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Editor's Message

I made the mistake of taking my computer to Circuit City's "Firedog" repair shop, as my computer was being slowed with spy ware. Since they "cleaned" it, it is now unusable, and all the pictures and newsletter are inaccessible to me. As such, this issue will consist of what I can piece together at the last minutes

Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
<p>Thursday, February 1st Wednesday, February 14th Thursday, February 15th</p>	<p>Monthly Meeting Q&A Session - NEW MEETING FORMAT CVWA Informal Breakfast Board Meeting</p>	<p>Redwood Middle School Check at the meeting</p>
<p>Thursday, March 1st Saturday, March 3rd Thursday, March 15th TBD in March</p>	<p>Monthly Meeting Everything you need to you about drilling wood Hand Plane Tune-up Workshop Board Meeting Sam Maloof Shop and House Tour</p>	<p>Redwood Middle School Brady's Shop in Oxnard</p>
<p>Thursday, April 5th</p>	<p>Monthly Meeting Workstations</p>	<p>Redwood Middle School</p>

January Meeting

January brought Al Redline of American Fastening Systems to our meeting to discuss compressors and air tools. Al has been in the business since he was a kid, and is very knowledgeable. Here are some of the things he suggested:

1. Compressors - drain after each use and change the intake filter every two years.
2. Staple guns - Senco, Paslode and Grex have low repair rates. The most useful starter gun is a 23-gauge pin nailer. Of the cordles ones, the Paslode is the best.

3. The best tool for driving screws is a cordless impact driver. Not the one you put lug nuts on your car with, but a new one designed solely for screws.

Al suggested using Topanga Lumber in the valley if you are looking for unusual stuff.

He mentioned B&R Tools in Ventura was staffed with friendly and knowledgeable people, something difficult to find these days. If you want to save money on nails for air guns, Al said that imported nails have improved and are OK to use in most guns. Al's family owns and runs American Fastening Systems located at 591 Constitution Avenue, Unit D in Camaillo, off the

Dawson street exit. Their phone number is (805) 388-1552.

Elections

Elections for the Board of Directors are coming up real soon. Like days away! We've had a few volunteers this time, but still need folks to fill certain positions. Remember the elections are open and volunteers and nominations are greatly appreciated. You get the most out of this kind of club by participating the most. As a board member you have a say in the type of events and meeting presentations we have and you get to spend the club's money on these events. **THIS IS THE FINAL PLEA – IF YOU CAN HELP IN PLEASE CONTACT TIM ALBERS.**

Raffle Prizes

It's amazing **John Knittle** didn't win anything at the January raffle. Winners of raffle items at the January meeting included **Don Johnson** who took home a great little pull saw, **Austin Ivey** won the members prize (which was something neat), **Roy Williams** snagged the 18-gauge brad nailer, **Arthur Mellinger** won something really neat, but it's a secret, **Don Tannhauser** won a level and **Dick Wakefield** took home the grand prize, a cordless drill.

Look for more great items at the February meeting and be sure to improve your odds by purchasing \$20 worth of tickets.

January Progressive Shop Tour

We had another great time in January. Wow, these shop tours are fun and educational. I guarantee you'll pick up at least one great new idea.

While our first progressive shop tour was on the hottest day of the year, our second one was on the coldest day of the year. The third one will undoubtedly be scheduled for the wettest day of the year.

The literally freezing weather did not deter 25 CVWA members from enjoying this shop tours of **Dave Hergesheimer, Tom Franck, and Paul**

Brockway's woodshops. **Dave** answered many questions about turning and about making a beautiful coffee table from the infamous Somis Oak. The art editor of The Daily Star interviewed him recently and we should be reading about him before the February meeting.

After **Dave's** shop, we progressed to **Tom Franck's** shop. **Tom** has a huge shop with lots of space, and was able to install his large air compressor on the other side of the house, plumbing it to the shop. On our way to check out the compressor, we noticed his fountain in the front yard had frozen, with almost an inch thick of ice. **Tom** is remodeling his kitchen completely, leaving only the sink. **Tom's** wife is a very understanding woman.



TIM'S PHONE ON ICE

Our next stop was **Paul Brockway's** shop, which is a great example of orderliness. **Paul** had thoughtfully closed and heated the shop for the chilled visitors. He had just purchased an antique 6 x 48 inch belt sander, and **Tom Franck** had the same model in his shop. **Gene Haury** showed us how to put a new belt on it. **Paul** and his wife **Nola** had set up a long dining table and treated the bunch to pizza and other goodies. **Paul** has recently been captured by the collecting virus, and now collects Stanley hand planes. His impressive collection is displayed in the shop and consists of a little over 150 planes. It's great to see other members' woodshops and trade ideas to make our own shops a little better.

General Information

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Upcoming Meetings

February Meeting

The upcoming meeting will present a panel of outside experts to handle your questions on furniture, tool use, cabinetmaking, finishing and other woodworking techniques. We're planning on three professional craftsmen who will answer your questions and give valuable suggestions. **Stephen Case-Pall** will moderate, and to keep things running smoothly, will repeat all questions so all can hear them. In fact, if you want to write your questions in advance and give them to Stephen, things will go even smoother. Write down things for yourself anyway, to get the most out of this evening.

February Challenge

Bring "Something used in a table setting" Almost all of us have something of this description, so there should be many entries.

Everyone who enters will be put in a special raffle to win a Pinnacle 12" bevel square (value of about \$75.00).

March Meeting

Guess what.... The guys from A Cut Above had to cancel their meeting presentation – again....

Nevertheless, we have another great presentation lined up to discuss everything you ever wanted to know about drilling wood, setting up and using the drill press, what drills work best for what tasks and helpful jigs for the drill press.

April Meeting - Workstations

Our April meeting will return to the Workstations format with the following presentations:

- Turning a goblet
- Circular Saw Blades
- Using a hollow chisel mortises
- Router types and what to buy

, as space is limited and sure to fill up fast.

Notices

February is National Clean the Shop Month. Please do your part.



Announcements

CVWA T-Shirts are available for purchase – only \$15 each.

Library Reminder

If you have library materials outstanding, please make sure that you return them to the library.

Additionally, we plan on adding several new items to the library in the upcoming year. If you have suggestions on materials please contact **Paul Brockway**.

Membership

It's time to renew your membership. Please make sure you pick up your membership renewal envelope from **Dave Studley** at the February Meeting.

