

THE TOOL TABLE

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Next meeting Friday June 7 Agenda

- 5:00-7:00 p.m. Tool sales
- 7:00-7:10 p.m. General meeting
- 7:15-8:00 p.m. Tool auction
- 8:00-8:10 p.m. Break
- 8:15-8:45 p.m. Tool finds & unique tool presentations
- 9:00-10:00 p.m. Tool sales and fellowship



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The President's Plane Talk

I'm looking forward to our next meeting Friday night, June 7th, at Pocahontas Middle School. This is our last meeting before taking off two months until we meet again in September. With that being said, we are having lots of items to auction – more planes like last meeting, a very nice carpenter's tool chest full of tools, tons of tools from all trades and hopefully, tools that you would like to auction. Again, there are no fees or commissions at our auctions, except for our December Gathering meeting.

Summer yard sales and flea markets are in full swing and many of you have found a bargain or two to brag about. Now is the time to share! Our meeting theme is twofold: (1) Yard sale finds and (2) unique or unusual tools from your collection. Please bring in a few tools to show `n tell about from your finds and unique tools to share with our members. This should be a great meeting and the library will be filled with tools for sale, tools to auction and tools to talk about....an action packed meeting with plenty of RATS – June 7th – Friday night.

As our club concludes our 18th year, our membership stands at around 100 RATS. Please bring a friend or potential new member to experience our club as we move forward in 2013. We will be catching up on any dues owed at this meeting – still only \$10/year. Also, we need guest speakers for the September and November meetings. Be on the lookout for any speakers that will help educate our group about a specific trade, tools or interesting topic that lends itself to our club. Many of our own members have interesting knowledge to share. We encourage you to put together a 30-45 minute presentation. So, hopefully, you will be there June 7th to enjoy some tool fellowship, tool talking, fine food (snacks) and drinks (soda). See you next Friday night...



Plane and Simple,

Rick Long (President for Life)

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A MOBILE CLAMP RACK FOR YOUR SHOP

BY BILL TAGGART

Maybe you can never have too many clamps, but even a few are too many if you don't have a decent way to keep them organized. I don't have as many clamps as I would like, they're always falling over in the corner. Then I have to dig around in the pile to find just the right one. So I started looking for some ideas for a decent clamp rack.

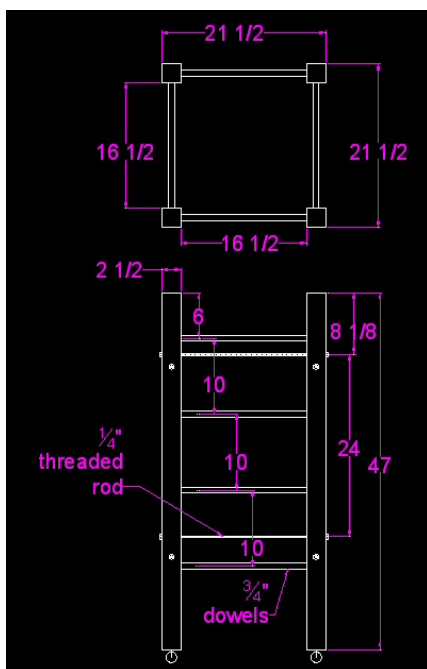
I came across this one on the web:



I think this design has a lot going for it: It looks nice and compact; looks like it holds a lot of clamps; and would not take up too much floor space. The fact that it's mobile is a huge plus for me – I keep most things mobile in my shop, because of the limited floor space. It also would be easy to build in a day and requires only a few pieces of lumber, some dowels or conduit, and some threaded rod (with nuts and washers, of course) – all of which I already have in abundance in my shop.



Conveniently, the builder also provided a measured drawing:



I haven't gotten around to building mine yet (these are the pictures I found on the web), but I would put larger, hard rubber casters on it, rather than the little plastic wheels shown, to make it easier to move around the shop smoothly.

I'll build mine soon – if I can just find the right clamps to hold it together while I'm assembling it...



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