LAKE CHARLES
WOODWORKERS Club
MAY 1993

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:
39

NEW MEMBERS:

Bob Ferguson

NEXT MEETING:

- May 15 9AM
  Shop of Mitchell Morgan
  31 Poinsettia Road
  Sulphur ph 625-7671
- June 19 9AM
  Shop of Shelby Delaney
  1161 Sistrunk Road
  Moss Bluff ph 855-7575

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:
If you have anything you would like in the newsletter, send or call:
LCWC
c/o Mitchell Morgan
31 Poinsettia Road
Sulphur, LA 70663 ph. 625-7671

++SAFETY TIP++
To keep the blade on your tablesaw from being damaged and to prevent accidents, lower the blade into the table after each use.

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Last month's meeting was held in the shop of Lawrence Walker. He has a garage/shop combination which he built to utilize the space to a maximum. He built his multipurpose bench to house and operate his tools. The radial arm saw bench has a built-in drum sander, router table and disc sander. By removing the fence, the bench can be used with other tools. Lawrence also has a jointer, table saw, band saw, and a lathe that he has owned for over 30 years.

The meeting was brief but we had a good discussion about tools and tool safety.

Bob Patin brought another fine candlestick which he turned on his lathe. The piece was made of Paduke wood. He also brought a bowl that he turned that made a very nice offering plate. Bob said the wood he used for the bowl has the power to attract money. This is why he paid so much for the wood!!

Shelby Delaney brought a paint scraper that he says is the best thing since sliced bread. The scraper is made by the Sandvik Company and is sold in the Woodcraft catalog. The design of the scraper is unlike most others. This scraper has carbide blades which last longer and can

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SHOP TALK with Mack Gafford

An article in the Hardwood Forestry Bulletin, published by the Hardwood Research Council, refers to a finding by University of Wisconsin microbiologists that wooden cutting boards are far safer for use in food preparation than plastic boards that have been recommended and have replaced wood in commercial kitchens.

It seems that even deadly strains of bacteria die off within just a few minutes on wood surfaces but remain unaffected on plastic surfaces. Seven different hardwoods were tested against four types of plastic and it was found the rapid reduction of bacteria on the hardwood surfaces was related to the species, age, or number of times the board had been scrubbed clean. Yet the same bacteria thrived and multiplied on all types of plastic cutting boards. Of course, good hygiene is still essential when using wood surfaces for food preparation.

Meeting Highlights continued

be reversed for even more use. The blades are also curved so that when using the scraper the ends do not dig into the wood. For a catalog write to:

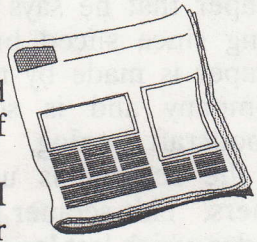
Woodcraft
210 Wood Country Industrial Park
PO Box 1686
Parkersburg, WV 26102-1686

Upcoming Events
in Houston

6/12-13 Astrohall Worlds Largest Trading Post

7/10-11 Astro Arena Ghetzler Arts & Crafts

We are now exchanging newsletters with the Wood Workers of Southeast Texas. I received their April newsletter and it sounds like they have a very good club. Last month they had a mini-seminar on the projects they had built and looked at different types of sanders. Maybe at their next meeting, Monday, May 24th, some of our members could ride over and meet with them.



CLUB TREASURY

Previous balance	$1.52
Money collected on 4/17/93	$18.00
Purchased 20 stamps	-$5.80
Total	$13.72

Bag-o-money is gettin' small...

Colorado Bound

Norm Morin is going to his summer hideout in Colorado. He says he will be there the months of June, July, and August. He invited anyone who might be passing through to stop and see him. His address is:

Norm Morin
Moraine Park Rt
Estes Park, Colorado 80517
(303) 586-5236.

THIS MONTH'S MEETING SCHEDULE

INTRODUCTIONS - Around the shop - Give your name

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

AROUND THE SHOP - Any new projects, project plans, new tools, odd catalogs, good books, etc.

DEMONSTRATION - Mitch Morgan will demonstrate how to make a cove on the tablesaw.

TALK SAFETY - Safety with table saws.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Anything for sale? Any woodworking shows coming up? Need a shop for the July meeting.

Profile of the

New Yankee Workshop

The host of the New Yankee Workshop was the feature article in the March/April issue of *Fine Woodworking*. The article tells the story of how Norm Abram rose to the stardom of being TV's most well-known woodworker. The writer spent a number of hours watching and interviewing the people on the set.

--- Did you know that the Yankee Workshop is not even Norm's Shop?

The program was created by its producer Russel Morash and is videotaped in Russell's backyard shop. Pretty convenient, huh?

-- Did you ever wonder how he gets all those nice tools?

The tools in the New Yankee Workshop, except the first tablesaw, are all donated by the manufacturers hoping Norm will use them on the show.

The article is very good and answers a lot of questions about the woodworker that millions watch each week on PBS. Check it out!

WOODHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Incrimating rumors fly about those who continually purchase wood. If you are the subject of such controversy, take this test to see if you are really a woodholic.

Answer each question honestly, scores are as follows:

0 for "no, never"

5 for "sometimes"

10 for "yes, of course"

___ 1. Do you purchase wood whether you need it or not?

___ 2. Do you have more wood than you can comfortably use in a month?

___ 3. Have you ever said "I will not buy any more wood until I use up what I have," but then go and buy more anyway?

___ 4. Do you have wood in your garage?

___ 5. In boxes? (Count 10 points for each box.)

___ 6. In cabinets? (Count 10 points for each cabinet.)

___ 7. Do you own patterns you have never used?

___ 8. Do you have patterns older than your children?

___ 9. Do you wish you had more time and space to do woodwork?

___ 10. Do you ever buy more wood than you intended?

___ 11. Do you own more than one saw? (Count 10 points for each saw.)

___ 12. Do you own a sander? (Count 10 points for each sander.)

___ 13. Is your saw set up all of the time?

___ 14. Have you ever refused to purchase ready-made because you could make it better and cheaper?

____ TOTAL SCORE

If you scored 50 points or less, you may need help. If you scored over 100 points, check out the self-help resources in your community. If you scored over 1000, there's no hope for you. You're hooked for life. Think about opening your own wood store!

This month's spotlight is shining on Robert "Bob" Patin. He is a native Lousianan from Breaux Bridge. Bob is a semi-retired CPA after 40 years of practice. He began his number-crunching days as a clerk/typist in the United States Air Force during WWII. He spent three years in Arizona and Japan serving his country. From there he attended Southwest Lousiana Institute (now USL) in Lafayette where he received a degree in accounting. Bob then worked for Cities Service for five years and then moved into private practice.

Bob has four children who have followed in his footsteps. They are currently working as a statistician, CPA, school teacher, and an office finance manager. He also is proud to say he has eight wonderful grandchildren. Bob enjoys being with them and has just returned from Arkansas to visit his grandchildren that live up there.

Bob has had many hobbies over the years. He enjoys taking trips on motorcycles, riding the waves in his boat, and focusing his eyes on the target to shoot his pistol. Bob took up woodworking four years ago. He is a bonafide graduate of the Shopsmith School of Woodworking in Houston. He says he had had a little practice in woodcarving over the years, but is now heavily into woodchip making. Bob now has a very nice woodshop and does mostly woodturning.

Bob, we fellow woodworkers are happy you are in the club and look forward to seeing more of your work.