

LAKE CHARLES WOODWORKERS CLUB

John Marcon, President

Bob Ferguson, Treas. & Newsletter Editor

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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The February meeting was held at the Calcasieu Parish Public Library with 33 persons attending. The president, **John Marcon**, introduced our guests and new members and briefly reviewed the programs planned for the next few months. We were specially pleased that **Ron Stowe**, a club founder, had recovered sufficiently from his recent surgery to be able to be with us.

John advised us that **Whitney Derise**, our president-elect, will be unable to fill the president's role next year, as planned. The president-elect position is therefore vacant and we will be seeking a person to fill that role. Whitney will continue this year's activity: the Christmas toys program.

Dudley Harvey, a member of the advisory committee, has announced his resignation because of ill health.

Bob Baker and **Bob Ferguson** introduced the special discount arrangement with local merchants which Bob Baker has been able to arrange. (*See the later discussion.*)

Joe Freeman announced the special **Artist's Bazaar** which will be held at the Imperial Calcasieu Museum on April 19, 1997. Many local artisans will be displaying their creations and Joe requested that members of the club put this event on their agenda.

MAIN PRESENTATION

The main presentation was an outstanding discussion of joints, gluing and clamping by **Lynn Boddie** who incidently, at the conclusion of the meeting, officially joined our club.

Lynn described the merits of a wide range of joints including dowels, mortise & tenons (also with a pin reinforcement), mortise & tenons plus one dowel, tongue & groove, threaded connections, sliding dovetail and regular dovetails, the glue joint (double tongue & groove), the Parson's joint, splines and the breadboard joint (a long mortise & tenon). Lynn does not use biscuit joinery yet but he indicated that it is an excellent joint. Complementing the joints was a discussion of the nature and merits of a wide range of glues including Hide glues, Urea-formaldehyde

(Weldwood), Resorcinol-formaldehyde, the polyvinyl acetate series including white glue, aliphatic yellow and aliphatic marine types. He also described the epoxy glues which have a wide range of performance characteristics depending on the combination of the resin/catalyst components and the special systems provided by some manufactures. The list of glues continued with urethane, for extreme strengths, Gorilla Glue as a potential replacement for epoxy, ProBond (a Borden product) which is outstanding and normally requires application to only one surface, and the cyano-acrylics (Super Glue).

As always, Lynn provided some secrets to good technique.

1. Surfaces to be glued must be free of fibers. Plane with a sharp tool rather than sand.
2. Apply glue to both surfaces (except, as noted above for ProBond).
3. Keep the room temperature, and the glues between 60-90 degrees F.
4. Squeeze with sufficient force to achieve the thinnest joint (0.003"). Don't oversqueeze the joint; you could wind up with a glue-starved joint.

NEXT MEETING

**Mar. 8 at 9:00 a.m. in the shop of
John Marcon
215 Orchard Drive
Lake Charles**

**SUBJECT: Furniture from Flexible Plywood
By Leo Flynn**

FUTURE MEETINGS

**Apr. 12 Japanese Hand Tools by the owner
of Houston's Cutting Edge
May 10 Metallurgy**

MERCHANT DISCOUNTS

Bob Baker has been very successful in securing special discounts for members of the Lake Charles Woodworkers Club at a number of local merchants. Through these arrangements you should be able to realize significant savings which greatly exceed the cost of club membership. The merchants included are:

Builders' Sav-More

1245 E. Prien Lake Rd., Lake Charles

Request the Woodworker's Club discount from **Eric Schram** (If he's not available, ask for **Marc Schram**).

LOWE'S

Hwy. 14, Lake Charles

Go to the contractor's booth at the rear of the store and request the contractor's discount under **account No. 2988**. You will have to pay by cash or check. No Credit cards accepted for this arrangement.

McCown Paint & Supply

1725 W. Sale Rd., Lake Charles

Request contractor's discount.

South City Paint & Supply, Inc.

2716 Kirkman St. Lake Charles

Request club discount.

Stine Lumber Co.

1313 Country Club Rd., Lake Charles
1907 S. Ruth St., Sulphur

Contractor's account No. L 2930

Note: 1. Discounts may vary considerably according to the type of product.
2. Show your membership card, if questioned.

ARTISAN'S GALLERY

Lynn Boddie briefly reported on the development of the **Artisan's Gallery** at the Imperial Calcasieu Museum. As mentioned last month, this is the joint effort of local artisans who picked up the ball dropped by the Louisiana Furnishing Industry Association. Lynn reported that the gallery is promoting quality work produced by local craftspersons and the the Woodworkers club is well represented.

NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome into membership

Camille Vincent
813 Live Oak
Sulphur, LA 70663

Lynn Boddie
311 South Lane
Topsy, LA 70657

Bob Farley
972 Tara Ave.
Lake Charles, LA 70611

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Dues for the 1997 club year are now due. Please bring your **\$20** to the next meeting or send it to the treasurer at

Lake Charles Woodworkers Club
c/o Bob Ferguson
2326 22nd Street
Lake Charles, LA 70601

Please make any checks out to **Bob Ferguson**.

LONG DISTANCE RENEWAL

We were extremely pleased to hear from our club member, Dave Bruce, who is currently in Malaysia fulfilling a 3-5 year assignment for his company. Dave follows our activities through the newsletter and was anxious to renew his membership (what support!!). Dave's letter is enclosed.

THE MEETING LOCATOR

