

THE TOOL TABLE

The Newsletter of the Richmond Antique Tool Society

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**Next meeting
RATS Gathering
Wednesday December 10th
Agenda**

All times are approximate

5:30 p.m. Doors open
6:00–7:00 p.m. Tool talk & sales
7:00–7:10 p.m. General meeting
7:10–8:00 p.m. Dinner
8:05 p.m. Auction
10:00 p.m. Hall closes



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The President's Plane Talk

Well, I'm looking forward to next Wednesday night, December 10th for our 13th annual event: "the GATHERING". Same place and same time. This year would be a great time to bring up to ten tools for the auction and make some money. In previous years, we have had around a dozen members bring in tools to auction. Hopefully, this year several more members will join the fun and make some cash. Just bring your tools and we will assign you a lot number and give you a simple form to fill out. It only takes a few minutes. We will have table tool sales and you have a one-table limit. Bring family or a friend, cash or check, tools to auction, a side dish or dessert and join us for a great evening of tool fellowship. I look forward to seeing you there.

Next on the list: The Tool Show at The ShowPlace will be Saturday 10–6 and Sunday noon–5 on January 3rd and 4th, 2009. We have been sponsoring this event for over ten years and have noticed a decline in dealers, demonstrators and table workers.

PLEASE consider selling your tools that weekend. Tables only cost \$40 each. I will have contracts at the Gathering. We need some folks to demonstrate a trade and some folks to work our RATS information table to help recruit new members. We usually get 4-8 new members during this weekend. This recruitment brings in fresh and hopefully, active members to our club. This is the lifeline to our club's success over the years. So, think about this and really consider some level of involvement. Also, if you are unable to help, demo or sell, please show your support by attending the tool show and spreading the word around. Remember, there will be 200 antique dealers participating along with the tool dealers. This event is always well attended and open to the general public.

Finally, our February meeting at Pocahontas Middle School will be Friday the 20th. Mark your calendars for that date. We will arrange a speaker and topic to be announced in the next newsletter. As always....

Plane and Simple,

Rick Long

“THE GATHERING”
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH



Our thirteenth annual RATS Gathering will be from 6 to 10 p.m. on Wednesday December 10th at the Glen Allen American Legion Hall Post 244. See next page for directions. If you get lost, the Legion # is 264-5931. You can call Rick Long for additional directions or clarification: Home phone: (804)-550-1010; Cell phone: (804)-920-8150.

Agenda for the evening:

- 5:30 p.m. Doors open and Rick will be there.
- 6:00-7:00 Table tool sales. Bring tools priced to sell and a tablecloth. Limit one table per RATS member.
- 7:00-7:10 Quick general meeting and announcements.
- 7:10-8:00 DINNER. Bring a side dish or dessert. Anthony is providing ham. This is the best potluck dinner of the holiday season! Come break crumbs with the RATS family.
- 8:05 TOOL AUCTION begins!
Auction Rules:
 - Maximum of 10 tools per RATS member, minimum value \$10 each
 - 10% commission goes to the club
 - No buyer’s premium
 - No reserves – you must buy back your tool
 - Fill out the form below (everything but lot letter, price and sold to) and bring it to the auction, you will receive a lot letter and stickers for your items
 - Payment after the auction, unless we have tons of tools; checks will be mailed the next day
- 10:00 p.m. Hall closes.

See you Wednesday night, December 10, 2008 at The Gathering!

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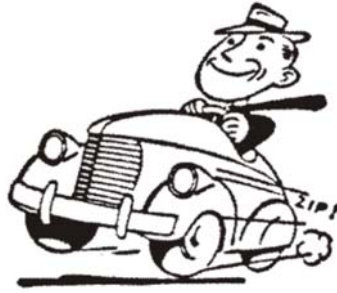
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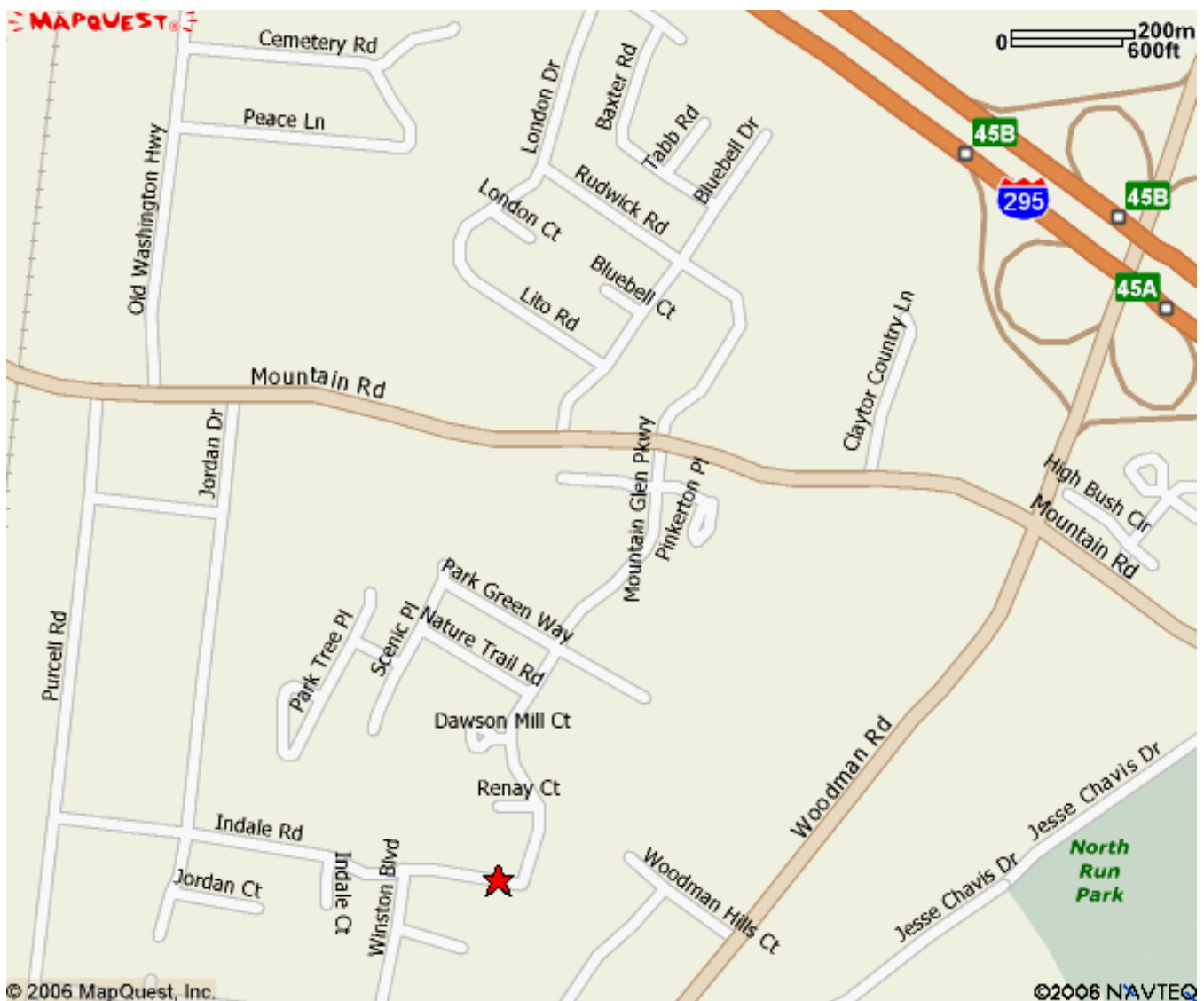
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Directions to The Gathering



The Glen Allen American Legion hall is located off of Purcell Road, which is off of Old Mountain Road. Take exit 45-B off of I-295, north of Richmond, VA. This is Woodman Rd. South exit. You will quickly come to a light at Old Mountain Rd. Turn Right at the light, go 9/10 mile to Purcell Rd. Turn left onto Purcell. If you come to the RR tracks on Old Mountain, you went too far and just missed Purcell! Once on Purcell, go 4/10 mile to Indale Rd. Turn left onto Indale Rd. Go 3/10 mile and the American Legion Hall is on the left.



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RATS Calendar 2008-2009

December 10 th	RATS Winter Gathering	American Legion Hall, Indale Rd., Glen Allen
Jan. 3 & 4, 2009	Antique Tool Show	The Showplace, Rt. 360 West, Mechanicsville
Feb. 20, 2009	RATS Regular Meeting	Pocahontas Middle School, Three Chopt Road, Short Pump