

THE Wood Rack



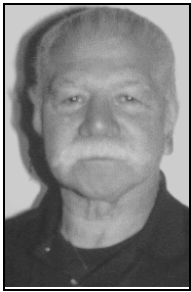
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NEXT MEETING: Wed., Sept. 5, 7 p.m., Brush Barn, Smithtown

NEXT MEETING: Mike Daum on Mortising, Show 2001 Report.

The September meeting will feature member Mike Daum, who will do a talk on mortising techniques. In addition to Mike's presentation we will discuss both this year's and upcoming shows. We will report on all aspects (including financial) of Show 2001 for members' review and discussion. Your input is necessary for our show to continue. Please come ready to give your evaluation and to indicate the level of involvement we can expect from you in Show 2002.



President's Message By Gabe Jaen

I don't know how many of you have an air-conditioned shop, but I envy those of you who do. Anyway, I still managed to get some things done this summer - a reconstructed pantry, a microwave and bake oven unit and an armoire for the foyer. All were "Honey do's," which gets me off the hook for a while.

The informal summer meetings were great. The July meeting was a round-robin that was attended by at least 60 members, and the August meeting was even better. Charlie Morehouse filled the Barn, as he always does. Surprisingly, the business part of the meeting was interesting and lively. I was reluctant to discuss Club business because the summer meetings are informal, but September will be here when we meet again, so I'll be talking about a few things and welcoming in a bunch of new members who joined us during the summer.

There was a Board meeting held on July 25 at which the following things were discussed and voted on:

* The Club will rent a post office box in Huntington. Steve Costello will have the key and check for any mail, open it and act accordingly.

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Secretary's Report

Owen Brady & Steve Costello



There was a good turnout for the August meeting. Gabe Jaen presided, and he said that

there had been a Board meeting on July 25th, the results of which will be announced at the September meeting. He indicated that members should check the September newsletter for more details.

The Club received a kind donation of magazines and books from a past member, John Di Natale. The magazines were on sale for 50 cents apiece, and there will be more magazines up for sale at future meetings. All proceeds go to the Club so pick out the ones you want and pay Steve Costello, who is handling these items. The books will be offered to the library, and those that they don't need will be sold at a meeting.

Gabe went over some of the shortcomings of Show 2001, including some lack of participation and the need for more exhibits. All members who have suggestions or criticisms regarding Show 2001 or who have any ideas for the Club, seminars, presenters or demonstrators should see

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Scenes from Show 2001



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- * The Treasurer will participate in any financial transaction, assuring the Board that funds are available.
- * Seminar costs will remain at \$35 for members and \$50 for non-members. An initial non-refundable deposit of \$10 will be required at time of commitment to attend. The balance will be due one week before the seminar.
- * The newsletter will be sent to members via e-mail. Those members wanting a hard copy vs. electronic must notify me.
- * The Club's mailing list without phone numbers or e-mail addresses will be sent to The American Woodworker Magazine in exchange for a free booth at their show in the Nassau Coliseum. The booth will have LIWC members doing demonstrations and recruiting new members.
- * New committees will be formed, such as Fund-raising, Sergeant-at-Arms, Clean-up and Public Relations.
- * Membership badges that are dated for the current year will be made for each member in good standing.

Some of these measures taken are to reduce costs so that more money is available for seminars and to pay speakers at our meetings. Some of them are so that the Club will operate more effectively for the benefit of the members in good standing, and some of them are for Club recognition. More information will be forthcoming.

I hope everyone is having a good summer regardless of the heat.

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Gabe. He went on to inform us that name tags will be worn by the members at the September meeting.

There is a 30-year-old crib that needs some reconstruction, and Charlie James has volunteered to do it.

Kevin Hanson delivered a presentation about the workings of the website.

Show and Tell was interesting. Graham Kelly showed his TV and VCR stand, Chuck Bookbinder his scroll saw work of Lincoln, John Wayne and a dog and Bob Urso his turnings of bowls with some fancy inlays.

Charlie James said that Mario Rodriguez will be giving a veneering course at FIT, in Manhattan. Anyone interested should get in touch with Charlie.

Our guest speaker for the night was our own club member, Charlie Morehouse. Charlie demonstrated and talked about the how and wherefore of shellac and padding lacquers. He demonstrated on a table he found and restored and kept his audience attentive for the rest of the evening. Finishing is something that makes or breaks a project, and we all welcomed Charlie's input.