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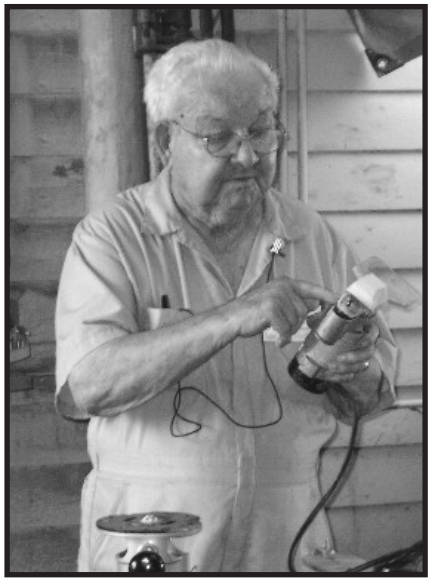
JULY 2005

By: David Dunlap

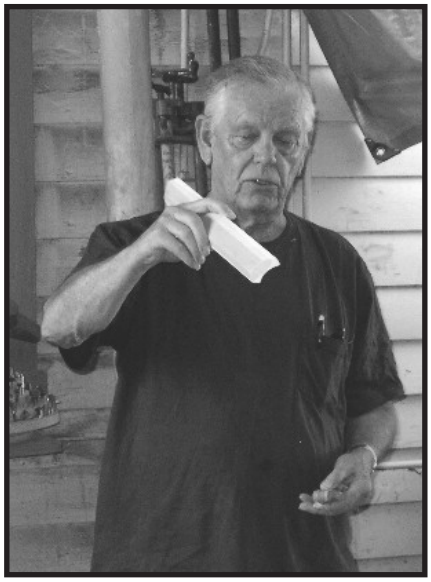
I really enjoy the July meetings. Maybe it's the heat that sends beads of sweat down my back and stomach starting around 10:30 or so that I so enjoy. Not surprisingly, there is always a bunch of coffee left after the July meeting but the water is all gone! No, I don't think that is the reason at all. Maybe it's because the first SJFWA meeting I ever went to was at Ed's three years ago. This meeting is always well attended. Hmmm, so I am back to why. I've got it, it's because of Ed Root. Everybody loves Ed and just being in his presence makes a person feel good. Just sitting in that shop and looking around at all of the things hanging, laying and sitting around is an experience in and of itself. It always makes me chuckle when Judy thanks the folks who came and gave the shop its annual cleaning just before the meeting. It just doesn't get any better than this does it?



"Ed with one of his many routers."

This meeting mostly focused on routers and we had an all star cast to put it on. Appropriately, Ed started it off showing us a few of his routers and jigs. Someone said he had 16 routers. I don't believe that. I'd bet my table saw that he has fifty at least. The little attachment he had to thread wood was of particular interest.

Dave Summers was also a marquee presenter. Dave always does a good job and he taught us plenty about bits, tables and safety. He suggested that you not buy "cheap" bits which led to some interesting debate. Asking a bunch of woodworkers what brand of router bit is the best is like asking a bunch of farmers what brand of tractor is the best!



"John Snyder on routing techniques."

John Snyder was next in the fray and he suggested that 1½ hp is all you want for free hand routing. He also had one of the quotes of the day which was "keep your fingers away". Oh so true but how many

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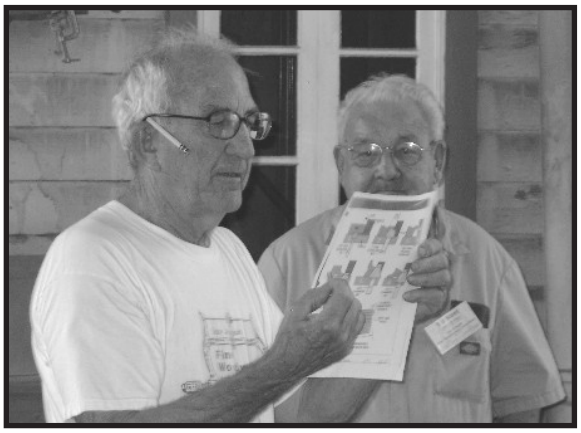

"Al Sindlinger under Ed's watchful eye."

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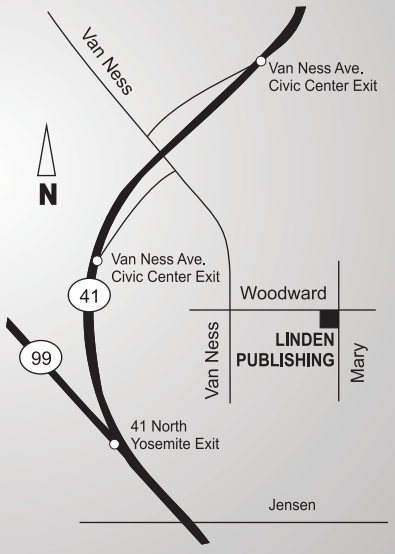


President's Message

We want to thank Ed Root and Judy Smith for another successful July meeting at their tool museum in Visalia. Also thanks to Tony Wortner and J.C. Charles for helping Ed and Judy with a little house (shop) cleaning.

A follow-up on the July meeting for those of you that were unable to attend:

1. The shop made drawer handles presented were from American Woodworker #112, January 2005, Page 51. (Also in this issue there is a very good article on the use of a dial indicator being used to set up your table saw, Pages 26, 28, 30, 32, 34-36.)
2. The router table box joint jig is illustrated in American Woodworker, March 2005 #113, Pages 75-79 - by Tom Casper.
3. A short article on how not to burn your wood with the router is in Wood Magazine #159, November 2004, Page 16. Also a chart on recommended maximum router speeds.
4. In the new American Woodworker #116, September 2005, Pages 69-72 there is a similar box joint jig for the table saw. by Tim Johnson.

August association meeting will be held at Gordon Bones' in Shaver Lake.

John Snyder will again conduct this meeting while I am away. More about the meeting later in this newsletter.

September and October

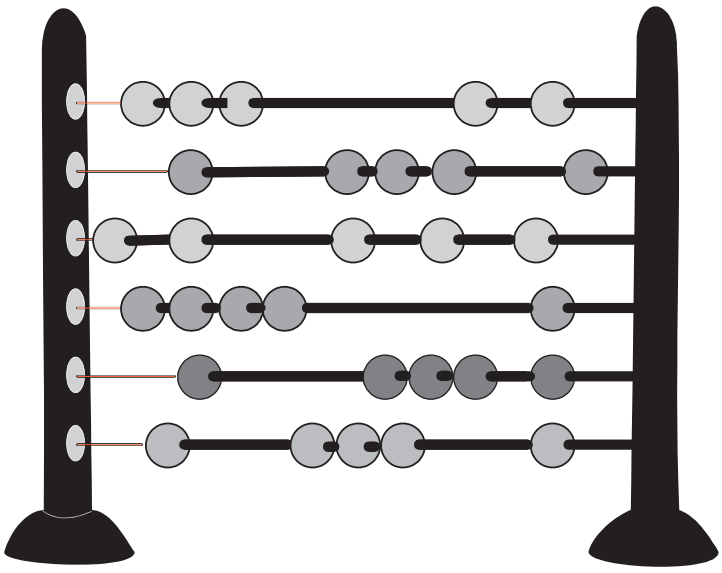
FAIR TIME September and October is the time of the year our meetings are at the two fairs. This is a good opportunity to associate with our local communities as well as having a great time with our fellow members and let the community know some of the things we do for the children at Christmas Time, as well as other activities the association is involved with in the community.

Al Sindlinger

The Bean Counter's Corner

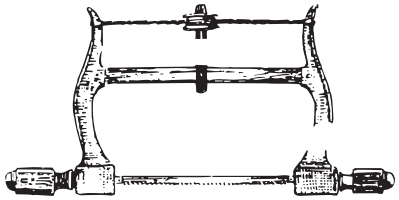
By: Ken Kenoyer

First of all, we owe the West Visalia Kiwanis members a big THANK YOU for a $100 dollar donation. Last July our President Al Sindlinger gave a presentation at one of their meetings explaining our club and our Christmas toy-making project. At the end of the meeting they passed the hat and collected $100. Al expressed his appreciation but felt obliged to tell them that even though we are non-profit any donations are not tax deductible, to which the reply "You don't see any checks in there do you?" I love it.



A little bit on the newsletter. As you know our newsletter is sent bulk mail. For the Post Office this is a low priority. Therefore, occasionally someone might be missed. If this happens to you, please give me a call at 784-8846 or email at kenswood@sosinet.net. After the newsletter has been mailed I pickup all the overruns which we use as handouts at the fairs and to replace any missing copies not received by the membership. Again, if you should miss your newsletter contact me and I will send you one immediately.

Happy Woodworking



Board of Directors Meeting
July 13, 2005
Sun Hong Kong Restaurant
Kingsburg, CA

President Al Sindlinger called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Members present were: Al Sindlinger, Ben Douglas, Ken Kenoyer, Ed Root, Chuck Smith, Glen Gray, Tony Wortner, John Snyder, Tom Tucker, Aaron Arnold, Chris Grothe, David Dunlap, Roger Mc Coy, Mac Macklin and Bruce Auernheimer.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes of the May 18, 2005 meeting were read and approved. MSC/Tom Tucker / Bruce Auernheimer.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ken Kenoyer reported a bank balance of $5,624.47. All bills are paid. We have 91 paid members. The Red Bead Raffle payout is now $94. The Howard Thompson Memorial Fund is now at $332. The Coffee Kitty almost covered expenses. It was only $11 short. The Board OK'd a $50 increase in bulk mailing of the Newsletter every 2 months.

VP REPORTS: *(South Region)* Tony Wortner reminded us of the July 16 meeting at Ed Root & Judy Smith's shop in Visalia. Al Sindlinger & Dave Summers will cover routing. The Project Show at Kingsburg on May 21, 2005 went real well.

(North Region) John Snyder reminded us of the June 18, 2005 meeting at Bob Jones shop in Fresno. Roger Mc Coy will cover making band saw boxes.

The August 20, 2005 meeting is at Gordon Bone's shop at Shaver Lake. He will cover *"woodturning techniques"* and *"cabinet making tricks."* The December 17, 2005 meeting will be at John Manselian's shop in Fresno where Howard Atamian & John Snyder will cover *"Finishing–Part I"* & Chris Grothe will do a *"Chip Carving Demo."*

NEWSLETTER: Dave Dunlap reminded us that our articles are due August 12, 2005.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: *(Tulare Fair) (Sept 14-18)* JC Charles not present.

(Fresno Fair) (Oct. 5-16) Chris Grothe said school trips to the fair are Oct 6 & 7. *(Videos)* Tom Tucker said he's looking for more suggestions on other videos to buy.

(Toys Program-2005) *South*–Dave Summers group to start making toys.

North-Glen Gray said some members have started making toys. The rest of the group will start soon.

OLD BUSINESS: Tony Wortner received a 3" X 5" card where a member has requested a meeting or class on sharpening lathe tools & chisels.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Glen Gray,

Secretary

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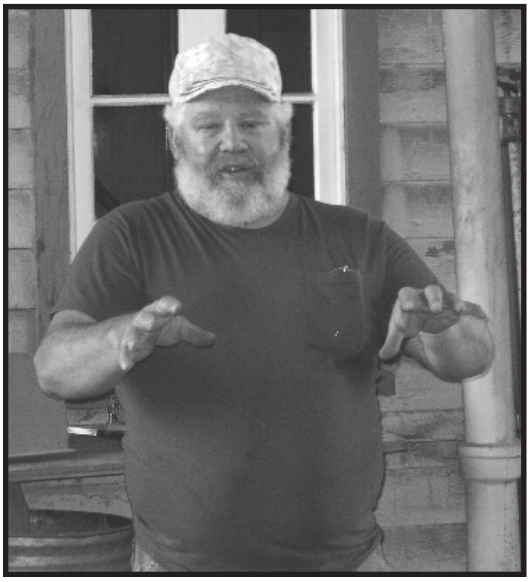


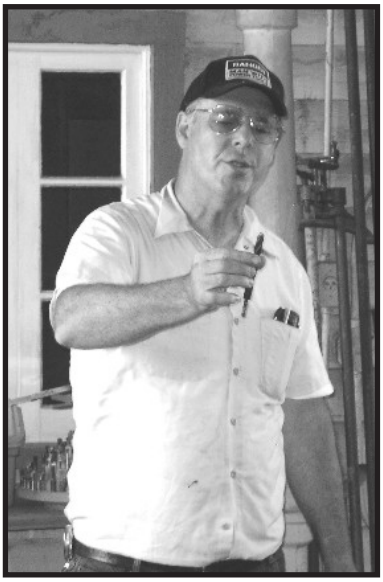
"Dave Kibler speaking on routers."

of us have a story to tell because this sage advice was temporarily forgotten or ignored?

Dave Kibler was next. He had lots of bits to show us and as usual for Dave, he presented a lot of good information in a way that only Dave can do. He also weighed in on the debate as to which brand of router bit was the best. Let's see, he pretty much ended the debate by saying "yeah whatever blows your dress up". I love this guy.

Then Al Sindlinger wrapped it up by giving a real life demonstration of a box joint jig that he made from an article in American Woodworker #113 which was the March '05 edition.

Thanks to everyone who had a part in the meeting, it was another good one.



"Dave Summers on router bits."

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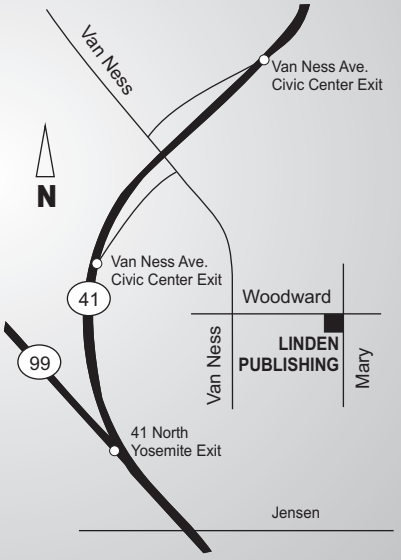

August Meeting

By: David Dunlap

Anybody want to go for a drive? Those fortunate enough to have made it to the August meeting got just that. The meeting was hosted by Gordon Bone at Shaver Lake and what a nice drive it was up the hill. However, I must make a confession. As you may be aware I also serve as the refreshment chairman for the North so I bring the donuts and coffee. Well I ate two donuts (big ones) on the way up there! I was simply overcome by the smell of them sitting in the front seat next to me. But the real treat for the day was Gordon's shop and his fascinating presentation on cabinet making. Several guests were at the meeting including Matt Estes from Fresno. Matt has been keeping his eye on us for some time and we are glad to have him as a new member. All of our guests picked a great meeting to check out. John Snyder chaired the meeting in Al Sindlinger's absence and got us started with Gordon's presentation right away. Gordon literally went through many of the steps required to build a basic cabinet. It was great fun watching a master that really does this stuff. He had a very cool glue applicator for biscuit jointing and he had recently installed retractable extension cord and air hose reels that he was happy with. It was certainly evident that he has been doing this for a while as he just "used his eye" to make several seemingly important measurements to perfection. Very impressive Gordon. I must admit that occasionally I go to a meeting and walk away thinking yeah right I'm going to be doing that right away. But with this one, I actually believe that I can do this, and as luck would have it, I need to.

Gordon turns out to be quite a capable presenter and we all learned a lot from the demonstrations. He uses Diamond Hardwood lumber, Forrest dado blades, Pony clamps and a Lamello biscuit jointer. He also told us a story about table saw safety that sent chills down the spine. If you already read the July meeting article flip back to it and read John Snyder's advice again on keeping your fingers away!

As if the cabinet making class wasn't enough, Gordon capped it off with another demonstration on turning a wine stopper out of cocobolo complete with a ring. What a fun meeting. Everyone was captivated the whole time and it was a bit surprising to see that the clock was on about 12:20 when Gordon wrapped up.

So there you have it. A nice shop, great presenter, fun topic, beautiful setting and fortunately a few donuts to share. We are living large folks. Thank you Gordon.

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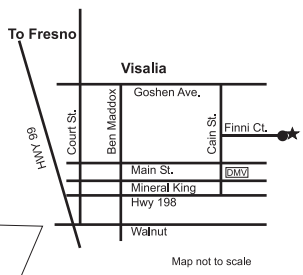

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By: Tom Tucker

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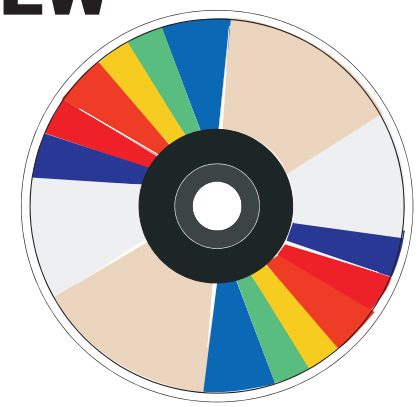

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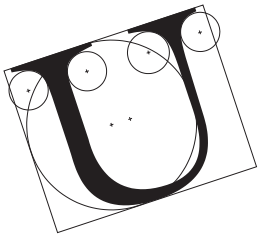

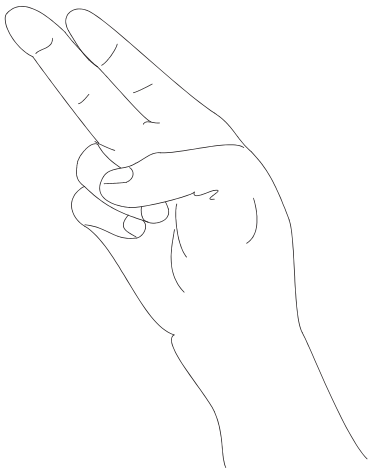

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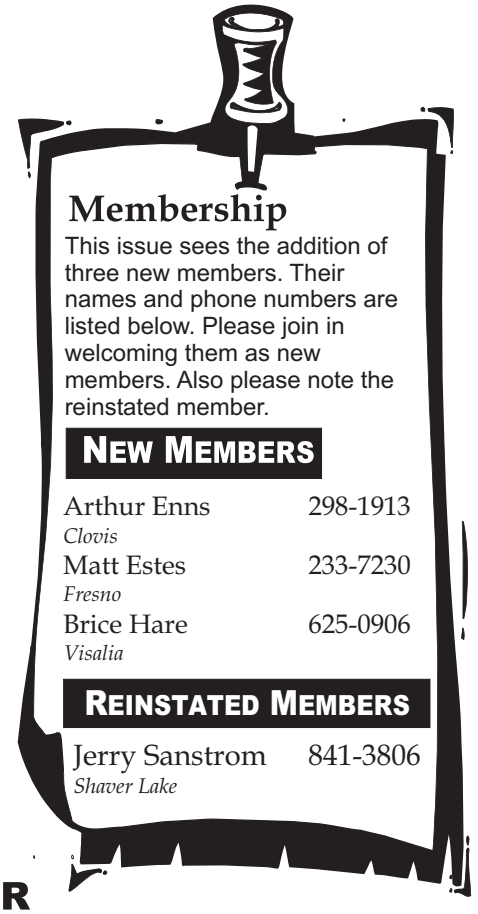

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This issue sees the addition of three new members. Their names and phone numbers are listed below. Please join in welcoming them as new members. Also please note the reinstated member.

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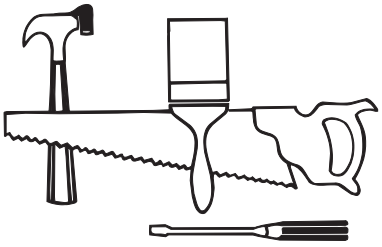

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November 16, 2005

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
SJFWA Board Meeting
Sun Hong Kong Restaurant
Kingsburg, CA
All Members Welcome (Good Food!)

November 19, 2005

9:00 AM to Noon
Association Meeting
To Be Announced

November 26, 2005

Final Toy Collection Date

December 3, 2005

Toy Distribution Date

December 17, 2005

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