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OCTOBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Dick Trough was our host this month at his fine shop and where we saw lots of Show and Tell items. Dick had planned to do a demonstration of joint making but decided to put this off until next month at the Wilfert's shop.

We also had a couple of guests: Roy LeBlanc and Bryan Proksch.

Dick announced that we have produced more than 200 turned cars and more than 300 other items for the Annual Toy Program. In early December, we'll be taking these to the Calcasieu Women's Shelter so the toys may be distributed throughout the year.

Dick also showed us a book he has found useful for joint making: Understanding Wood: A Craftsmans Guide to Wood Technology by Bruce Headley.

Besides a brief safety talk, Gary Rock mentioned that the next LCWW Board meeting would be at his home on Wednesday, October 18th. He also suggested that we start a mentoring program where experienced members would provide their expertise to those just begining or who want some training in a particular area of woodworking.

Show and Tell included a stained corn cob pen by Dick Trough. He said you get quite a few failures with corn cob because of it's delicate nature. He hardens the wood with thin superglue but you can use Minwax High Performance Wood Hardener for this. He also showed a big leaf maple vase with a very high gloss that was achieved using scratch-out automotive body finished.

Patricia Trough was not there but left a silver leaf maple bowl and a tallow weed vase. Patricia turned these in a training session with master turner Bill Berry at Dick's shop. Bill, who has demonstrated for us a couple of times makes part of his living teaching wood turning and will come to your shop and teach you on your tools.

Mr. Thibodeaux brought a small box of pine from a WoodCraft design. Aaron Andrepont showed a cane he turned and a candle holder. Aaron's scroll-work brought us a turkey and chicken trivets for the

holidays as well as tree ornaments from pine and a deer toy.

Rob Standing puts his time into carving and the pieces are always dramatic. He brought two peace pipes carved from cedar with Minnesota Pipe stone and African Wonder stone. You really need to see the photos of these on the LCWW web site to appreciate the beauty of the pieces. In addition Rob showed off a couple of carved heads, again, you got to see them to appreciate his fine work.



Dick Hopes brought us some puzzles, pull toys and cars going into the Toy Program collection. Gary Rock had turned a white oak bowl with brass inlay and a high gloss tung oil finish plus a bowl of cherry with turquoise inlay.

George Kuffel won the Bring It Back item, a wonderful scratch awl turned by Gary Rock. Dick Hopes won the raffle, a fine airbrush tool.

Barry Humphus reminded those who want to receive the Newsletter via email that they need to update him with a current email address. There have been a couple of problems getting these to members, but he start using a different technique (a group email process), that should work better.

TIME FOR DUES FOR THE YEAR 2007

At last months meeting George Kuffel number was drawn for the "Bring Back Item," and I clean forgot to bring the Scratch Awl with me to the meeting. Told George that I would give it to him at the board meeting, in which a little skull-duggery was taking place. After eating and before the meeting started, I went to the shop to retrieve the awl. Not only grabbing the awl that he was supposed to get, I grabbed my old shop awl as well. Came in, and proceeded to give him my old awl, George took it and had a funny look

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at the Shop of Theresa and Leonard Wilfert

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on his face. Left him hang for a moment or two, then gave him the right awl and put my old awl back. It's time to see Jimmy Everett's "Bring Back Item."

Dick Trough will start his series on "Making Joints," during our next meeting at the Wilfert Shop. Dick Trough also brought up the idea of our club having mentors for our members to call for help in cabinet work, finishing, turning, etc. Dick Trough, George Kuffel and yours truly volunteered for this and if you want to be a mentor contact either me or Barry Humphus. Mark your calendars for the club meeting places: January 2007—George Kuffel's shop; February—Dick Trough's shop; March—Gary Rock's shop.

Something for the membership to be thinking about: Does the club membership want to have a one day retreat at one of our shops, in which we will help/show members on how to do woodwork from cutting to finishing? I will ask this at our next meeting. We also need your ideas on "How to present our club," to the public. From what I hear and understand the public doesn't know that there is a local woodworking club in Southwest Louisiana.

Please remember that in order to continue to bring you meetings, mail or email this Newsletter and serve our membership, we need to get some money from you. It's just \$20.00 per year for a family membership. Mail your annual dues to Dick Hopes at 1139 Green Road, Lake Charles, LA 70611 and make your check payable to LC Woodworkers.

With Halloween gone and the holidays just ahead of us, it is not the time to let down your guard on "Safety." Always keep your mind on the job at hand and your hands out of harms way. At the end of the day when you close your shop you will have all ten fingers and the satisfaction of another day in the shop. From my shop to all of our members I send best wishes for a "Happy Thanksgiving." *Gary Rock*

iTV Woodworking Channel

Recently we attended a computer conference in Lake Charles about some relatively new Internet technology called Voice Over IP (VoIP) and Television Over IP (TVIP). These technologies use the Internet to deliver either telephony or television over the Internet to your telephone or computer (and with the proper inexpensive equipment, to your TV).

With VoIP, you can make (and receive) telephone calls using the Internet to virtually any telephone in the world with no long distance charges. With TVIP, you can receive TV broadcasts over the Internet. While you currently need a separate service in addition to your Internet connection for telephone service, all you need to receive television is a broadband connection (ADSL or Cable modem) and a relatively new computer.

While I won't bore you woodworkers with a detailed description of the technology (though I would be happy to present a comprehensive one hour lecture with Powerpoint slides and of course an exam at the end), there are some channels that may be of interest to you and your activities.

Currently, there are some 3,000 TV stations available over the Internet. Among these are regular news channels from many different countries, educational channels, government, movies, lifestyle, shopping, religious, sports, hobbies and crafts, weather, foreign channels in English and many other languages and many more channels for nearly every interest. From the Alabama State Senate to backyard Wrestling; Louisiana Cajun TV to Islamic Christian TV; Albania TV to Zimbabwe TV. Need to field strip an M60 machine gun, then the Pentagon Channel is for you. It's all there plus many of the regular networks and a huge number of local stations from across the nation.

A new one is the Woodworking Channel for you and me. It features many programs you may have seen on TV already, but many more that you have never seen including British woodworking, Australian woodworking, U.S. woodworking and even shows from India on woodworking. The programs are continuous, sometimes with commercials, so just set back and enjoy. The Woodworking Channel is at www.thewoodworkingchannel.com. Again, the technology requirements are simple: broadband Internet connection and a relatively new computer (Macintosh or PC).

The Woodworking Channel brings programs such as American Woodworker, The Great British Woodshop, Lie-Nelsen Toolworks, Woodworking at Home, Woodworking News, The Router Workshop, American Association of Woodturners, Turning Point with Sam Maloof, The Woodworkers Edge and many

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more. The channel runs more than 12 hours a day. There are a few commercials, just like regular TV.

Depending on your Internet connection, you can view the programs in a small window or full screen. You can even record the programs if you have the appropriate software for later viewing.

While the Woodworking Channel is of interest to us, what we will get in the very near future are many more thousands of channels, all delivered over the Internet via our friends at BellSouth. They and the other major telcoms are planning to compete very vigorously with the cable television industry and to deliver at much lower cost, the TV you want to see. And it won't be just to your computer. A simple set-top box and a broadband Internet connection will bring a large variety of TV programming to your home television set.

The cable industry has for years told us about the downside of "cafeteria" style selection of the channels we want where you choose only the programming you want. They said that this type of individual selection will drive small channels out of business. They have not told us the truth. The Internet can and does deliver the smallest of television programming markets at no cost or low cost over what we are paying already. *Barry Humphus.*

WEB AND TOOL RESOURCES

Slick Saw is a unique product that adheres to your power tools and provides a super slick surface that not only protects your work piece from damage by the tool but lets the tool move smoothly across the piece. The product comes in pre-cut size for routers and circular saws. Another size is a sheet that you can custom cut for tools such as a scroll saw. For the scroll saw, you end up with a zero clearance surface. See the web site at www.slicksaw.com or call them at 877-754-2572.

Festool (www.festoolusa.com) probably makes the best cordless power tools on the market. Their innovative products take cordless power tools to a new level. While they sell fairly expensive tools, the engineering brings you very good use. For example, the very compact and remarkably light C12 offers all the power, control, torque, and features you need for demanding jobs. It's the lightest 12v on the market and the first cordless drill with a brushless

motor. Lift a pound less each time you drill or drive without sacrificing any power. That's 200 fewer pounds in a typical day. As for longevity, the C12 will drive up to one million screws before it needs to be replaced. It uses high power batteries with a smart charger for long service life, a motor design that allows short drill head for compactness; EC-TEC motor without carbon brushes produces virtually no mechanical wear and stepless electronic speed control for work in any material. Accessories include a quick change right-angle head, a quick change close surface head, special driver bits that are quick change and many more.

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