
LAKE CHARLES WOODWORKERS CLUB

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MARCH 1995

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The February meeting was held in the shop of John Perry in Sulphur, LA with 22 persons attending.

John Perry reported on the February meeting of the local chapter of LFIA. He reported that:

1. Sowela is planning to start a woodworking class in the fall.
2. Discussions were held on woodstress which is introduced during kiln drying.
3. Discussion on the powder post beetles and their effect on the industry. John reported that in air-dried lumber the beetles can live up to 7 years. For kiln dried lumber, drying at temperatures greater than 160F for two hours is necessary to destroy the larvae. The beetles are particularly attracted to ash and a common practice is to include a piece of this wood in a lumber pile as a sacrificial lamb.

Because of the importance and intense interest in the latter subject, it was hoped that we could have an entomologist address the group at a future meeting. Mike Kent has been working on this and has initially obtained the support of Thomas Strann, the County Agent, who would be willing to answer any question on wood insects. He can be reached by calling 318-639-4376.

Jim Couvillion showed two VRC tapes. One was on the construction industry's use of steel-reinforced polystyrene forms for casting concrete walls. The other was on a computer-controlled routing system by Techno-Isel who use the 6000 CNC workcenters.

Dudley Harvey brought a stack of foam carpet underlayment which he reports serves as an

excellent holding mat for routing. He reports that it is less expensive and generally more effective than the commercial pads for this purpose.

OUR MEMBERSHIP

We are proud to announce that we have a strong membership with **39 paid-up members** and four additional renewals expected. **Thanks to all of you for your outstanding response to our call for dues.**

If you have not done so, you may still pay your \$10.00 at the next meeting or mail it to:

Bob Ferguson
2326 22nd Street
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Please make checks out to Bob Ferguson.

NEXT MEETING

March 11, 1995, 9:00 am in the shop of

Ed Shogan
1736 Illinois Street
Lake Charles, LA

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome to the Lake Charles Woodworkers Club three new members who joined at the February meeting:

Dennis Arnold
Dr. Ron Futrell

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS (Continued)

John Perry demonstrated his Grizzly double-drum sander. Using two grits, 100 & 150, he effectively sanded panels up to 24" wide.

NEW MEETING SCHEDULE

At the January meeting it was agreed to change the regular meeting day from the 3rd Saturday of each month to the 2nd Saturday. Please make a special note of this change. The future meetings are scheduled for:

Mar. 11, 1995	Shop of Ed Shogun
Apr. 8, 1995	Shop of Burl Vincent
May 13, 1995	Shop of (TBA)
June 10, 1995	Shop of (TBA)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

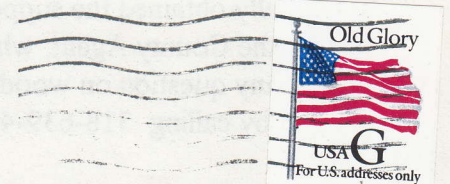
PRESIDENTS CORNER

As always, we strive to make the meetings of the Lake Charles Woodworkers' Club a valuable experience for our members (our guests, also). This can be a difficult task but through the tremendous support of many of you we have had outstanding programs. Unfortunately, we sometimes run out of steam and it becomes difficult to sustain the impetus.

We need your help! We need to know if you have a project or equipment or a technique which you are willing to share with the group. We need to know what your needs may be. Many of our members are just starting out (despite their age) in this marvelous activity and have much to learn. If you are new to the game, what would you like to learn about? If you are experienced, what can you share with the others? Please volunteer some information. Call me.

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