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Editor's Message

Due to the numerous complaints regarding the articles and vendors in the April Bladerunner, Your editor will no longer place anything but the most serious and truthful entries in the Bladerunner. (If you believe that, I have a bridge and a gold brick I'd like to sell to you)

Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Thursday, May 1st	Regular Meeting	Redwood School
Throughout the month	SIG meetings: Keep in touch with your SIG leader	
Saturday, May 3 rd	Bus trip to Pomona Woodworking Show (from school)	
Wednesday, May 14 th	Informal Breakfast at "Pickles"	Pickles Deli, NP
Thursday, May 15th	Board of directors meeting	Members welcome
Thursday, June 5 th	Regular Meeting	Redwood School
Saturday, November 3	Woodworking Show	Costa Mesa Fairground
May 22 through 24	Woodturning Symposium	Utah State College
August 11-23	Woodturning Cruise-Arctic Circle	MS Gann (Norway)

April Meeting

The April meeting was presented by our members, who brought their favorite jig or fixture to share. Among the presenters were **Arlen Handberg, Brady Andreson, Bill Aurand, Tim Albers, Paul Brockway, Stephen Case-Pall, Marshall Nathanson, Gene West, Dick, Chuck Pearson and John Fowler**. Thanks to these guys for lugging their jigs in, and sharing them. For photos, check the web site.

July Challenge

The July challenge will be "a birdhouse." That's wide open to your interpretation of what a bird house might be. The challenger prize is as yet undetermined, but notice that they're getting better all the time.

Bus Trip To Pomona Woodworking Show

We've chartered a bus for the woodworking show, and you can't beat the deal by driving, especially at today's gas prices. For \$30, you get comfortable transportation among good friends, coffee, doughnuts, soft drinks and other snacks, admission to the show, and the royal coach waits for you to buy those table saws, dust collectors, band saws and other tools that you NEED, at a show-price rate. Then the coach will transport your goodies and you back to Redwood school. No stress, no gasoline, and a good day. See **Chuck Pearson**, at the meeting for reservations and payment. We still have seats available.

Mega Raffle

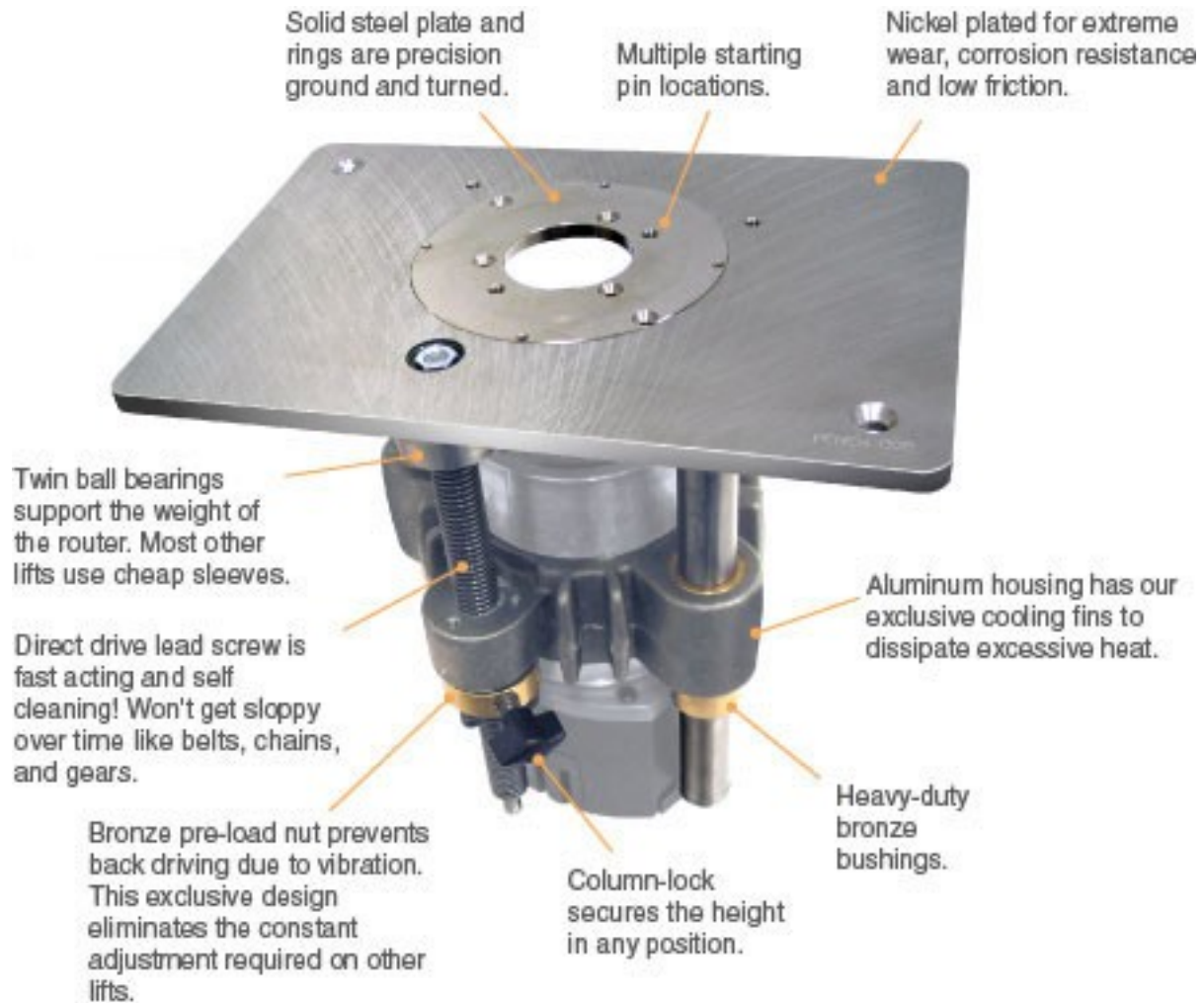
It's official!! The **MegaRaffle** is now in motion. Our first MegaRaffle will offer a brand new **Porter Cable 7518** router with a list price of \$780, and to put it into the hottest router table around, it will also offer a **Bench Dog Prolift**, considered one of the top router lifts, with a list price of \$444. That's a list price value of \$1224! The raffle will continue selling tickets each meeting until a set amount are sold (to pay for the items), then the drawing will be held. You will have to put your name on the back of each ticket you buy, so you won't have to be present to win. Tickets are \$1 each or 25 for \$20. Get them from **Stephen Case-Pall** at the meetings.



FEATURES

SPECIFICATIONS

- 15 Amp motor provides the power and durability necessary for the toughest applications.
- Versatile, electronic five-speed motor with 10,000, 13,000, 16,000, 19,000, and 21,000 RPM settings accommodates various router bit cutting diameters and applications
- Soft start safety feature reduces torque at start-up and motor maintains constant speed under load
- Auto-release collet system allows for easy bit removal
- Precision machined aluminum motor housing & base
- Sealed ball bearing construction enhances tool durability
- Unique design positions bottom bearing closer to work to minimize bit run-out and vibration
- 1/2" collet



Raise the collet above the table for easy bit changes of any size!
 Adjustment accuracy is .001" with the naked eye!
 Direct drive. No sloppy belts, chains, or gears.
 No other router lift has faster linear motion.
 Precision ground steel plate and rings.
 Nickel-plated for long life and corrosion resistance.
 Fits ALL Bench Dog router tables, including ProTop Contractor.
 Aluminum housing with built-in cooling fins.
 Tool-less removal of reduction rings.*

May Meeting

The May meeting will be the ever-popular Demonstration Stations. Tim Albers will present the use of layout and measuring instruments. Brady Anderson will demonstrate power grinding. Paul Brockway will demonstrate how to get your tools razor-sharp with sandpaper. Andrew Purdy will demo the Tomek sharpening system.

May Challenge

It's still not too late to make something for the May challenge. Another easy theme has been chosen: Something air powered. There will be a box fan at the May meeting to create a wind source for your creation, or, if you wish, you may bring your own. Air powered is wide open to interpretation. It can be moved by wind, or propelled by compressed air, or moved by air temperature. The prize for the challenge lottery will be a Forrest Woodworker II table saw blade.

Raffle Prizes

Here are items for the May raffle.

Members prize - Wixey Digital Angle Gauge - What can we say about an angle gauge, it measures all angles on saws, drill presses. This item leaves me without words.

Raffle prizes

Steb Drivecenter - 7/8" No. 2 MT - This tool has the serrated drive ring with load spring center point. This drive center makes woodturning safe when the face is not truly flat. It does not need to be driven into the stock with a hammer, thereby eliminating the chance of splitting the wood.

Stay Put Work Lamp - This is a repeat item and is back due to the many requests. You can use your 100 watt light bulb with worrying about getting burned. If you want to get burned by a cheap light, run the 100 watt bulb. Comes with the magnetic base for mounting directly on your machine. Magnetic base can be used to pickup nails and other small items on your shop floor.

Cub Woodwriter with pen - This item is also a repeat due to the high interest from the February Meeting. Mark your wood for the professional touch or mark yourself so that you know who you are. Cheaper than a tattoo. Can be used to start a fire or light your cigars.

Proxxon Mini Grinder w/Arbortech Cutter - This is truly the prize of the month. This tool can be used for carving or texturing on lathe work or general carving. Also hand can be used to put that final touch on larger items. Be careful, you can carve wood or your leg, it's does not know the difference. Get your tickets as this will be a desirable item.

June Meeting

And now for something completely different. In June we will hear a presentation on how to make a bamboo fly rod. There are many fishermen amongst us, and those who are not, can still appreciate the skill and art required to complete this task. The presenter will be C. Thomas Robertson.

Special Interest Groups

The Jig & Fixture SIG met April 10th and was hosted by **Richard Harmon**. We were shown a multitude of storage solutions and techniques for fitting things into the shop. The next meeting will be May 8th and will be hosted by **Dave Hutter**.

The **Router A SIG** met at the shop of **Arlen Handberg** and a discussion was held about design considerations in building your own router table and fences. A number of handouts were available as well. The next meeting will be May 10 and will be a hands on demonstration of various moldings that can be made with only three router bits.

The **Turning SIG** finally got off the ground, thanks to **Stan Wolpert**, who volunteered to lead it. The opening meeting was held at **Stan's** shop, and the first "group turn" was held there also. This SIG has

a huge turnout, with 15 members showing up. They had 10 lathes going, showing one big advantage of the popular, portable mini-lathes. **Paul Brockway, Stephen Case-Pall** and **Stan** assisted the members with turning and sharpening techniques. The day's project was a bud vase. All the members but one (who shall remain unnamed, but initialed FM) finished their vase and left with a nice completed project. Members in attendance were: **Rob Hobman, Dave Hutter, Dan Gallo, Felix Masci, Vince Vlastic, Bill Battocchio, Lee Truman, and others**

The Handtool SIG met at **Arlen Handberg's** shop on Thursday the 24th. The project was to learn to make hand-cut dovetails. **Tim Albers** provided instruction for members **Arlen Handberg, Loren Stone, Stephen Case-Pall, Al Fornier, Stan Wolpert** and others. Arlen's guest, brother **Bob Handberg** was on hand to pitch in. By 10:30 at night, only **Stephen** had actually joined two pieces of hard maple with dovetails, assisted by a large hammer. Nonetheless we all learned a new woodworking skill.

Other SIG leaders: PLEASE Send a description and photos of your SIG activities to the editor at casepall@roadrunner.com so we can keep the other members informed of what's happening. Emailed photographs are welcome also.

Old Eyes and Old Eyeglasses

John Knittle will be collecting old, unused eyeglasses at the May meeting, for the Lions Club drive. Please read the Lions Club article below:

LIONS CLUB TO COLLECT EYEGLASSES AT MAY MEETING

As was discussed at the April meeting, the Pleasant Valley Lions Club will be collecting used eyeglasses from members of the association. CVWA members can improve the life of a person, by providing recycled eyeglasses. All collected eyeglasses will be refurbished by prisoners and sent to Lions Clubs International Eye Medical Centers. Eyeglasses will be distributed around the world to those in need. They will be provided to persons who have never seen clearly due to the lack of a pair of eyeglasses. The small gift of a pair of used eyeglasses can make a real difference to someone who could not afford to buy them. The collection box will be available to accept your generous gift of old eyeglasses. If there are any questions please contact CVWA member John Knittle at 482-1297 or jpknittle@aol.com.

Things not going right? Not in contact?

Please contact Dave Studley, Membership at DaveStudley@sbcglobal.net if any of the following applies to you.

- You sent in your renewal, but didn't get a membership card or receipt
- You need to update your contact information (email, phone, address etc)
- You want an emailed membership directory
- You need a replacement membership card.
- You need to borrow large sums of money.

Vendor List

The following vendors support us by offering discounts to those with a **valid membership card**.

Conejo Hardwoods La Baya, Thousand Oaks

Do It Center. 3775 Thousand Oaks Blvd. Thousand Oaks 497 2753

Far West Plywood. 18450 Parthenia St. Northridge. 818 885-1511

Lane Stanton Vance 720 Graves Ave. Oxnard, CA 93030 805 987 3877 www.lsvlumber.com

Integrity Wood Products. 7836 Alabama Ave. Canoga Park 818 704-7490

Mayan Lumber 2930 Los Olivos, Oxnard 805 981-4555

Roadside Lumber & Hardware 29112 Roadside Drive, Agoura Hills 805 497-1486 Code: 1230

Rockler Torrance. 20725 Hawthorne Bl. Torrance. 310-542-1466

Siggia Hardware. 16260 Raymer St. Van Nuys 818-787-1650

Sign up on www.siggia.com and mention CVWA for contractor pricing

Sun Brothers Enterprises. 4350 Eileen St. Simi Valley 805 526-5794
Conejo Electric Motor. 31200 La Baya #305 Westlake Village 805 495-0556 See Bill Butler
American Fastening Systems Inc, 591 Constitution Ave. "D" Camarillo. 388 1552 Ask for Al Redline
Woodcraft Beach Bl. @ 22 Fwy. 10% excludes sale items and power tools.
Rockler Pasadena

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For Sale

For Sale: Delta 6" Motorized Joints \$130 Bill Gourlay 805 497 4122
Stanley chisel, flattened and sharpened \$2 Stephen Case-Pall 805 491 3660



Richard Kingsbury shows his second chair.



Wolfgang Ludeking finds a winner at a garage sale.

