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County Fairs 2005

By: David Dunlap

Once again the fairs have come and gone. The Tulare Fair Chairman was once again J.C. Charles and the Fresno Fair Chairman was newcomer Chris Grothe. These guys did a great job of managing a process that is quite involved and demanding. I hope we all remember to thank them for filling one of the tougher roles in the club that most of us are quite happy that they are willing to take care of.

It is kind of fun to work at the fair. This year I was fortunate to be able to work a shift with Tom Tucker. We were very busy on our 10:00 to 4:00 shift. How busy were we you say? We were so busy we never even took time to go eat lunch. We were so busy that we never even took time to go to the washroom! Now that's busy!! The time just flew by though and we visited with a whole lot of people. Stopping by our booth is a real tradition for a lot of families. It's funny when they ask where a particular toy is this year or if a particular nice man is working at the booth today. Yes a lot of people really look forward to the annual visits to both of our SJFWA county fair booths.

See More Fair Pictures Pages 3 & 5

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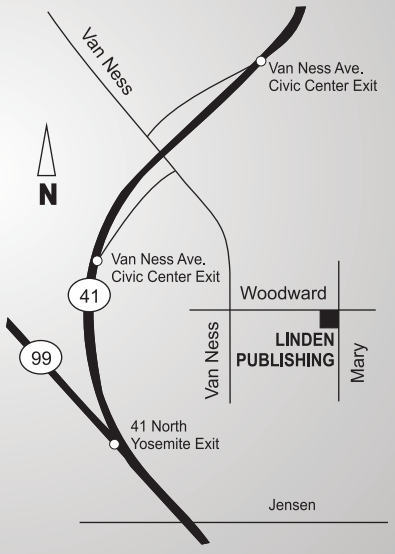


President's Message

Tulare Fair - By the time you read this newsletter the two fairs (Tulare and Fresno) will be just a memory. Our booth at the Tulare Fair received the Fairgoers Favorite ribbon this year. Along these lines I would like to thank all of the members that helped to make this another banner year. To name a few of the tireless workers, J.C. Charles, Ken Kenoyer, Tony Wortner and Wes Hofer. These people were there just about every day as well as helping set up the display and the removal of the display. And thanks to all the volunteers that helped to make the Tulare Fair a very enjoyable event for another year.

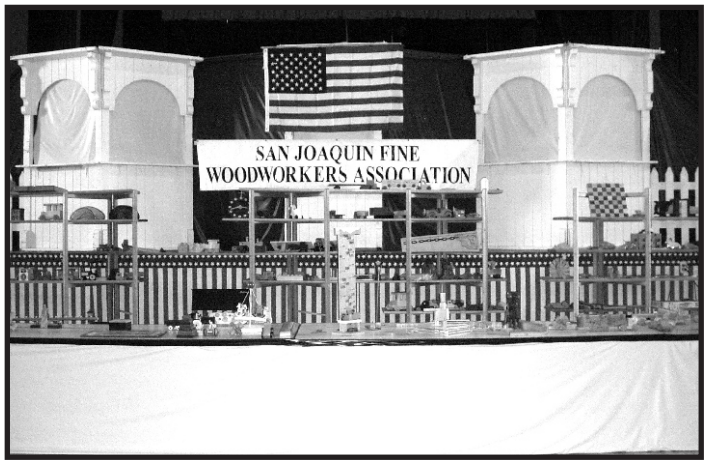
Fresno Fair I am writing this article before the Fresno Fair has started so will just say thanks to all the members that worked a shift or two to help man our booth in Fresno. Special thanks to Chris Grothe for taking over as chairman of the Fresno Fair and also for all the help from John Snyder to get Chris started off on the right foot.

Toys The toy program is in full swing. See the back page for workshop dates at Tulare Western High School. For the north area, give Glen Gray a call @ (292-4281) to find out where the workshops will be held in the Fresno area. If you have toys with multiple pieces, please bag your toys so the pieces will stay together.

Toy collection and distribution Anyone interested in helping to box and distribute the toys, please meet at Tulare Western High school on Saturday December 3, 2005 @ 8:00 A.M.

Auction - A reminder about the auction. Wes Hofer and family will again host the auction on January 21, 2006. Wes would like to have all items at least a week before the actual auction date (by January 14, 2006). This gives Wes and his boys time to setup for a very speedy and efficient auction and check-out process. Wes is willing to begin accepting your items in early December. Also, Please have your items ready for auction, "cleaned up, and operating".

Al Sindlinger

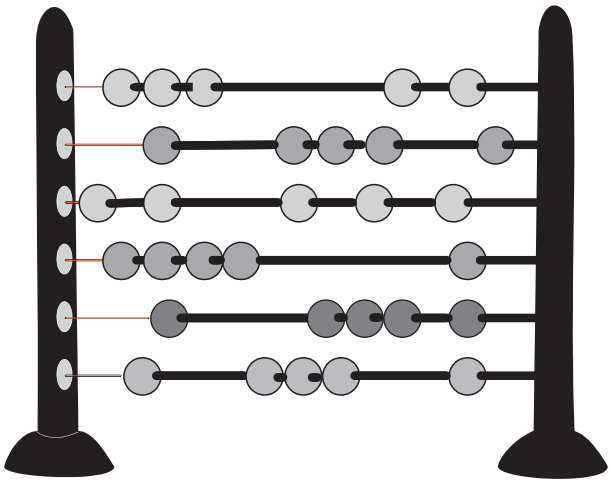


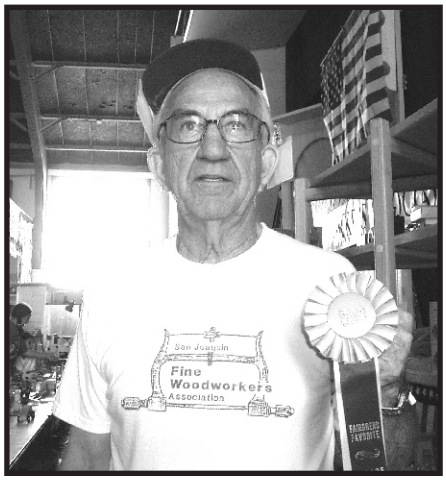
"Tulare County Fair Booth Winner"

The Bean Counter's Corner

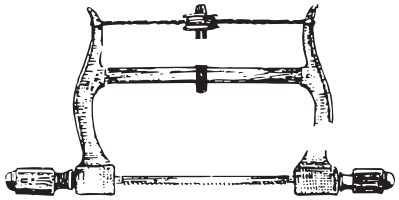
By: Ken Kenoyer

A while back I told you that there were exciting things coming in regards to classes featuring hands-on instruction. Well, a group of very enthusiastic fellows got together and took this concept to a much higher level and made it happen. This class is absolutely top notch. See article elsewhere in this newsletter for details. I am already receiving reservations so don't get left behind. We don't know when this will be available again.





"Al Sindlinger holds ribbon for Tulare County Fair Booth Winner"



Board of Directors Meeting
September 14, 2005
Sun Hong Kong Restaurant
Kingsburg, CA

President Al Sindlinger called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m. Members present were: Al Sindlinger, Ben Douglas, Ken Kenoyer, Ed Root, Chuck Smith, Glen Gray, Tony Wortner, John Snyder, Chris Grothe, David Dunlap, Roger Mc Coy, Mac Macklin and Bruce Auernheimer.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes of the July 13, 2005 meeting were read and approved. MSC/Ben Douglas/ Ken Kenoyer.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ken Kenoyer reported a bank balance of $5,362.76. All bills are paid. We have 95 paid members. The Red Bead Raffle payout is now $139. The Howard Thompson Memorial Fund is now at $332.

VP REPORTS: *(South Region)* Tony Wortner said the Tulare Fair started today and goes through 9/18/05. There will be no association meeting during the month of September due to the Tulare Fair. The November 19, 2005 meeting will be at the foundry in Exeter. There will be a demo on forging and glass blowing.

The January 21, 2006 meeting will be the auction at Wes Hofer's shop in Dinuba. Wes won't start taking items for sale until the first part of December.

(North Region) John Snyder reminded us of the December 17, 2005 meeting at John Manselian's shop at 707 W. Shields, Fresno where Howard Atamian and John Snyder will cover "Finishing Part-1 and Chris Grothe will do a chip carving demo. There will be a Christmas gift exchange of $10 gifts for members who want to participate. Just bring your wrapped present to the meeting. Bring your own lunch or you can get food near by. There will be no association meeting during October due to the Fresno Fair. The Gordon Bone meeting last month was very informative and everyone really enjoyed it.

NEWSLETTER: Dave Dunlap reminded us that our articles are due October 7, 2005. Dave will try and send the Newsletter by "E" mail.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: *(Tulare Fair)* (Sept. 14-18). The fair started today and JC Charles is at the fair with Tom Tucker, Aaron Arnold and Bruce Auernheimer. (Videos) Tom Tucker not present as he was working at the Tulare Fair.

(TOYS PROGRAM 2005) *(South)* Dave Summers' group has had 3 toy making sessions already.

(North) Glen Gray said some of the members have made 400-500 toys. Glen will start his first three toy making sessions on Thursday 9/22, Thursday 9/29 & Tuesday 10/4 from 6:30 p.m. to 9-p.m. at Bob Jones' shop at 166 N Duke, Fresno.

NEW BUSINESS: The SJFWA will have premiere chip carver, Wayne Barton, here on Feb. 4 & 5, 2006 with a minimum of 6 students and a maximum of 15 students. Cost is $190/person. First paid, first entered into the class.

The SJFWA club members get first chance & then carvers and turners. There is a 1-hour break for lunch.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

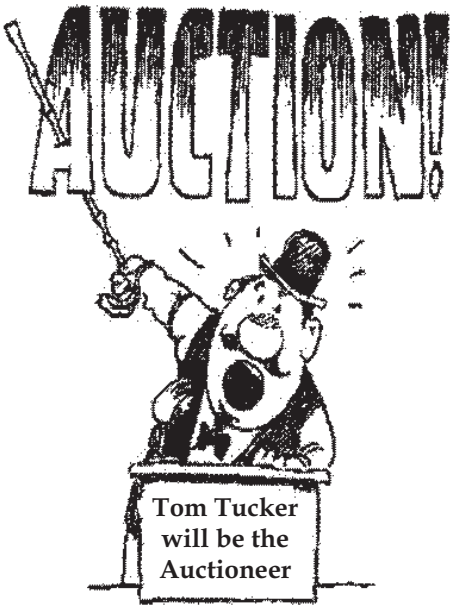
Glen Gray,

Secretary

January 21, 2006

The Annual Auction provides you with the opportunity to clean out your shop of items you no longer use or want. The items are donated for the Auction and in return you can get some really good buys for toys, your home or your shop. Items you bring can be anything and does not have to be related to woodworking.

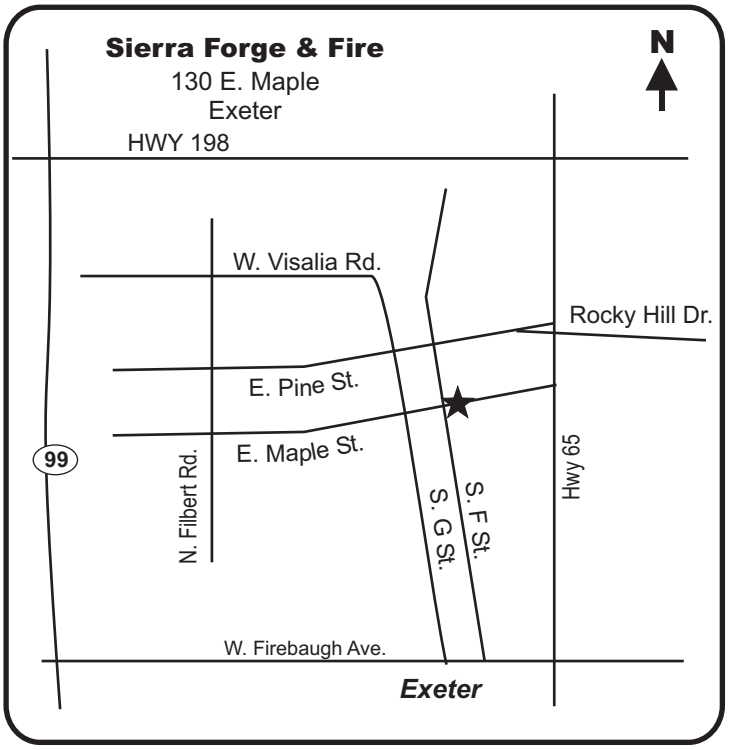
This is one of our most enjoyable meeting programs.



November Meeting

By: Tony Wortner

WHEN: November 19, 2005
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: **Sierra Forge & Fire**
130 E. Maple Street
Exeter (see map)



Topic: Decorative forging and glass blowing. This program is an opportunity to see demonstrations on two very different skills other than woodworking. Two very talented people in these crafts will be doing the presentations.

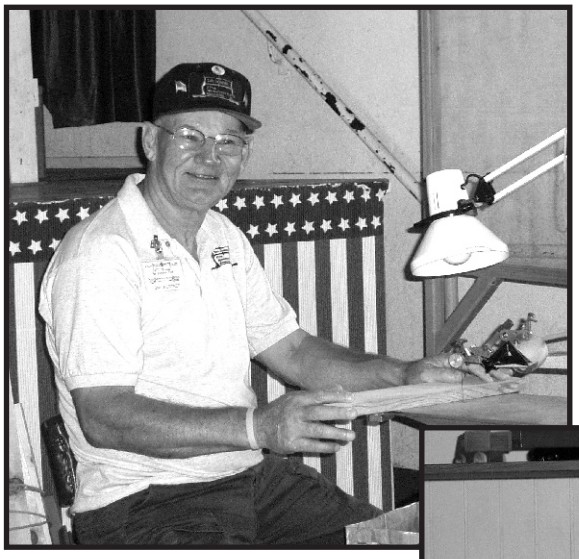
Please bring a chair and be prepared for a very different and creative experience.

Newsletter Editor Comment: **GO TONY!** Way to step out of the box. This should be a ton of fun and good for you to be a bit creative yourself and set this meeting up. Just think of the projects that could result from a mix of woodworking talent and glass blowing artistry. Man this could be big.

Planer Problem

In your April 2005 issue, you compared portable planers ("Tested: 10 Benchtop Planers"). I have owned a Ryobi AP1300 for a year and a half. The retainers that hold the spring-loaded bearing blocks carrying the drive rollers have a tendency to load up with dust, holding the drive rollers up. At first this just causes snipe, but if the dust is not removed the rollers will ride higher than the cutterhead. This can cause the material being planed to be launched in a violent way. I was planing a large piece of cherry when the knives hit a large knot and dug in. This threw the wood across my shop and bent the knives and gibs.

Mark Nichols Dowagiac, Michigan



Left: "Tony Wortner at the Tulare County Fair."

Right: "President Al Sindinger at the Tulare County Fair."

Chip Carving Class

Attention all you closet wood carvers!!! The SJFWA has arranged for Wayne Barton, arguably the premier chip carver in the country, to come to Fresno to teach a 2-day chip carving class. Wayne travels all over the United States and other countries to teach his chip carving style, but this will be the first time for a Fresno class. In the past, you would have had to travel to the bay area, pay for a motel room, and pay up to $250 for this 2-day class. This is a great opportunity to learn from a master how to embellish your woodworking projects with a little chip carving.

Wayne requires a minimum of 6 students and will accept a maximum of 15 students. The signups for this class will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis, so if you are interested, read the particulars below and get your check in the mail immediately.

You aren't signed up until Ken Kenoyer, our trusty Treasurer, has your money in his hands. Here are the details:

Class: Introductory Chip Carving
Presenter: Wayne Barton
Cost: $190
Dates: February 4th & 5th, 2006 (Saturday & Sunday)
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (1 hour lunch break)
Location: Dave Dunlap's Shop
7461 N. Fancher, Clovis

You need a chip carving knife for this class. If you don't have one, Wayne sells them at the class along with his books, sharpening equipment, etc. If you would like additional information about this class, contact Chris Grothe at (559) 276-1172 or Roger McCoy at (559) 436-1688.

Remember, only the first 15 who send their $190 will get to take advantage of this great opportunity. If we get more than 15, we will start a waiting list in case someone cancels due to an emergency.

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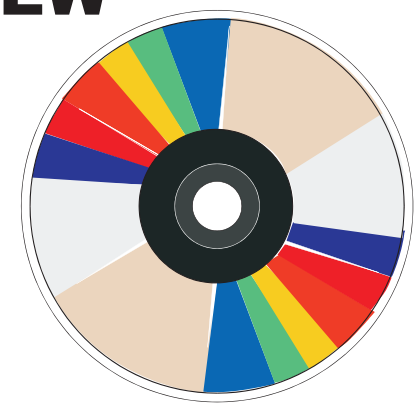
SJWA VIDEO REVIEW

Mastering Your Band Saw

By: Tom Tucker



Our club owns this video in VHS format and we now have it available in DVD as well.

Mark Duginske shows you how to precisely tune and accurately use your band saw to achieve optimum performance. In this DVD you'll also see how to:

- Change blades effortlessly
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- Make perfect dovetails
- Build a circle jig
- Cut perfect cones
- Create band saw boxes

We may have all this in our old VHS format but now the information is even easier to access.

Taunton Press has done a great job with these 57 minutes of very usable information.

Rent this DVD or many others the club is acquiring along with the great selection of VHS we already own. For only three dollars you can view this material for a whole month and then either return it at the next meeting or mail it in the handy box provided.

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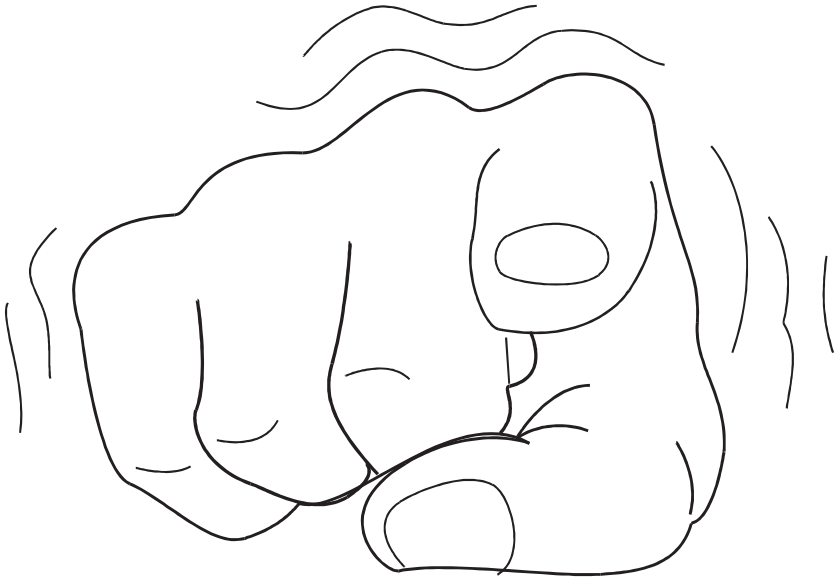
If I don't get a ton of response to this request, I will know not to waste any time on the concept.

However, just as a little bit of incentive to get a reply, you should all know that the next issue will include that nifty little calendar for 2006 that shows all of the SJFWA important dates for the entire year. I'm not sure, but you might be able to print it in color and believe me that is pretty cool. Heck, I will do you one better than that. I will send you the calendar in a separate email just to be sure that you can print it in color. Now folks I am talking about quality that is suitable for framing. You won't want to miss this opportunity so do old Dave a favor and go send me your email address right now.



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December Meeting

By: David Dunlap

John Manselian's Shop

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TIME: 9:00 a.m.
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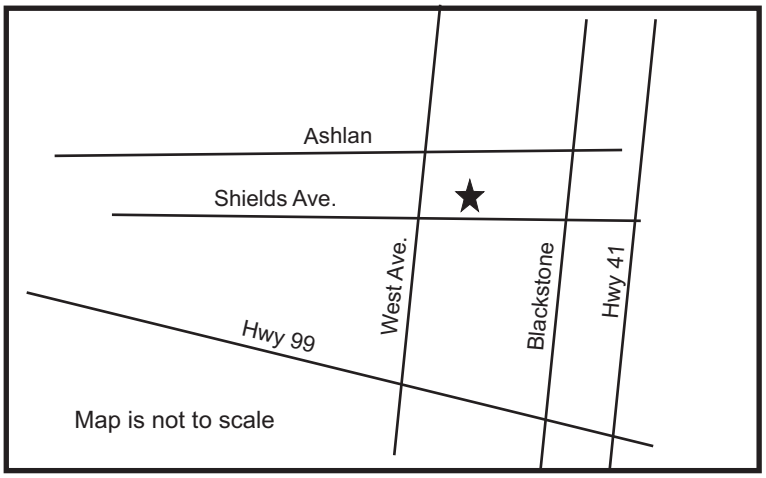

The December meeting will be at John Manselian's shop. This is going to be a big meeting with lots of action so be sure to keep your calendar clear on December 17th. The meeting will include the first in a series of classes on "Finishing" presented by Howard Atamian and John Snyder as well as other support cast. This is going to be a good one as these presenters are truly experts, so bring a note pad. Just in case you didn't think it could get any better, there will also be a presentation on Chip Carving by Chris Grothe. Be sure to read the separate article in this Newsletter regarding the Chip Carving class coming up in February. As a finishing touch to what promises to be a spectacular meeting, we will once again have an optional under $10 gift exchange for all interested members. This is not a gag gift exchange so look around a bit in advance and find a neat woodworker appropriate gift, wrap it up and bring it along should be fun.

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John Lenz - phone number is 559.594.5217 Exeter, CA.

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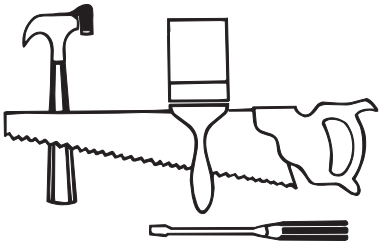

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November 19, 2005

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Association Meeting
Sierra Forge & Fire
130 E. Maple St.
Exeter

November 26, 2005

Final Toy Collection Date

December 3, 2005

Toy Distribution Date
Tulare Western High School Shop

December 10, 2005
All articles for the January/February Newsletter #138 are due to the Newsletter Editor.

December 17, 2005

9:00 AM to Noon
Association Meeting
John Manselian's Shop
Christmas Gift Exchange

January 18, 2006

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
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January 21, 2006

9:00 AM to Noon
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Annual Auction
Wes Hofer's Shop

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