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### AUGUST MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Mike Malone Jr., the new owner of the old Thibson Saw Shop was our presenter and host this month. A few months ago, he bought the place and has re-named it Sharper Edge Saw Shop. He has spent a great deal of time getting the place back into shape. There was a lot of clean up and repair to do before he could even start sharpening. In fact, he doesn't even have his new sign up as yet.

Mike did a lot of research prior to getting in the sharpening business. One of the first things he did was to get professionally trained. Many sharpening professions learn by doing which takes a while. Mike decided to jumpstart the process by attending the Foley-Belsaw Institute. It means he comes out of the gate ready to do the job.

Foley-Belsaw is a company that makes saw sharpening equipment but has a separate organization that does training of all types including saw sharpening, woodworking, gunsmithing, etc. They are located in Kasas City, MO. Foley-Belsaw also makes many different tools but specializing in the sharpening trade. Several of Mike's sharpening systems were from Foley-Belsaw

Mike discussed various grades of saw teeth, blades, their construction and qualities. He also discussed the process of sharpening the typical table saw blade including carbide and steel. He suggests Simple Green as a good and safe chemical to remove pitch from almost any blade or bit.

When ask about Teflon coated blades, he said about the best thing you can do, is simple keep the blade clean instead of paying extra for special coatings. The coating wear off unless the blade is regularly cleaned.

Mike also makes bandsaw blades in many widths and lengths you might need. Plus he's got just about the best prices around.

If you couldn't make it to the meeting, he's located at 724 Orange Street (between Common and Kirkman) in Lake Charles. Phone him at 433-2931.

Members brought lots of interesting items (according to my notes) this month. Jimmie Evert built a motorcycle out of wood. What a neat childs toy. Jimmie also brought a few more of his wonderful carved canes including a very realist snake head one. Dick Truth needs to do some writing. His brought a set of fifty or so turned pens, all of different woods. A remarkable collection.

The sad thing is that the disk I was recording on was bad. So I didn't get any images to post on our web site. If Dick and Jimmie could bring back the items, I'll make sure they get online this month.

### ROUTER BIT TYPES

Router bits come in two types, carbide-tipped and high-speed steel. In general, you shouldn't waste your money on high-speed steel bits. While they're cheap, they won't hold an edge for long and they don't have ball-bearing pilots, so you're more likely to burn and tear the wood. Carbide bits cost about three times as much as high-speed steel ones, but they stay sharper at least 10 times longer.

Router bit shanks come in two diameters, 1/4 in. and 1/2 in. Examine the collet (where the bit inserts) on your router to determine the bit shank size(s) it can handle. Some routers will only accept 1/4-in. shanks, while others come with substitute collets or collet-adapting sleeves so you can switch back and forth between shank sizes. Generally speaking, buy 1/2-in. shank bits if you can. With that size, there's less deflection in the shank, which means less wobble and cleaner cuts.

### ANNUAL BBQ

**The Lake Charles Woodworkers Annual BBQ is coming up next month. There will be lots of food, good conversation and you'll have a great time. The date is Wednesday, October 27 at the PPG Family Pavillion in Westlake.**

**Tickets are \$10 again and you need to purchase them at the next club meeting or contact Bubba (912-9030) or Barry (477-8474) to get yours.**

## GARY ROCK'S TURNING SCHOOL TRIP

Loaded up my GL1500 Honda Goldwing motorcycle and my camper, pointed the front wheel West. I stopped along the way to visit friends before heading to Provo, Utah.

I arrived Sunday around noon at the KOA campground in Provo. After paying for the week stay, headed for the camp site to set up the trailer. With that done, next came laundry. Afterwards I came back to the camper put away the clean clothes and headed for the office to ask. "How do I get to Craft Supplies, USA from here?" When I registered for the classes earlier, I requested a map from the campground to the store/classroom. Which they sent but had me making turns where I didn't need to. With the information for the KOA people, I set out. The campground was on the west side of Provo and the store/classroom was on the east side. They routed me straight told me where to turn. Had to go through the downtown area of Provo to reach the site. Provo is really a beautiful town, easy to get around in. Of course I missed the turn the first day (Sunday) to find the place, after turning around and making the right turn, I found it. Next on the agenda was food, which I found with no trouble.

I brought an alarm clock just in case that I needed it. Set it for 6 in the morning to go off but was awake every morning between 10 to 15 minutes before it would go off. Up, dressed and headed for the nearest place to eat breakfast then head for the classroom.

The first day, we met in the conference room of Craft Supplies. We introduced ourselves and told a little bit of information about ourselves. The class consisted of 11 people late 40's up. From there we went across the street to the classroom. The turners would hold class anywhere from 15 to 30 minutes (several times in the morning and afternoon) then turn us loose on the lathes. The lathes that they had were Oneway, Woodfast, Vicmar, Powermatic and a Stubby. As we were turning the turners (teachers) would come around, give personal instructions and show how to hold the tools properly. When something happened or the turner (teacher) wanted us back in the classroom, they would ring an old fashion bell. It really worked good. The class time would run from 8 in the morning Tuesday on till 12 noon for lunch then back at 1 till 5p.m. The first day of the class at lunch time all but 2 of the 11 members left for lunch, I and a retired medical doctor stayed. When the day was over, the ones that left and ate a large lunch stated, "that they were not going to do that again for it was too hard to stay awake the rest of the afternoon." At the end of each day Craft Supplies employees would come over and clean the class/turning

room. After the first day I would stay and help them clean.

I brought cameras to take pictures of and during the class sessions but was too busy taking notes and observing the turners (teachers) when they were turning. So no pictures. The classes are very, very intensive. By the end of each day all I want to do was eat supper and go back to the campground, get lost in a book that I was reading. Didn't want to think about wood, woodwork or turning, but when morning came around was ready to learn again. At lunch on the first day I asked Dale Nish (Owner along with his son) if I could bring and make coffee. No problem, so I had coffee from then on. A couple of days, I wouldn't get my first (more like 5th to 6th cup) of coffee till noon time with everything going on. At lunch time or at the end of the day you could walk across the street to the display room (candy store) of Craft Supplies. What they didn't have on display they would get for you. Besides the cost of the class, it cost me another \$350 before I left from there.

The classes consisted of Natural edge turning, cutting a number of bowls from one blank, deep hollowing, platters, turned boxes with inlays to decorative bowls with inlays along with showing how to sharpen your tools. The first day was Dale Nish (Natural edge bowls). The second day was with Mike Mahoney (cutting the bowls out of blanks and deep hollowing). The third day was Rex Burningham (platters and inlays), he is also an ex pro football player. The fourth day was Kit Christenson (turning boxes with inlays). The last day was Lane Phillips (decorative bowls with inlays). Helping with the turners (teachers) and us was Kirk DeHeer who is a turner in his own right.

Friday the last day at noon Craft Supplies brought in pizza and drinks for everyone. The rest of the afternoon you either finished up an project(s) from earlier in the week or went to the candy store to get new toys that you need. When the final bell sounded, everyone shook everyone's hands talked and headed for their motel rooms or campground.

Kirk DeHeer asked me Friday afternoon, "What I thought of the class?" I told him, "it was good and that the end of every day that I was A Whooped Puppy." He said, "That is what they want." *Gary Rock.*

*Editor's Note:* Gary drove about 4,000 miles on his trip. I'm sure he's got calluses but they are probably well worth it. He also got a few new gouges and scrapers which he may bring to Show and Tell this month and maybe a few snapshots. We're glad he's back safely in Louisiana.

Many of you have recently asked for an updated membership list. Here it is below.

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