

# LAKE CHARLES

# WOODWORKERS *Club*

FEBRUARY 1994

## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Last month's meeting was held in the *new shop* of Dudley Harvey. Dudley and his wife just recently built their new house and Dudley designed his new shop as part of the house. He has finished inside of the shop with material he gathered on the various construction sites around his house. The cabinets that hold all his tools were made completely of scrap wood. He says the contractors were glad to give him the wood because they were going to throw it away anyway.

We started the meeting a little differently. Mitch Morgan had a sore throat so he asked Ron Stowe to conduct the meeting. The cold

weather must of had some effect on the turnout because we had record breaking 24 members come to the meeting. We have not had that many show up since December of 1992! It was great! We talked and told tall tales until close to 10 o'clock.

Leo Parker brought two very nice lamps he turned out of walnut and maple. He put 18 coats of shellac and 2 coats of polyurethane on them. Very slick, Leo!

Nemo was being creative again with his new design of the infamous wine bottle stand. The stand took the shape of a dolphin jumping out of the water. Pretty splashy design, Nemo!

John Perry brought an octagon shaped clock he made from scrap. He said he needed a clock for his new shop and so he used some of the many pieces of scrap he had

left over from a project he is working on. The clock is made up of oak and cherry strips glued together. He finished it with a water-based polyurethane which he found raised the grain slightly. Timely shaped clock, John!

Norm Morin brought a carving of a pediment he made for a headboard. Norm has been studying the relief carvings and has took to the tools and carved his own very nice pediment. Who says carving wood can't be *relieving*!

Dudley Harvey gave a demonstration of how to use the router table as a jointer. He set his router up with a straight bit and placed the fence exposing a 1/16" of the bit. He then clamped a 1/16" shim to the fence on the outfeed side of the blade and pushed the wood through. The jig made some very smooth joints. Very good idea, Dudley!

### NEXT MEETING:

- February 19 9AM  
Shop of John Perry  
420 Starlin Drive  
Sulphur ph 527-5462
- March 19 9AM  
TBA

### CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:

33

### CLUB TREASURY

January's Previous Balance.....\$35.72  
Money Collected (1/15/94).....\$53.00  
Purchased 100 stamps.....\$-29.00  
Ending Balance.....\$59.72

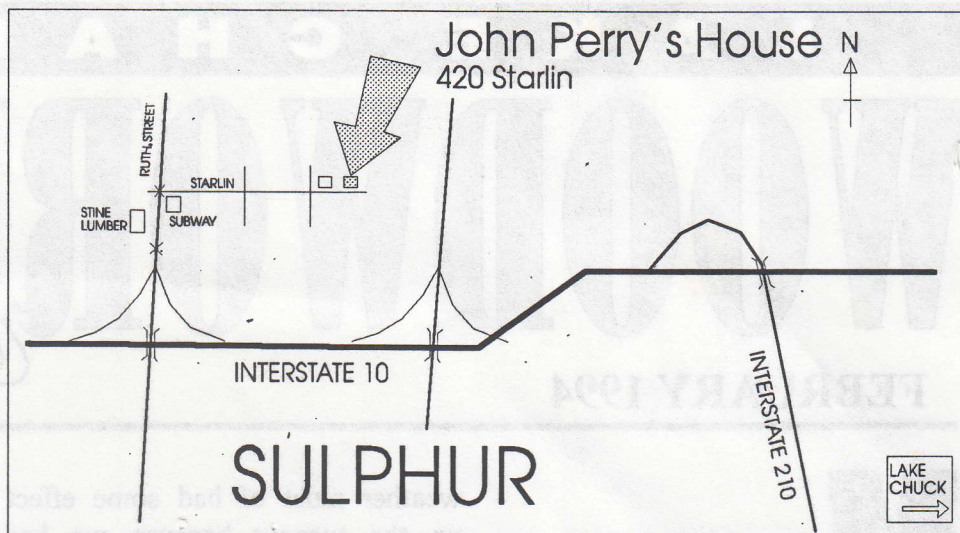


### NEW MEMBERS:

*A. J. Bergeron*  
*Bob Schmitt*  
*Ray Schultz*

## 1993 Toy Project Supports the Children

We received letters from the Calcasieu Women's Shelter and the Cal-Cam Hospital expressing their deepest gratitude for the toys we donated. They appreciated our support for the children and said our gift makes the difference to them.



## SHOP TALK

The topic of storing wet paint brushes overnight was brought up at the last meeting and the club discussed several ideas. Jim Couvillion said he takes an old coffee can half full of thinner and cuts a slot in the lid to hold the handle of the brush. The lid holds the brush from touching the bottom of the can where the sludge settles.

Ron Stowe says he wraps the brush in plastic wrap and stores it in the freezer.

Mitch Morgan said you can also wrap the brush in newspaper and put it in a can of thinner. The paper keeps the paint moist and from settling to the bottom.

## How to Diagnose Problems with Band Saw Blades

### Tooth Breakage:

- excessively coarse pitch. At least three teeth should be engaged in cut.
- excessively fine pitch. Chip space is packed full and overloaded.
- workpiece not clamped tightly enough and vibrates- workpiece moves.
- excessively high feed. Teeth are overloaded.

Next Month: How to diagnose problems with Blade breakage...

## NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

The officers for 1994 were elected at the January meeting. The nominations were opened again and Jim Couvillion was nominated for President and voted in before he could change his mind! Pretty democratic! Mitch Morgan was also re-elected as the Treasurer/Newsletter Editor. Both were excited and pledged to lead the club into another spectacular year.

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