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The Bladerunner

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President's Message

Hello fellow members:

This is my final Presidents Message. I have been president for the past two years, and it's time to turn the job over to someone else. I will still be on the Board of Directors, and I have volunteered for the Membership position replacing **Arlen Handberg**. Arlen needs a much needed break from the Board, having been on it almost twenty years. He will still be around, so don't worry.

Things are looking up for the near future of CVWA as Covid seems to be slowing down. We'll start our regular monthly meetings on the second Thursday, March 10th 2022. In the months following, we will meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7pm. Meetings will be at our new location:

**Sport Court of Southern California
21 West Easy St. , Unit 107
Simi Valley, CA, 93065**

The program for March will be "A Safe Shop" by Stacy Gerlich. We will have the usual raffle, refreshments and, importantly, show and ten-tell.

Please attend this very important meeting.

Our Election will be held at the March 10 meeting. We have several new members stepping up and running for various positions. That's very appreciated.

We'll have a good year with fresh ideas, as well as shop tours, trips and work stations.

We will be starting membership renewals. If you want to pay at the meeting, you can, if not you should be receiving a notice to renew via email soon. Please be paid by the end of April to avoid the late penalty.

If you attend the meeting, please sign in as you enter the main meeting hall. We need you to verify your correct info on the sign-in sheet. Also check to be sure your email address is correct. Arlen will sign you in this month.

Bill Aurand, Past President

March Meeting

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Our March presentation will be “**A Safe Shop**” by **Stacy Gerlich**. **Stacy** is not only Fire Chief, but also a qualified EMT. As any program on safety evolves into personal histories, If you have an example of safety that works for you, or a precautionary story, please bring it to share.

April Meeting

As yet, the April presentation is undecided. We’ll have it in the next **Bladerunner**

Chisel Refurbishing Workshop

We hope to have another chisel sharpening workshop, as they have been highly regarded. Reprinted below is an article of our first one. Do you still recognize these guys?

About fifteen CVWA members showed up at **Brady Andreson’s shop** for our first Chisel Refurbishing workshop. **Stan Wolpert** brought his sharpening skills and supplies to help us get those backs re-flattened and sharp, **Paul Brockway** headed up the grinding section, getting those bevels back **at** the proper angle, **Stephen Case-Pall** turned a bunch of traditional octagonal handles, aka London Pattern, for the members, and assisted others with turning at the workshop **Tim Albers** brought a bunch of chisels for those without them, and made sure **Stan, Paul, Brady** and **Stephen** were all doing the right thing for the members. Some of the chisels brought in were real treasures, not longer available. Others brought their fathers chisels in and gave them a new working life. Since we started at 5PM, Brady sent out for pizza and sandwiches for a great dinner. Thanks to **Tim Albers**, for coming up with the idea, and organizing it
Below, clockwise from top left: **Tim Albers** chisel, re-handled by **Stephen Case-Pall**, **Stephen Case-Pall** pointing out a ferrule fitting, two members refurbished chisels, **Stan Wolpert’s** sharpening “shop” with **Jack Budney** and **Tim Albers** polishing bevels.



The March Challenge

Remember, those of you who took a baseball bat blank from the last meeting at **Bill Aurand's** are expected to make something for the toy giveaway. Be sure to bring it to the March meeting for **Show n' Tell**.

CVWA Member Profile

Some of us know him as the Toy Man, others know him as the Jig Man but we all know **Arlen Handberg** as the man who gets things done precisely, and is always eager to share and help others. Arlen was born 76 years ago in a rural setting that fostered self-sufficiency. He recently celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary with his very supportive wife, **Diane**. When he finished building his house in Simi Valley, he had a few pieces of equipment, so he found CVWA on the internet and thought he could put them to use learning woodworking. As luck would have it, there was a workshop the weekend after the meeting, and after attending it, he was hooked.

Arlen's background is in electrical engineering and purchasing. He has worked in making printed circuits, as an auditor, a plant engineer, purchasing, and found he has a talent for hiring the right people. He was working at the time he joined CVWA, but retired in 2004. His first woodworking tool was a band saw that was broken in transit, which he repaired.

Asked what his favorite tool was, he replied that it was the router. Its versatility allows **Arlen** to find new ways to use it, and it figures in most of his projects. Attending a CVWA toy workshop led to his interest in mass producing toys, and developing that into a part-time business. His extensive designing and use of jigs is a result of his engineering background. Few of those who have visited Arlen's spacious shop know that it started as a large chicken coop that slowly morphed into the shop.

Arlen served in the Viet Nam conflict in the US Army as a Radio/Telephone operator He was tasked with re-wiring the base telephone system in a country with no telephone poles. He explained how he accomplished this, but I got lost in the details. You can be sure it worked when he finished.

Arlen feels that the best feature of CVWA is the workshops, and the feeling of camaraderie that develops friendships. He'd like to see more workshops.

In closing, he mentioned a club that built a project by assigning each piece to a different club member. That sounds like a great suggestion for CVWA to do.

Club Roster

Any member wishing to have a roster of CVWA members, please email a request to Randy Spengler at

Raffle

The following will be raffle prizes for the next meeting in April.

CVWA Member's Woodwork



Stacy Gerlich turned this pen. only is she Battalion Chief, but



Not she's retired!



Stephen Case-Pall turned this old fashioned tire thumbper from a baseball bat blank.



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Arlen Handberg way ahead in making Christmas toys. His goal: 100 cars.



Good Woodworking links on the net

As you surf the net for good working information, share them with the rest of us. Email any good links to our editor (to be elected/appointed in at the meeting in March)



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

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

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

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

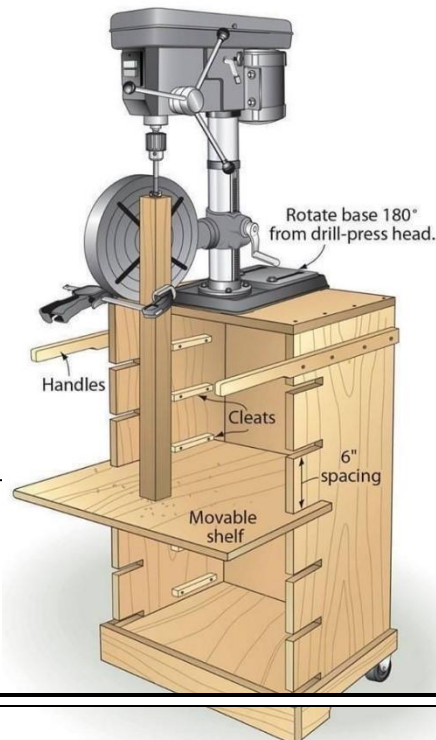
Rockler Pasadena 83 south Rosemead Blvd Pasadena 91107

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

Your Board of Directors

Miscellaneous

Some ideas for storing blades and using the desktop drill press:



A great idea for using your drill press for Drill Press to drill long legs or boards.



A superbly simple and effective rack for all your bandsaw blades.

Arlen Handberg obtained this item and found out that they were called Rounding Planes. They fit over a dowel that is mounted to a lathe. You slide the tool along the wood as it turns.

