

THE TOOL TABLE

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Next meeting
Friday June 1

Agenda

6:00-7:00 p.m. Tool talk & sales

7:00-7:15 p.m. Tool auction

7:15-7:30 p.m. General meeting

7:30-8:30 p.m. Dick Levy/Roy
Underhill video

8:30-10:00 p.m. Tool talk & sales



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The President's Plane Talk

Tool hunting season is really breaking out this time of year. Between the yard sales and flea markets, I have seen plenty of RATS trying to find the "diamond in the rough", "a tool found in the WILD" or "the deal of the day". If you are so lucky, please bring in your finds to our next meeting on *June 1st* and gloat about it. Yes, make us all feel bad about your lucky find. Of course we all will clap, but silently mutter to ourselves, "that lucky son of a \$#@^&!!! Why couldn't that be ME!!!"

Our last meeting was on April 20th and we had our own Glen Hyatt give a presentation on military trade tools from the WWI era. Glen did a great job and had several war era tools to show our membership. If you are collecting a specific era and focusing in on a select grouping of tools, you quickly become an expert at doing detailed research. Glen has done that and we appreciate him sharing his knowledge with our club. It was a great presentation. Thanks, Glen.

Our next meeting will be Friday night June 1st. This is a change from the scheduled date of June 8th. Our school asked if I could move the date up to accommodate our 8th grade school dance. So, on JUNE 1st, our own Dick Levy will share a video and his thoughts about a Roy Underhill workshop he attended a few months ago. Dick is very excited to tell us about his woodworking adventures in North Carolina with Roy and how the two day workshop was set up.

TOOL AUCTION: Mrs. Harrison, wife of the late brother RATS member, Bill Harrison, contacted me and asked if I could auction off the remaining tools Bill had in his collection. Many family members kept his measuring tool collection, but Bill had some nice woodworking tools (wood planes, wooden brace, an ice saw and some neat pieces kept in a beautiful tool chest. We will auction these tools and chest (\$75 starting bid on the chest) before our regular tool auction. So, please come with cash or check on *Friday June 1st*. I'll see you then at Pocahontas Middle School. Bring some items to auction and ca\$h to spend. Table tool sales are free to set up and sell. Fine food, drink and tool fellowship, as always.

Plane and Simple,

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RATS Calendar 2012

MWTCA Tool Meet	July 14	Roanoke – contact Dennis Fisher (540) 525-0481
Somerset Steam and Gas Pasture Party	Sept. 7, 8 & 9	Somerset, VA
Field Day of the Past	Sept. 21, 22, 23	I-64, Exit #173
MWTCA Tool Meet	Nov 3	Broadway, VA – Vaughn Simmons (540) 432-0617

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