

# THE TOOL TABLE

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**Next meeting  
Friday June 13**

## **Agenda**

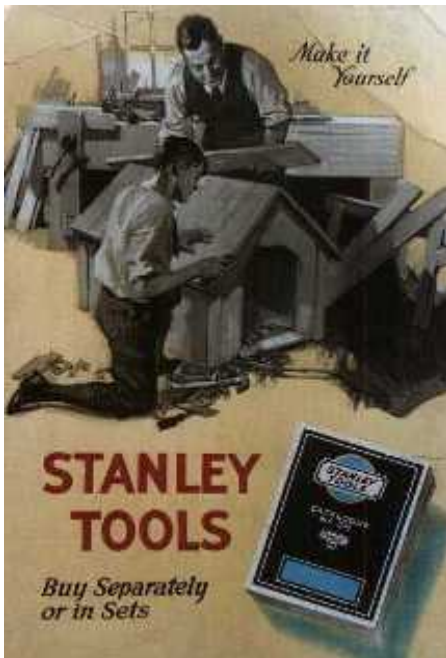
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**6:00–7:00 p.m. Tool talk & sales**

**7:00–7:30 p.m. General meeting**

**7:30–8:30 p.m. “Advertising  
Tools and Tool  
Literature”**

**9:00 p.m. Tool sales/wrap-  
up**



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## **The President’s Plane Talk**

Most flea market dealers or yard sale people selling planes put \$10 to \$20 on their planes no matter what type, kind or condition. The antique dealer puts \$25 to \$30 on their planes. These prices are commonly placed on a plane without any knowledge or research. So, during my tool searches, I check all the planes and hope to find a good one.

Well, a guy is unloading at Bellwood a few weeks back from his van and I spot a plane. It’s tucked near the back swing door and spare tire. So, I reach in and grab it. It looks like a common #5, but once I pull it out and see the side cutouts, I realize it’s a Stanley #10 rabet plane. I’m holding a good one. I ask the man, “How much on this plane?” He shoots back, “15 bucks.” Yeah! Done deal. I spend the rest of my morning showing off my GLOAT to the regular RATS running around seeking treasures such as mine. It was a good morning and that plane made up for the two previous Sundays of being shut out. The plane goes to my workshop and then the real fun starts.... Cleaning, Restoration and Sharpening. Yes, I tried some of the techniques from our last meeting, along with my traditional cleaning methods. I’ll bring the plane to our next meeting...

...which is Friday night June 13th at Pocahontas. Our topic will be “Advertising Tools and Tool Literature.” This meeting should bring out some cool advertising pieces and other tool-related literature such as catalogs, signs, promotional items and more. We will have tons of table space to sell tools, as the library prepares for summer and school is closing. This will be our last meeting until September and it would be a great time to unload your tools and get some cash back. Please bring items to show-n-tell and tools to sell. Bring a friend to share the fun.

Next: A quick thanks for all who shared their cleaning and restoration techniques during our last meeting in April. That was a great meeting and very informative. Check out our website. Pay your 2008 dues. Come and relax with us in a cool library on June 13th. We will also talk about Ed Hobbs’ Mid West meeting on July 26th in North Carolina.

See you Friday Night – JUNE 13!

Plane and Simple,

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RATS Calendar 2007

June 13  
RATS Meeting  
Pocahontas Middle School

July 26  
M-WTCA Event  
Ed Hobbs M-WTCA Area Q  
meet, Raleigh, NC

TBA – Dec  
Antique Tool Show  
The Showplace, Mechanicsville, VA

