

CONEJO VALLEY WOODWORKER'S ASSOCIATION

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Upcoming Events

March 1st -- Regular Meeting: 7:00PM, Challenge: A Picture Frame, Installation of New Officers and Directors, Program: Pallet Wood and its uses. **Note: this is WEDNESDAY**

March 7th -- Just Coffee get-together 10:00am to 11:30am Oaks Mall Food Court.

March 15th -- CVWA Breakfast, Pickles Newbury Park, 1940 Newbury Road #100

March 16th -- CVWA Board of Director's Meeting 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM President's home.

March 24th -- CVWA Breakfast 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM Denny's Camarillo.

April 6th -- Regular Meeting: 7:00PM, Challenge: Tool Holder; Program: Saw Mill by Rande Bence

April 11th -- Just Coffee get-together 10:00am to 11:30am Oaks Mall Food Court.

April 19th -- CVWA Breakfast, Pickles Newbury Park, 1940 Newbury Road #100

April 20th -- CVWA Board of Director's Meeting 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM President's home.

April 28th -- CVWA Breakfast 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM Denny's Camarillo.

February Meeting

For February, **Dave Seidler** presented a great program on measuring techniques. Dave's "booming baritone" voice is clear and reaches all the old ears in the room. There were dozens of questions throughout and after the program. **Arlen Handberg** brought up a trick using calipers that was new to most. February also saw the election of a new slate of officers for CVWA

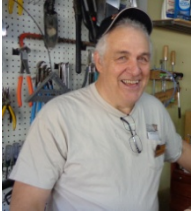


Wolfgang Ludeking asks Dave a question.



Dave shows the most-used tool.

President's Message



our Board of Directors met on February 16th to conduct the club's business.

*All incoming and outgoing officers were present while **Brian Connell** presented the minutes.*

The 2017 Voting Members of the Board of Directors were elected at the February 2nd meeting and are:

***Tom Welz**, President*

***Bill Aurand**, Vice President*

***Charley North**, Treasurer*

***Mike Pentecost**, Secretary*

***David Seidler**, Membership Director*

***Randy Spengler**, Communications Director*

***Christian Ziegler**, Past President*

Non-voting members continuing are:

***Dave Seidler**, Mentor Program*

***Aubrey Grey**, Webmaster (temporarily)*

***Arlen Handberg**, Toy Project*

***Stephen Case-Pall**, Editor*

***Mike Gorn**, Sound*

***Bill Battocchio, Rande Bence, Larry French**, Raffle*

***Willard Anderson, Jim Goram**, Refreshments*

***Will Robbins**, Auction*

***Judith Ziegler**, Silent Auction*

The outgoing and incoming officers all discussed plans to insure a smooth transition for the incoming officers' effective date of March 1st.

***Bill Aurand** presented reports on our financial transactions this month. We continue with positive yearly cash flow ahead of the budgeted amount. Our planned expenses are very close to the budgeted amount.*

***Tom Welz** indicated that the March General Meeting will be on Wednesday, March 1 instead of the usual Thursday due to a Redmond school scheduling conflict.*

***Tom Welz** also obtained approval to launch a new membership reward program - details to be announced at the March 1st general meeting.*

***Dave Seidler** reported that the membership renewal drive is well ahead of last year. There will be a follow-up notice sent. There are plans to conduct a telephone canvass for late payers as was done last year.*

REMINDER - TO RECEIVE \$10 DISCOUNT - MAKE YOUR FEES PAYMENT ON OR BEFORE THE APRIL 6th GENERAL MEETING.

Randy Spengler plans to have new web site prototype available for review in mid-March, which will include the new logo that was approved by the Board.

I want to thank everyone for their support during this past year, it was enjoyable for me when there were many members contributing in some way to the success of the club.

Christian Ziegler

Cesar Chelor

Most woodworkers who are interested in wooden planes know the name Cesar Chelor. His planes are the "holy grail" of collecting and many of us dream of finding one at some remote garage or estate sale. Cesar was an early 18th century plane maker, and a darn good one. What makes his story unique is that he was a freed slave, and the first known black toolmaker in America. Cesar was owned by planemaker Francis Nicholson, who is the first known American planemaker. As time passed Cesar developed into an excellent planemaker under Nicholson's tutelage. Nicholson died in 1753. In his will, he freed Cesar Chelor, providing him with land, tools and a third of his timber. Even with this basis for a good start, it was not easy for a freed slave to live and work in the 1750's, but skill, talent and quality production set him apart and above his peers. His business was successful, and several hundred of his planes are known to exist, which is an indication of the volume of his work, as over two centuries have elapsed since his death.

Chelor's birthdate and place are unknown as this information was not recorded for slaves. The first mention of him is in 1736, as Nicholson's slave. He was admitted as a member of the Congregational Church in Wrentham, MA in 1741. He married in 1758 and had eight children. He died in 1784.

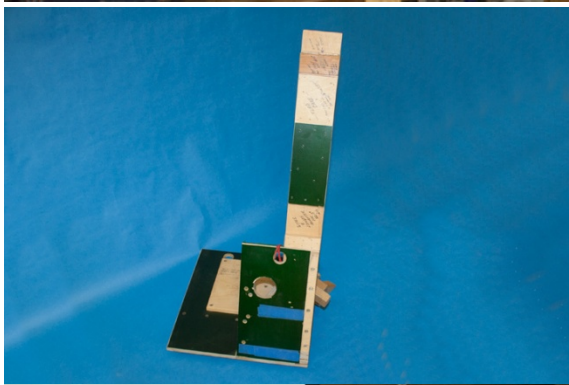
Most of his planes were stamped with an abbreviated first name and full surname. Planes stamped with his full name number less than six, and are the rarest.

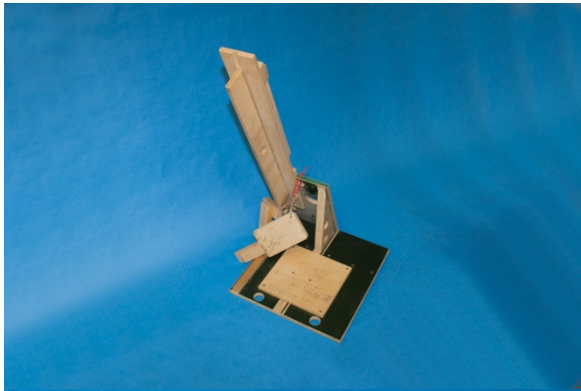
In colonial America, the stratified system of apprenticeship known in Europe never really caught on, largely due to the Westward Expansion providing a place for apprentices to flee and start their own businesses. Slaves, however, were legally bound to their owners, so a master planemaker with an expanding business might prefer to train a slave than hire an apprentice.

Examination of both Nicholsons's and Chelor's planes show that Chelor made many of Nicholsons's planes, indicating that his skills developed early on.

Chelor was an interesting man who exemplified how skill can rise above the limits society can place on individuals. Look for that name the next time you see a bargain wooden plane.

Thanks to the Museum of Woodworking Tools, Adam Cherubini, and Popular Woodworking magazine for contributing information . For more information on 18th century planes, see <http://www.supertool.com/etcetera/wplanes/w1819.htm>





Thanks to **Aubrey Grey** for the photographs.

Meeting Schedule 2017

March – Pallet Wood and it's Uses/Crafts & Demonstration by Judith Ziegler. Meeting is on Wed March 1 2017

April – Saw Mill/ Slide Presentation by Rande Bence

May – Demonstrating a Porter Cable Dovetail Jig by Tom Welz

June – Turning a Square Bowl by Bill Battachio

July – Work Stations Demonstrations- Looking for a volunteer to host this Meeting as the School will be closed for summer. Please contact Bill Aurand if interested.

August – Club Picnic/Silent Auction – Looking for a volunteer to host the Picnic at their house. Please contact Bill Aurand if interested.

September – TBD

October – Club Auction -Will Robbins. Need some volunteers to help Will.

November – TBD

December – Holiday Toys Presentation- Sheriffs & Simi Police Reps

Large Projects

I know that many of you work on large projects that are too cumbersome to carry to meetings. Just send me a couple of photos so we can feature them in the **Bladerunner**.

Unfortunately, there were none submitted this month.

Raffle Prizes

Raffle prizes for March are unknown at this time.

Southern California Tool Swap Meets

Anderson Plywood

Four swap meets per year Third Saturday of February, May, August, and November
6 AM-NOON 4020 Sepulveda Blvd. Culver City, CA 90230 John Arenson / 310-397-8229

San Diego Rockler Swap Meet

Two swap meets per year. First Sunday of April (except Easter) and November. 6 AM-NOON /
8199 Clairemont Mesa Blvd
San Diego, CA 92111
Bill Collins / 619-232-4626

Arroyo Swap Meet

Two swap meets per year. Second Saturday of June and September. 6 AM-NOON / Limited Dealer
Spaces
2707 E. Foothill Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91107
Bob Wilbur / 626-447-5466

PAST San Diego Swap Meet

One swap meet per year. Friday before the Third Weekend of January. 6 AM-NOON /
Four Points Sheraton Hotel
8110 Aero Dr.
San Diego, CA 92123
Bob Wilbur / 626-447-5466

To be on an email reminder list for upcoming

SoCal Old Tool Swap Meets,
send your name and email address to:

laura@toolswapusa.com

Club Roster

Any member wishing to have a roster of CVWA members, please email a request to **Dave Seidler**,
Davedebby@roadrunner.com

Woodworking Ideas

As you surf the net for good working information, share them with the rest of us. Email any good links to our Webmaster, **Aubrey Grey**. cvwa9@iders.com or Editor **Stephen Case-Pall** casepall@roadrunner.com

Vendor List

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

Conejo Hardwoods 31275 La Baya, Thousand Oaks 497 0025 www.conejohardwoods.com

Do It Center. 3775 Thousand Oaks Blvd. Thousand Oaks 497 2753 www.doitcenter.com

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

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

www.integritywoodproducts.com

Mayan Lumber 2930 Los Olivos, Oxnard 805 981-4555 www.mayanhardwood.com

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

www.roadsidelumber.com

Rockler Torrance. 20725 Hawthorne Bl. Torrance. 310-542-1466 www.rockler.com

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

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

Sun Brothers Enterprises. 4350 Eileen St. Simi Valley 805 526-5794

www.sunbrothersenterprises.com

Conejo Electric Motor. 31200 La Baya #305 Westlake Village 805 495-0556 See Bill Butler

www.conejoelectricmotor.com

American Fastening Systems Inc, 591 Constitution Ave. "D" Camarillo. 388 1552 Ask for Al Redline

www.americanfasteningsystems.com

Woodcraft Orange County Beach Bl. @ 22 Fwy. 10% excludes sale items and power tools.

www.woodcraft.com/stores/store.aspx?id=553

Rockler Pasadena 83 south Rosemead Blvd Pasadena 91107 www.rockler.com

Superior Moulding. 5953 Sepulveda, Van Nuys 91411 818 376-1415 (15% discount)

www.superiormoulding.com

Peterman Lumber 720 Graves Ave. Oxnard. 805 987 3877 www.petermanlumber.com

Valencia Lumber and Panel 15809 Strathern St. Van Nuys. 866-811-2909 www.valencialumber.com

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French (805) 639-6726 lafrenchs@verison.net

Refreshments **Willard Anderson** (805) 484-39850 wa_landerson@verizon.net **Jim Goram** (805) 402-2415 jimgorum@gmail.com

Auction **Will Robbins 805 241 7984** robbinswill@yahoo.com

Silent Auction **Judith Ziegler** (805) 876-0252 judithaz@atechmar.com

Goodies for Sale

None for this month. Every item listed last two months by **Stephen Case-Pal** were purchased at the asking price (except the house).



SOCIETY OF AMERICAN PERIOD FURNITURE MAKERS

Southern California Chapter

Promoting education and sharing appreciation for those interested in making, restoring, conserving, and studying American Period Furniture.

Our Spring Seminar,
April 21-23, 2017
features Phil Lowe
and the construction of a
Lowboy, taking place at
Cerritos College, Norwalk.

Seminar Fee is \$200 for Members
and \$260* for Non-Members,
*Includes a SAPFM Membership.



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further information:

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