

Southwest Tool Collector's Association

SWTCA Newsletter
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SWTCA Spring Meeting To Be Held In Tulsa Oklahoma April 7th & 8th



The 'Lion' of Winter has once again ceased its roar and just about slipped past us. I can say that because I don't live up in the North East where it was more like the 'Godzilla' of Winter (without the fiery breath part). This time of year, getting the kinks out of the ol' superstructure and 'revving' up the metabolism a bit is the annual ritual in preparation for all of the Spring events due to occur within the next several months. Unlike many a New Englander, down here on the Southern coast where Winter may sometimes dip down into the bone chilling thirties or even less, our schedule will be unimpeded by the some 14 feet of snow... um.....'gifted' to them as an effect of global warming. I suspect that if I had to shovel 14 feet of snow in the freezing cold, my metabolism wouldn't need very much more revving in preparation for Spring! Nature has its ways of letting us know *'we will always and eternally be number #2'*. But on the warm and fuzzy side of Winter, Spring brings brightness and rebirth not only to nature but to the attitude and outlook as well. An opportunity to grow and improve with the additional nurturing and intelligence gleaned over the previous year. A clean slate it's not, but an opportunity it is and one of the first challenges right out of the box will be the upcoming Spring SWTCA Tool Meeting graciously hosted by member Tim Hoss in Tulsa Oklahoma. Of all the functions not to be missed on the Spring event calendar, there are few that can combine the excitement, the intensity, the magnitude of merchandise, available knowledge and the fellowship that this meeting will have to offer. Too, its close proximity makes it the greatest value of all the tool meetings scheduled this Spring for most of our membership. Please plan to join us for this great get together and bring a friend or two as well. Consider also preparing a display of favorite items or unusually interesting groups of items. This promotes an opportunity for all to visually learn about and enjoy tools they may never see otherwise. It also gives the collector the opportunity to show some of their finer pieces which otherwise spend most of their lives on a secluded shelf and out of sight.. Remember that most of the newer members have little idea about what is available and have never imagined let alone witnessed, some of the beautiful tools that many of us take for granted. Sharing information among each other and our guests is not only enjoyable, it is the most important service we can provide as a club.

Once again the SWTCA Spring Meeting will be held over the extended Easter Weekend in Tulsa Oklahoma. (please see meeting specifics on announcement inside). The event will begin on Saturday Morning and end on Sunday before Noon. The show format will include a **\$5.00 REGISTRATION FEE** (spouses are free), **Table rentals will be \$9.00 ea.** which (along with room night rentals and auction proceeds), will go towards helping defray total meeting expenses. There will be **NO BANQUET** once again as well. Procedure for this show will follow very much like the Fall Oklahoma City meeting as there will be considerable outside advertising to entice locals and all interested to join us not only for sales and trading, but for the auction as well. We had many walk ins at the Oklahoma City meeting and a number of them joined as new members. This invitation promotes sales all across the spectrum so that anything from good user to highly collectable tools and everything in between, will serve to provide a source of buyer interest. Visitors will be encouraged to bring items of their own to sell, trade or inquire about to make things even more interesting.

.....Editor

When Blind Luck's a Lady...

It would be very useful if you could generate on demand, the amount of enthusiasm, excitement and that great 'rush' you feel just before the tool room opens at the onset of another big meet. The amount of total energy expended among the entire group if harnessed would probably light up the entire Inn for quite a while. This 'manifestation' lingers and slowly ebbs as the meeting gets started but there was a time I can recall about fifteen years ago at a Dallas meet when this whole exuberance thing came to a screeching and instantaneous halt. No casual back slide, reasonably moderate melt down or lingering diffusion of energy was involved. It just slammed to an instant stop! Part of the excitement of these events is the knowledge that you quite likely will obtain a piece or two or three for your collection and the crux of this understanding is focused on making the rounds of the dealer tables as quickly and diligently as possible before the best items are already discovered. With just such a feeling stirring inside of me, I swung open the doors with an armload of packed boxes and about three steps into the already bustling trade room, I confronted a treadle jig saw beside one of the tables. These are something I had developed a fond interest in but at the time did not have an example of and this example was very very different from any I had seen at that time. I continued to my designated table in the far end of the trade room and quickly 'offed' the boxes onto one of the tables. Just as quickly I returned to find that the saw was offered for sale by a friend of mine who had agreed to sell it for a friend visiting from Pennsylvania. I briefly commented about its unusually beautiful styling and continued out to collect more boxes. once again I entered the room and passed by the saw lingering briefly to again remark about it and ask the price. It was a bit pricy for me at that time, but by the time I reached my table to set the boxes down, I had decided that that would be my purchase for the show. I hurried back and was able to clinch the deal and while carrying it to my table, I was confronted by several people who had been admiring it and two who wished to purchase it but could not find the dealer who it belonged to yet. I felt beyond lucky and I also felt a very odd sensation in that the head of steam I had generated until less than five minutes before had now turned into a kind of echoing shock. Did I really just spend all of my available funds on a single item before casing the tables carefully? Is this an impulse buy I will regret later or have I really pulled off the buy of the century? We all ask ourselves those questions and I'm sure we've all made purchases which we could later park on either side of that fence. But long ago I promised myself that there would be situations confronting me such as this and with no guts, there is no glory. I was unable to sleep all weekend during the show and was off for breakfast at about four a.m. There would be tools to sell of course but the feeling of obtaining something such as this kept me high all weekend. As it turned out later, this unusual jig saw was a DIRIGO manufactured by J.W.Penney, an engineer who developed the first four engines for the Stanley Steamer and other products related to the steam engine industry I also learned of all things that there are only four or so known to exist. A hasty decision turned out to be something I will fondly remember for the rest of my life.

Jim Goodson



Think! Think! Think!

Help me put one of your favorite stories here in the next newsletter. It's fun to remember and share your stories with others. It also would flavor this newsletter with other viewpoints and experiences than those I have to offer. Be a sport and contribute an article of any length and concerning any related topic you wish to me for publication herein. I will be ever so appreciative and will envision your being with only the fuzziest of thoughts and bespeak of you with highest regards forever and always!

.....Editor ☺

**Dwayne Hickman
as Dobie Gillis**

Photos of Groundhog Meet February 2007

Courtesy of R.T.Neumeier



PAST Meeting Schedule for the SWTCA Newsletter

Harold Unruh PAST President

Spreckels, California: PAST Northern California Spring Tool Show, March 24, 2007. Contact Bob Valich, (707) 545-8812, email <planepa@aol.com>.

Valley Center, California: PAST Southern California Spring Tool Show, April 21, 2007. Contact Mike Armstrong, (760) 749-3662.

Modesto, California: PAST Northern California Late Spring Tool Show, May 19, 2007. Contact Bob Weaver, (209) 524-5852.

The Stanley Little Big Book

A Comprehensive Pocket Price Guide For Planes

2006



Clarence Blanchard



Ground Hog Cigar sees shadow – predicts early start to tool collecting season

The 17th Annual Ground Hog meet, hosted by SWTCA president, Emery “Bulletproof” Goad, and his lovely wife, Jackie, was another successful tool show this winter. In addition, co-host of the show was Nancy Devera, Jackie’s niece from California. On the heels of last years’ cold and impassable ice, this years weather was cooperative, and 150 collectors, spouses and sellers from 10 states were able to converge in Bentonville for the annual rite of seeing if the Ground Hog Meet Cigar would see its shadow. Emery’s cigar popped out of his cigar box and saw its shadow, forecasting an early winter thaw and an early start to the tool collecting season. 53 sales tables proved the Ground Hog Cigar was correct. The usual suspects from Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Iowa and Texas provided enough tools to satisfy the most picky buyers. Two door prizes were given away to the best dollar poker hand, and Bud Blake from Ada, Oklahoma won the handmade John Walcott scratch awl with a hand of 5 fives! The Little Big Stanley Price Guide by Clarence Blanchard was won by a local collector. Emery stated “Life is Good, let’s do it again next year!!” In addition to a well anticipated show next year, Emery announced that Mike Fiorito, axe collector and blacksmith, was to provide a presentation on axes at the 2008 Ground Hog show. Come see the Ground Hog Cigar yourself! See you there!Gregor Mszar

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for the Following:

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The S.W.T.C.A. Newsletter is the official publication of the Southwest Tool Collector's Association. It is published quarterly and provided to each member of the association.

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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PLEASE TAKE A MINUTE!!

Please let our Secretary know of changes to your contact information either address, phone no# or e-mail address. He will correct the directory and forward these to me for listing in the Newsletter and dispersal to members.

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Over and over again through time I find myself crossing paths with people I have been around frequently....years in many cases yet have never taken the opportunity to spend time with and really get to know. Grade school chums I finally truly met in College, Neighbors I've known forever but only recently taken the time to share an evening out with. So it is with the tool collecting fraternity as well of course as there are hundreds of such opportunities available with new ones being added each year (and some being lost). It always gives me a warm feeling to make these connections because there is generally information to be exchanged and the subject at hand is typically shared by both parties (at least to some extent).

David McDonald

Just such an occurrence presented itself recently as I received an invitation from David McDonald (premier Winchester collector extraordinaire), to stop by and see the newly constructed showroom he had purpose built on his property. Few collectors ever get to this stage of their collecting habit and I was only too eager to accommodate his invitation.

David's background centers around some 31 years of working for the Conoco Oil Co. Originally occupied in drilling and production, he later became involved with host Governments and coordination of associated Governmental affairs. Of course a great deal of time was spent traveling and living overseas. Singapore, Australia, Madagascar, Libya and Indonesia were among the places he was destined to spend time in. It was spare time and quiet desserts that promoted his collecting interests. For years he collected antique nautical items, some tools and other oddities. He also began building intricate scale models of early sailing ships, a hobby that he continues pursuing even to this day where his latest completion is an early whaling ship.

A tour through David's home brings stark relevance to his traveling past as antiques from many corners of the globe are located everywhere from room to room. A broad appreciation for antiques was evident and a new chapter in visual history presented itself beyond each doorway I passed through. The large attached garage holds a multitude of antiques not of a household nature and not bearing the 'Winchester' logo represented somewhere on every item obligingly placed in the posh new showroom. Several of six automobiles (two vintage) reside in the garage as does a small and busy workspace. On walls, in shelves and strung from the rafters are remnants of history and pieces collected before he acquired the Winchester bug. Actually I don't think he just acquired the Winchester Bug....I think it literally jumped on and chewed his foot off! For the past 15 years or so, Winchester has been virtually his only collecting objective. At this point of course, there is not a lot of items left to add to his collection but he is ever on the lookout for those he deems missing.

The newly built showroom is temperature and humidity controlled (of course!), It is spotless and appointed with original showcases and advertising promoting Winchester tools. He collects no other Winchester items such as fire arms or sporting goods. The room is lofted with a small upstairs area for sorting, storing and organizing and having a window or two for light. It's easier to show than to describe this beautiful showroom so I have posted some pictures to give an idea of what his inspiration and initiative have accomplished.





...and Please let me score a job with Conoco when I grow up!

(2007 Dues are Past Due!!)

SWTCA Membership Application Form

Date: _____ Check One: New _____ Renewal _____ Information Change _____
 Name: _____ Spouse: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Zip+4 _____
 Primary Phone: _____ Secondary Phone: _____
 Fax: () _____
 Collecting Interests: _____
 E-mail address #1: _____
 E-mail address #2 _____ Web Site Address: _____

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

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Super Saturday Show starts the year off right!

Tool collecting in the SouthWest does not start until the yearly Super Saturday show starts. This years show was, as advertised, “SUPER”! A larger than normal crowd attended the sales of the normal assortment of goodies, from Jim Goodson’s 17th/18th century planes to Troy Marshall’s English matched sets to Lynn Dowd’s user tools. Most attendees came early to hear the likes of Jon Harrison talk of his “first” (tool that is), and then to hear that wizard of the tongue-wag, Bill McDougall of Albuquerque, talk on the finer points (get it – points-) of his medical and dental tools. One special item for sale was a baggie of fine Winchester aluminum pull tabs that was quickly picked up by none other than David McDonald (actually the pull tabs were ‘jen-u-wine’ Miller Lite tabs, but if it says Winchester on the wrapper, David’s on it). A good day was had, buying-selling-trading, by all who came. Later in the day, most folks went over to Lynn Dowd’s place in Garland for more tools, talk and homemade pie.

Gregor Mszar

Super Saturday Pics.



Jon Harrison Exhibit



18th & Early 19th c. Cooper's Tools

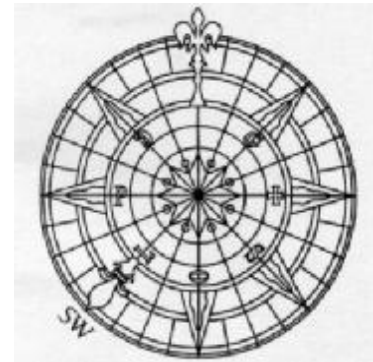


Collection of Tiny Routers



Pat Lasswell & John Balintine confer...

Southwest Tool Collectors Association



Spring 2007 Meet Tulsa, Ok. Sat. April 7th & Sun. April 8th (Easter Weekend)

Doors open promptly on **Saturday Morning** at 7:30 a.m. and will close again at 9:00 p.m. **Sunday Morning** the room will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. for final trading and move out.

There will be an auction again this year, starting at 4:00 p.m. with 10% of the proceeds going to SWTCA, so be sure to bring some quality items to sell. This auction will be open to invited locals and guests to participate in.

We have advertised widely in Tulsa to attract local enthusiasts from woodworkers to collectors to join us for the day in the trade room and at the auction. Lets make them feel at home and encourage new membership.

- **There will be security in the trade room over Saturday night.**
- **Display tables are free for member displays**
- **There will be a hospitality room available on Friday night.**

Trading space is limited, so be sure to **register early**.

Best Western Trade Winds Central
3141 E Skelly Drive
Tulsa, Ok
1-800-685-4564
From I-44, take the Harvard exit.
The hotel is located on the
northwest corner.

For more information, contact:
Tim Hoss
(918) 261-1277

Registration will be \$5.00 (spouses free)
Trade Tables are \$9:00 each
Display Tables are Free

We have been given a special room rate of \$60.00 per night.
Be sure to mention SWTCA when registering.

There are many fine places to eat in the immediate area, as well as a restaurant at the hotel.

Name:

Address:

City:State:Zip

E-mail _____

Registration Fee: \$ _____
Number of Tables _____ X \$9.00 each = \$ _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Make checks payable to SWTCA
Send Payment to: Tim Hoss
1535 E. 34th St.
Tulsa, Ok. 74105

SWTCA Tool Ads.

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 started from scratch in the August newsletter 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 ½ St.
Houston Tx. 77009.

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.

18th, early 19th c. single plane irons (uncut)

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,
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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

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@sbcglobal.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. tim@wavelinx.net and at www.thewinchesterstore.com

2007 events Calendar

- MAR 16-17** LIVE FREE OR DIE ANTIQUE TOOL AUCTIONS, RAMADA INN HOTEL, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
MARTIN DONNELLY , 800-869-0695 www.mjdtools.com
- MAR 30-31** 30th INTERNATIONAL SHOW/AUCTION – BROWN AUCTION SERVICES, RADDISON INN, CAMP HILL,
PENNSYLVANIA CLARENCE BLANCHARD , 800-248-8114 ceb@finetoolj.com
- MAR 31** 49th DAVID STANLEY INTERNATIONAL AUCTION , CHARNWOOD ARMS HOTEL, N. COALVILLE,
LEICESTERSHIRE, ENGLAND DAVID STANLEY , 011-44-1530-222320 www.davidstanley.com

APRIL 2007

- APR 7th** **SWTCA SPRING SEMI-ANNUAL MEET, TULSA, OKLAHOMA TIM HOSS, 918-143-9297**
thoss@hillcrest.com
- APR 20-21** LIVE FREE OR DIE ANTIQUE TOOL AUCTIONS, HOLIDAY INN EVERETT TURNPIKE, NASHUA, NEW
HAMPSHIRE MARTIN DONNELLY , 800-869-0695 www.mjdtools.com
- April 28th** **SWTCA Houston Regional Meeting @Hickory Hollow BBQ – 101 Heights Blvd. in Houston Heights**
just off I-10 contact: **Jim Goodson (713)-869-4435** or **springhill1@sbcglobal.net**

MAY 2007

- MAY 5** AUCTION OF CECIL HOLMES TOOL COLLECTION, HUMBOLDT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS EVENTS CENTER,
HUMBOLDT, IOWA MIKE URNESS, 314-434-4325, hd1933vle@mac.com
- MAY 6** M-WTCA AREA D MEET, HUMBOLDT, IOWA LeROY WITZEL, 515-890-0262
- MAY 9-12** EAIA ANNUAL MEETING, CONVENTION CENTER MARRIOTT, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
DON ROSEBROOK, 225-673-4049 hopeful@eatel.net
- MAY 20** PATINA MEETING, AMERICAN LEGION POST 270, 1355 BALLS HILL ROAD,MCLEAN, VIRGINIA
LEE RICHMOND, 703-391-0074 lee@thebestthings.com

JUNE 2007

- JUN 14-16** MWTCA SPRING NATIONAL MEET, MILWAKEE, WISCONSIN LARRY THORSON, 608-779-0966

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