

Southwest Tool Collector's Association

SWTCA Newsletter
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I came across a very special letter recently while organizing and sorting out stacks of paperwork around my library and office. You know the drill....one day a bookcase door or desk drawer refuses to close or belches forth a huge mass of long neglected documents which are mostly unnecessary by now. A long postponement of the inevitable ultimately comes to a head and a fierce compelling determination now fuels a spirited corrective mission. Then I found the letter.....

Sometimes there is that uniquely timed message or correspondence that makes you feel like you're actually doing something special. That you are on the right track and that the rhythm of the universe is taking a back seat to your own progress. Such was the case on the 30th of June 1991 when a letter arrived for me with a note from someone I had never met. I had recently accepted the position of SWTCA editor for the first time and the only thing that I was sure of was that I wasn't sure of what I was doing. Opening the letter produced a handwritten note from Jerry Cyrier, one of the founding members of the SWTCA as it so happens.



"Hi Jim....had the pleasure of meeting your Dad at Canton this weekend where he purchased one of my prized goose wing axes". ".....Looking forward to seeing you at Fort Worth. Keep up the good work on the newsletter. As a founder of the SWTCA it's gratifying to find people like yourself carrying on in such grand fashion. Sincerely, Jerry Cyrier."

I was very touched that someone I had never met would actually take the time to write such a letter. His generous foresight had accomplished volumes in establishing my self esteem as new editor at that time and I excitedly looked forward to meeting him in person at the upcoming Ft. Worth show in a few months. As the meeting doors opened however, the news that greeted me was that Jerry had succumbed to Cancer just a few days before the meet. A couple of things sadly confronted me with this stark reality. First, I would never have the opportunity to thank him for his kindness and second, it reminded me of what the most important things in life truly are. Knowing his situation, Jerry spent his dwindling days giving thanks for those things that meant the most to him and that he felt were truly important in life.

Jerry was one of three founding members of the SWTCA. The club was important to him even in the end. So with much reverence, I have requested from member Jeff Gaston (who with the collaboration of Sam Scott, the remaining founding member), the story of how the three of them came together and ultimately started the SWTCA some 35 years ago.Editor

"SO, YOU'RE A TOOL COLLECTOR, EH?"

**The beginning of SWTCA Ca. 1973
Jerry Cyrier*, Jeff Gaston and Sam Scott, co-founders**

"So you're a tool collector, eh?" With these words, Jerry, Sam and I met at Canton's First Monday Trade Days sometime in 1973. We exchanged home visits, or should I say we visited each others' tool collections. We had

our share of 'whatzits'. Often we would be up until the wee hours swapping tool tales. Jerry was in Hurst, Sam and I were in Irving. We had an informal meeting of collectors at Jerry's house composed of other tool collectors we had met. As I remember, about 10 people showed up, some with their families.

In 1975 we published a list of our charter members. There were 15 members. There were 9 from the DFW area, 3 from Austin, 1 from Denton and 1 from Sherman. Today we number over 330 from 22 states.

We continued having meetings in the spring and fall. We met in people's homes, the log cabin village in Fort Worth, apartment clubhouses, bank meeting rooms or any place that would have us. These meetings continued in the DFW area until some of our new members from Oklahoma, Austin and Houston got tired of doing all the driving. We then spread out the meetings over a larger area.

Most of the organization credit goes to Jerry. He had been a member of MWTCA and was familiar with how it was set up. We patterned our group after them.

Jerry had a deep appreciation of old tools. He especially enjoyed the feel and patina of a tool which had had many users and performed many tasks in the skilled hands of our ancestors. This was a time when the pure pleasure of tools was the ultimate goal of collecting. Today we sometimes tend to let the monetary values rule our actions. There is a place for everyone in tool collecting which is evident by our large, diversified membership that has grown from a simple 'So, you're a tool collector, eh?'

.....submitted by Jeff Gaston
*Jerry passed away in 1991

SWTCA Spring Meeting **To Be Held In Tulsa Oklahoma April 12th 2008**

Once again our cordial host Tim (Tim'eril) Hoss has been busy putting together our upcoming Spring meeting for Saturday April 12th. This will be a one day meeting only with doors opening early at 7:00 AM and closing at 4:00 PM. **Registration is a mere \$5.00 per person (spouses free)** and trade tables are \$9.00 ea. An afternoon auction will be held beginning at 2:00 PM. This meeting will be advertised as open to the public so there will be new enthusiasts as well as those new attendees returning from last year. This is a responsive effort to help the club obtain new membership and to give our member dealers additional selling opportunities. These gatherings are a club privilege only sustained by those willing to put forth a little effort for a great deal of camaraderie and the opportunity to 're-arrange their inventories'. The location will be the same as for the last two Tulsa meetings....The Best Western Trade winds Central (1-800-685-4564). Ask for the special SWTCA room rate of \$60.00 per night. Bring a friend, tell a neighbor and spread the word. Be sure and register early (registration form enclosed in this newsletter) and lets all have another great gathering!

Tim has now moved back into his house from his 'garage environs' after extensive renovation and untold complications. His gourmet cooking never skipped a beat throughout the transition but he assures me his cooking oil is now prefixed with 'extra virgin' in lieu of 'SAE'!
.....Editor

SWTCA Spring Meeting Registration Form Enclosed!

**Please make your reservations now for this exciting
one day event. Bring a friend, tell a neighbor, spread the word!**

14th ANNUAL SUPER SATURDAY JOINT MEET - MWTCA AREA-I AND SWTCA

On a beautiful February morning, 40 tool collectors, their spouses and guests arrived at the first meeting of 2008 for tool collectors in the great southwest. Braving the rampant flu virus and rising fuel costs, collectors from Texas and Oklahoma converged to participate in the 14th annual joint meeting of MWTCA Area I and Southwest Tool Collectors (SWTCA). The morning started off with the usual chin-wag of new finds, lost ebay items and the coming and goings of club members. Starting the show was a discussion on designs of and markings on 18th and 19th century European planes. Jim Goodson, collector and chronicler of early European tools, spoke for an hour on the evolution of various forms of planes and associated woodworking tools. A large number of tools were presented and available for hand-on inspection by the attendees. As for the displays, Charley Koll of San Antonio, Texas brought an unusual display of No.2 plane Anomalies. Bud Blake of Ada, Ok, and Frank Sronce of Benbrook, Tx, had dueling displays of miniature routers. At 10am sharp, the trade room opened and the buying/selling/trading began. Unlike our northern brothers and sisters, us down-home folks believe in trading at a sensible hour of the day, without flashlights!! This late start also allows our members to drive-in in the morning. Again, unlike our northeastern brothers and sisters, it is not unusual to drive 5-6 hours one-way to a half day meet. Driving the furthest was David Schepers from Delmar, Iowa . After the first frenzy of fine tool finding on the fifteen sales tables, the Knights of Columbus opened both the bar and kitchen to replenish our strength and mental health being. Even though attendance was lower than in the past, the attendees enjoyed a great day of tool education, collecting and camaraderie.



.....Gregor Mszar, Host



Nothing gets by these two!
Matt & Rachel Stankus may be new to the tool collectors market but here they demonstrate one of their highly competitive trade secrets for us!

Photos by J. Goodson

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Dear Jim,

I'm not really a tool collector, but I am a spectator who enjoys looking back to see the development of implements for accomplishing a wide range of necessary (survival) or desirable (because you want to) tasks. Where better to witness this than at a tool collector's meeting?

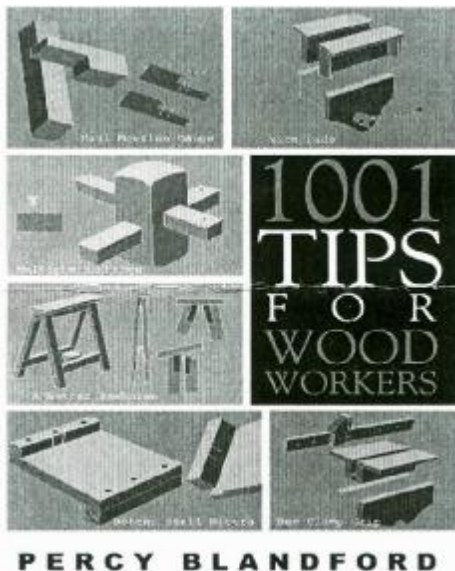
While I may be part of the last generation who might enjoy examining a wood plane or collection of chisels, or trying to imagine how Mr. Studley managed to create an exceptional work of art, while meeting a functional purpose, there is a sense of appreciation and awe. Somehow, in the brave new world of exponential scientific development and progress, I find it difficult to imagine a group of people gathering sometime in the future to display and trade vacuum tubes, floppy disks and IPODS.

In the end, our lives are about much more important things than rusty tools. Your article about your dad and the Montgomery Ward 45 he purchased for you said it very well.

In the accumulation of tools that clutter my house, garage and attic, there is a Stanley 45 that has particular meaning to me. My cousin (by marriage), a decorated veteran of WWII who served in the Philippines and later as part of the honor guard for Mac Arthur in occupied Japan, was a carpenter in real life. After sharing my interest in tools with him, he was anxious to "show me" something the next time I passed through Amarillo. It turned out to be a Stanley tin box 45 he had purchased new and used sparingly. Aside from a lightly scuffed box and a little sawdust it was in perfect condition. Only the instructions were missing. A year or two later, he "insisted" that I take it home. After polite resistance, I finally consented. Dusted, cleaned and oiled, it serves as an important connection to my past and a personal reminder of all those who paved the road for me.

Dave Rawls

A Lifetime Of Experience In One Comprehensive Collection



Legendary craftsman **Percy Blandford** has at last collected his seven decades of woodworking experience into a single information-packed volume.

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Percy Blandford was born in Bristol, England in 1912, and from an early age he learned to use woodworking tools. He served five years in the Royal Air Force during World War II, after which he started writing full-time, and designing furniture and boats. He now has a comprehensively equipped workshop with all kinds of power tools, but he still has a place for hand tools, some dating back to earlier Blandford craftsmen. **1001 Tips for Woodworkers** is Mr. Blandford's 112th book.

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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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Errata !
(not erotica)

Please Correct Your
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for the Following:

NEW DIRECTORY CHANGES

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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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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

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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.

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.springhill@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





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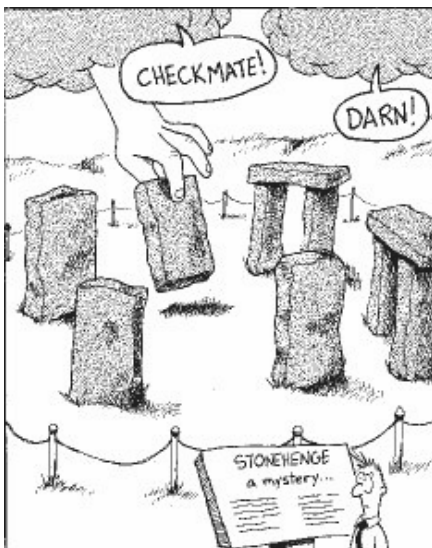
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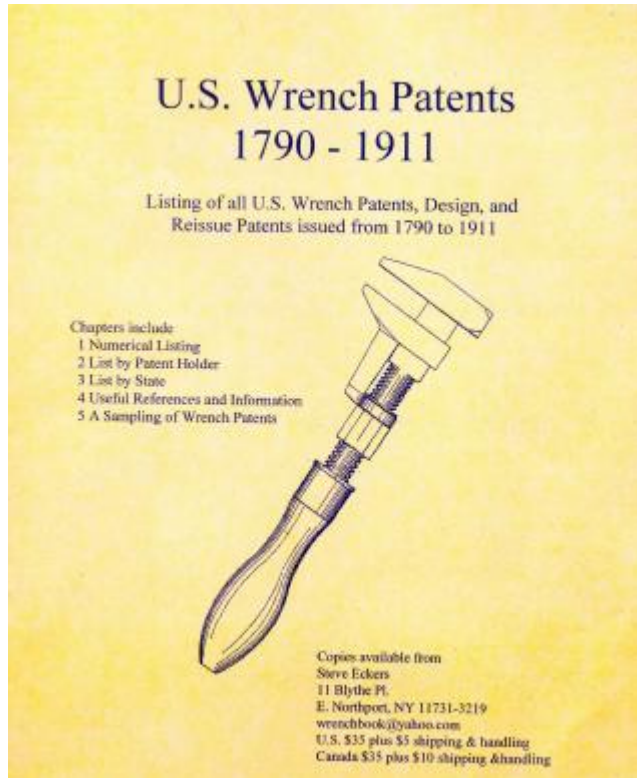
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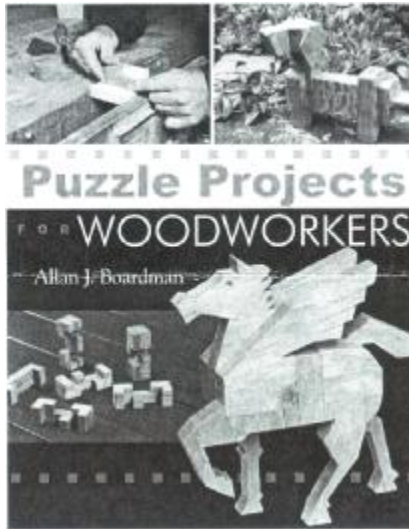
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Allan J. Boardman is a life-long woodworker and teacher with a technical background. His work and articles have been featured in *American Woodworker* and *Fine Woodworking*. He lives in Woodland Hills, California.

A message from the author: The worlds of woodworking and mechanical puzzles intersect on these pages. The result is not only good projects for woodworkers and new brain teasers for puzzle enthusiasts, but the possibility of turning woodworkers into puzzle enthusiasts and vice versa. I have brought together some of the best new designs from contemporary puzzle designers around the world to challenge craftsmen and women in wood; and their products will surely delight and challenge those who enjoy the stimulation of a clever puzzle.

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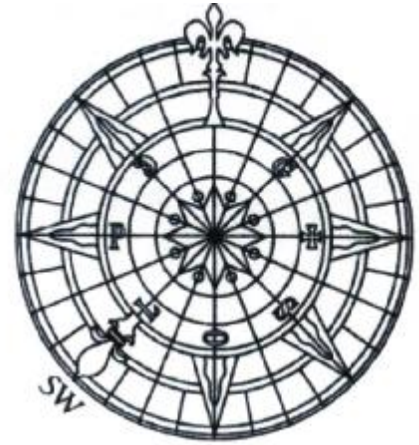
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