would use the remaining materials from his original shipment to pack this machine for delivery to Wisconsin. Payment was made from Wisconsin to me for the purchase price and another to Louisiana for the packing and shipping costs. Ultimately within a few weeks, the press arrived at its Northern destination in good shape. And The Holy Grail??.....NONE of these three people knew the others

beyond the extent of associated e-mails. This entire transaction proceeded on the merits of good will and the entrusted integrity of individuals known only to each other as "tool guys!"

Life is Good!!Editor

My Favorite Tool....

I chose this boring machine because I saved it from being sent to the city dump.



About twenty years ago my son's secretary Margaret Rutter, was cleaning their garage and accidentally backed over it and mashed it flat. She took it to the office and called me to see if I wanted it or send it to the dump.

I took the boring machine home and began to survey the damage and I knew that a major cleaning and restoration would be required. As I began taking it apart, it became obvious that it was very old being put together with wooden pegs, hand made screws and blacksmith made bolts and nuts. The carriage was made of wood put together with mortise and tenon joints and the drill bit raised up and down by a leather belt. A name, "A.D.Clark" was stamped on the

back of one of the upright pieces along with a blacksmith wrench which was used to change the drill bits.

Several man hours were spent cleaning, glueing, scraping, sanding and staining to bring the boring machine back to (as close as possible) its original condition.

A few years later Mr Ritter was chasing down his family tree and discovered that this boring machine belonged to his great great great grandfather Mr. Micah Maynard Rutter who was a General in the war of 1812. He was also a carpenter, specializing in bridge and barn construction and used this boring machine to bore holes for the wooden pegs which fastened the large timbers together.

After completion, I feel my time was well spent saving this beautiful and historical tool.

I belong to the SWTCA, MWTCA and the EAIA since 1980. I have really enjoyed the tool shows, displays, printed material and fellowship with other members. I have parkinsons disease and unable to travel, so I will have to be kept informed by the newsletter and catalogs.

.....Gene Harp



Stanley Long No. 2 Plane

Although there are many variations (types) of the Stanley No. 2 plane, none is more drastic than the evolution of the "Long 2". This seemed to be a catch up effort by the Stanley Company to bring the No. 2 plane more in line with the rest of the Stanley models. There were few changes in the No. 2 types from 1869-1955. They certainly didn't always follow the type study laid out by John Walters and Alvin Sellens. This study was for the No. 4 size Stanley only and did provide Stanley collectors with the much needed reference. For the No. 2 collector, some discretion has to be applied when trying to tie down a No. 2 plane to a specific type.

The Stanley No. 2 Long (8") model was introduced in 1955. This was the first No. 2 to have a frog with the ogee-shaped back and slightly raised receiver for the handle and knob. The Long No. 2 also was provided with the larger (1 1/4") brass adjusting knob and a lever cap with the kidney shaped hole and BAILEY on the bed. These innovations were initially introduced in other model types in 1933.

Stanley was a very frugal company and this may account for the fact that collectors have found Long No. 2s with nickel plated lever caps that still had the keyhole opening. Another variation of the Stanley Long No. 2 is the "Blue 2". This was an 8" model with a dark blue finish. This model seems to have appeared around 1962. However again, doesn't meet the criteria of the Type 20. Differences noted are the forked lever adjustment is still solid cast steel, not the pressed two piece steel type and the lateral adjustment lever remains the same as with the Stanley letters read vertically.

There are at least four variations noted in the long "2's". The first ones had the regular flat topped tote, then there was the black painted tote, followed by a tote that had a rounded top. Other variations noted have been in the type of woods used for the tote and knob.

Collecting No. 2 planes is an interesting and challenging endeavor. Just when you think you have seen just about every imaginable variation, up pops a stranger. Guess that is what makes collecting fun

..... **Charlie Koll**



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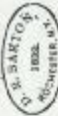
We would like to draw your attention to this unique event. This day will be entirely dedicated to old hand tools. The highlight of this day will be clearly the auction, with many interesting European tools. Please visit our website for more details. www.antiekegereedschappen.nl

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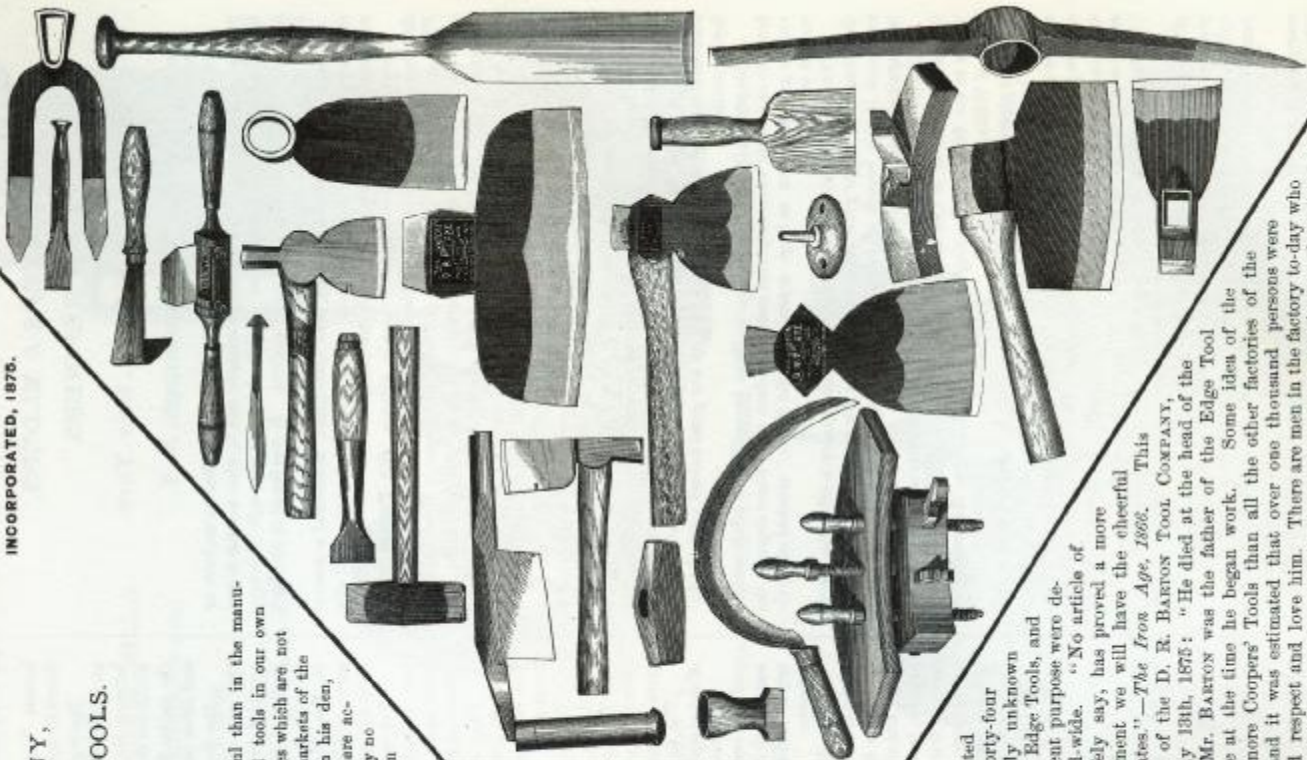
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INCORPORATED, 1876.



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Notice!! Cancellation !! Notice!!

Jimmy Shipman's **Mustang Oklahoma Meeting has been cancelled**
 for the end of October as it conflicts with the MWTCA Annual Fall Meeting



“at the sound of the tone”



Classified Ads Wanted

Remember to send in your want ads and take advantage of free posting in this newsletter. Two ads per member may be printed. Be sure to include all contact information. Send your information to: The Editor at www.springhill1@sbcglobal.net or send to: James Goodson, 1102 East 7 ½ St. Houston, Texas 77009

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Here is a new website created specifically for tool users with an assortment of rust prevention and management solutions. It was developed by a tool user for the tool user. From workbench and toolbox to storage cabinets and showcases, there are products here to help preserve and maintain your tools.Editor

RMTC TO CELEBRATE 30th Anniversary

At our Annual meeting Sunday September 3, 2006 we will celebrate thirty years of organized tool collecting in the Rocky Mountain region. Starting with eleven members in 1976 we joined with the New Mexico group in 1980, incorporated in 1986 and now have more than 160 members. For more information about the meeting contact the club secretary, Charlie Aumiller 2262 Juniper Court, Boulder, Co. 80304-1923

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Purpose of the Association:

Section 1

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

Section 2

To study and share knowledge concerning these objects and the crafts in which they were used.

Section 3 To promote a spirit of fun and fellowship among persons having these interests.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

It appears that the publication "e-mart ads" is undergoing a face lift and will not be available for at least a few more months. Advertisements previously posted in this newsletter were diverted to the e-mart list in an effort to avoid duplication and to consolidate want ads from many tool groups into a single publication for easier access.

At this time I would like to invite want ads from SWTCA club members (two ads maximum) to list once again in this newsletter. I am starting from near scratch as the previous listings are far out-dated and a clean slate appears to be in order at this time. **Please feel free to send in your tool offerings and requests** and of course a phone/fax/e-mail/or mailing address where you can be reached.

WANT ADS ARE AN IMPORTANT RESOURCE

for Club Members so put this feature to work for you.....it's an excellent membership privelege. Send your ads to: www.springhill1@sbcglobal.net or mail to: James Goodson (SWTCA Editor)
1102 East 7 1/2 St.
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Always one of the issues concerned with this newsletter feature was the maintenance and constant updating of these ads. History has shown that these ads too often are posted and not updated, pulled or re-verified in any way often over the course of several years. To make it easier on everyone, I propose to list all ads for a maximum of one year (four issues) at which time they will be cancelled automatically unless requested by the member to continue running. Any time sensitive advertising will of course be dropped once the reference date has passed.

WANTED: Figuratively carved or decorated wooden European Hand Tools (preferably 18c.). Planes, Braces, Marking Gauges and other wooden tool relics with carved dates, religious symbols, flowers, plants, and any sort of geometric pattern of chains, dots, ropes, punch marks, scallops scrolls, volutes, crosses and stylized horn profiles. www.springhill1@sbcglobal.net

ALSO WANTED: Photos and Information about these tools for reference and a prolific comparative record underway. **FELLOW ENTHUSIASTS** to share and appreciate these early folk art pieces with. Please contact: James Goodson, (SWTCA Editor) at www.springhill1@sbcglobal.net or (713) 869-4435

WANTED: Winchester items. Good+ to Mint. David McDonald. 14211 Kellywood, Houston, Tx. (281) 558-5236 e-mail: undermc@ev1.net

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 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@sbcglobal.net

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 or by snail mail to PO Box 6022, Chesterfield, MO 63006-6022.

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

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TOOL SWAP MEET INFORMATION:

TOOLSWAP/USA is the Voice of the Independent Tool Collector, Dealer, and User. The Web Site (www.toolswapusa.com) links to Old Tool Dealers and Tool Events across the country. We also put on nine Old Tool Swap Meets in Southern CA (2 in San Diego, 4 in LA and 3 in Orange County). If you want to be on an Email Reminder List, send your name and email to laura@toolswapusa.com. Plan your next visit to CA around an Old Tool Swap Meet. Check the Web Site for swap meet schedules. Laura Pitney

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If a picture's only worth a thousand words...
then it's going to take a lot of pictures!

Craig Guy's "Place"
Open House on Sunday Afternoon



This must be the place!

It's the only place, anywhere near this place, that looks anything like this place!

New SWTCA 2006 Directory

The SWTCA Directory for 2006 should be on your doorstep about the same time that this newsletter arrives. If you don't receive one please let me know. This directory will have all of the 2005 & 2006 membership included along with any updated information received. This is a highly useful tool for exchanging information as it lists all contact information and each member's particular interests as well. Please report any errors to Greg Logan.

Truly, if you haven't seen Craig Guy's tool building and collection of blacksmiths wares and other tools you would do well to flex your itinerary around a visit to his tool "shed". It is an education in itself and one of the more outstanding opportunities to be experienced as an extension of our tool shows. Extremely knowledgeable and always willing to share his thoughts, Craig is a gracious host and tireless contributor to the SWTCA.Editor

2006 Tool Collector's Calendar (September thru December)

SEP 8-9 LIVE FREE OR DIE ANTIQUE TOOL AUCTIONS, HOLIDAY INN EVERETT TURNPIKE,
NASHUA, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARTIN DONNELLY , 800-869-0695 www.midtools.com

SEP 30 48th DAVID STANLEY INTERNATIONAL AUCTION , CHARNWOOD ARMS HOTEL, N.
COALVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE, ENGLAND DAVID STANLEY , 011-44-1530-222320
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OCT 13-14 LIVE FREE OR DIE ANTIQUE TOOL AUCTIONS, RAMADA INN HOTEL,
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA MARTIN DONNELLY , 800-869-0695 www.midtools.com

OCT 14 AUSTIN HARDWOODS OLD TOOL SWAP MEET,
SANTA ANA, CA DREW SHELLNBARGER, 714-450-2365 laura@toolswapusa.com

OCT 20-21 29th INTERNATIONAL SHOW/AUCTION – BROWN AUCTION SERVICES, SHERATON
INN, HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA CLARENCE BLANCHARD , 800-248-8114
ceb@finetoolj.com

OCT 26-28 MWTCA Midwest Tool Collector's Assoc. Fall 2006: October 26,27,28 - Chattanooga, TN.
USA Doug Cox

NOVEMBER 2006

NOV 5 ROCKLER SAND DIEGO OLD TOOL SWAP MEET, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
BILL COLLINS, 619-232-4626 laura@toolswapusa.com

NOV 18 ANDERSON PLYWOOD OLD TOOL SWAP MEET, CULVER CITY, CA
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