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Mid-Term Report from the PRESIDENT

Six months have gone by since I became President of CVWA, even if I don't think of myself that way. The analogy of "taking the helm" is better. Although people rarely think beyond "steering", the fact is that the helmsman takes orders and steers along a course determined by others. So, being responsible to the board and members of our "club", I have been trying to the steer the course you desire. The board, committees, and I try to guess what you want or need.

Our previous leadership has left us with some financial flexibility. This enables us to "lay out" funds for projects, to pay a little for presenters, and to purchase a few needed items.

We have had more diverse programs from members who have not participated in the past and from woodworkers outside the club. We are arranging a meeting based on suggestions to have "centers" of interest. This meeting would have several concurrent demonstrations so that you can select the one(s) of interest that you can attend to discuss, get some "hands on", or just watch.

We are also trying to arrange a weekend seminar on finishing from a well-known "expert", so far unsuccessfully. Raffle prizes have changed because so many look forward to it. The board purchased a new PA system to improve the quality of the meetings so that those who attend can hear better and participate more.

Recently one of our members commented that we no longer had time for questions and answers. The board recognized this problem, and hopefully we have changed the meeting format so that if you wish to pose a question, time is available during "show, tell, question, and answers." On the same note, if you are presently not signed up for the club "chat room" on *Topica*, I highly recommend it. It is a way to communicate with much of our membership through e-mail.

Now, this is where we need your input!!!! We need to know the kinds of programs that interest you so that we can act accordingly. The club has grown and is more diverse with beginning, intermediate and advanced woodworkers in different areas. The constraint in selecting programs is that the topic

needs to be of general interest. Please let me or one of the board members know if you have an interest that we might be able to address. The one condition we have is that we need to be out of the room with the door shut by 9:15 PM. That's the school's rule.

I am impressed with the broad range of skills that the club's members possess, their willingness to share their knowledge and techniques, and the group's friendship. It is a genuine pleasure to be a part of it. Being "helmsman" has enabled me to meet and get to know more of you. I sincerely hope that you enjoy CVWA as much as I do.

Ira Goldberg

AUGUST SHOW AND TELL

Bill Waters brought in his cross cutting sled. It will take a 13" board and cut it straight. He modified some plans from a magazine.

Richard Kingsbury brought in a turned bowl made of olive wood. The base of the bowl was larger than the throat so, to this non-turner, appeared to be a difficult piece to make.

Dave Blackburn brought in the jewelry box that won best of show, a couple of category first places, a couple of red ribbons and the guarantee to exhibit the piece in the State Fair in Sacramento.

AUGUST PROGRAM

Lyle Johnson, a new member, talked about his garage shop business making needle work tools and boxes. The tools themselves are small and generally fit into cases about 3/4" in diameter and 4" long. He makes the cases from exotic woods that he buys when available and then stores in his workshop. All of the pieces are made on a machinist lathe that he purchased 10 years ago and is still running strong. Finials are hand turned on a small wood lathe using a Dremel tool. He normally finishes the pieces with just a drop of lacquer covered with polished carnauba wax.

Lyle also emphasized that if you are going to be a business, you should buy industrial grade equipment. In many cases, this is the only way you can get tools that will work forever and not get out of adjustment. Plan ahead. If the product requires assembly, make a large number of each part and assemble them at one time. Use jigs. Once you have a jig made, you don't need to set up the machinery again for each item. Get an x-y vise for the drill press if you need to bore a number of holes into the piece. Keep track of expenses and charge for time. If you don't keep track of time, you probably won't have any profit and you won't pay for the equipment.

Several people asked for Lyle's source for step drills. It is Step Drill Unlimited, 8148 Phlox St., Downey, CA 90241. Phone (310) 862-4237, Fax (310) 923 2253

AUGUST TRIP

Lyle was kind enough to invite us to his workshop on August 3. Approximately 10 people came and everybody had a good time..

AUGUST NEW MEMBERS

AUGUST New Members Welcome **Cathy Carlson** and **Michael Crain** to the club. It's always good to have new faces.

AUGUST PRIZE WINNERS

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Stephen Case-Pall	Delta 10" miter saw
Loren Stone	Inland mini-tool kit
Stephen Case-Pall	4" drill press vise
Bob Fahrnbruch	Delta combination sander
Robert Coyle	Delta hand sander
John Witt	Router bit
Michael Crain	shop apron
Lee Cooper	shop apron
Jack Luhrson	router bit

SEPTEMBER MEETING

CHALLENGE

The challenge is on!! We need pairs of members to come up with a toy for the September meeting. The winning pair will each receive a \$50.00 gift certificate to Rockler's.

The winning entry becomes the property of the club and will be given to Interface as part of the Christmas project. The other participants can feel free to donate their entries as well.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Tim Kimack has, mostly always, been a finish carpenter, a designer, a teacher, a pattern maker and a cabinet maker. He taught at Fullerton College when he was 27. He is currently doing high end work for homes and companies, projects that run into 5 to 6 digits – work that he describes as being architectural woodworking,

Several years ago, "*Fine Woodworking*" ran an article on tool chests for cabinet makers. Part of the article was a request for readers to send in their projects. Tim submitted his version of the chest. It was chosen for publication. The gurus at Tauton Press saw the article and the chest was featured in its *Toolbox* Book. Tim will be bringing it along to the meeting to discuss its construction and to show off the antique tools he keeps in it. He has 400 hours of work already into the chest and it's not done.

SEPTEMBER Trip

Tim has invited us to his shop on September 7. Be there between 10:00am and noon and you'll see some pretty cool tools; well worth the trip to Simi Valley. Directions will be available at the meeting.

OCTOBER PROGRAM

The auction

Why: Every year the club holds an auction to raise money for club expenditures and events.

Refreshments, trips, seminars, the sound system, the raffle and the January bus trip are all part of our expenses. The proceeds also have allowed us to keep the yearly dues at \$20.00.

What and who: Merchandise is offered for sale and bid on by the attendees. You need not be a member to participate. The items for bid come from 2 sources, donations by the local merchants and donations from the members. The members can help in 2 ways; if you know of a business that can donate items, call Stephen Case-Pall. In addition, what do you have in the way of old tools that you don't use? All of us have some old but useable tools that we don't use. This is the time to get them out of your garage. Call up a board member for the details on donating items to the club.

Where and when: October 3, 2002 at the school.

ANNOUNCEMENTS THANKS AND OTHER STUFF

Breakfast this month is at Newbury Park IHOP at 9:00 am on September 18. If you want to attend - just show up. No reservation necessary. Call **Bill Waters** for information.

Lee Cooper is the man responsible for the design of the T-shirts and it is a great one. They will be available at the meetings for \$15.00. This shirt is made from high quality material and is worth the cost. Especially since it has a pocket.

Milton Kretch made a plea for small hand tools; hammers, chisels, planes, etc. on behalf of a church group that is maintaining a youth mission in Russia. The tools will be used to teach the youths some woodworking skills, thus giving them a way to earn a living. [Most of the member states of the former USSR have turned into Third World countries and the residents are in dire need of training skills and tools. This really is a way for an individual to make a difference.]

Don Kiloh made some comments about the "Clear Top Coat" that was demonstrated by Complaint Spray Systems at the April Meeting. Enduro explained that this material is best applied with a spray gun because of its quick set up time. The bottom line is that Don does not recommend using this product for large projects if you are going to apply it with a brush.

Give **Bill Aurand** a call if you want to assist at a workshop. It's you volunteers that make the toys and he will find a workshop to fit your schedule. If you are willing to sponsor a Santa's Helper workshop for the toy project, Bill will put it on the schedule.

Bob Coyle wants to remind the members that if you are looking for a particular woodworking book that is not in the library, ask him to buy it. New books are a budgeted item paid for by your dues.

The **POPULAR WOODWORKING SHOW** will be held in January in Ontario. In the past we have chartered a bus to attend similar shows. If anyone is interested in attending, contact a board member. The dates are January 24,25,26. In the past we have left TO at around 7:am on a Saturday and returned around 6:00 pm.

Discounts: The following vendors will give club members a discount for purchases at their stores. The amount of the discount varies from product to product, but is approximately 10%. You must have a card at the time of purchase.

Far West Plywood
18450 Parthenia Place
Northridge, CA 91325
818-885-1511

Accurate Industrial Supply
555 Spring Road, #B-1

Moorpark, CA 93021
805-529-6222

FOR SALE: Tablesaw and accessories:

10" Delta Cabinet saw, right tilt, Model # 36-831, in like new condition. Includes a 30" table with a Biesmeyer fence and rollers. \$1300.00. It will also include a Forrest 8" Dado set (the best), the dado head inserts, A delta Dado Head insert and a Rockler Miter gauge. No delivery, you must pick up. I can be reached at (805)493-4121 or trobison@vcnet.com.

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