

# THE TOOL TABLE

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## Next meeting Friday November 12th Agenda

- 6:00-7:00 p.m. Tool talk & sales
- 7:00-7:15 p.m. General meeting
- 7:15-7:45 p.m. "User-Made Tools"
- 7:45-8:00 p.m. Break
- 8:00-8:45 p.m. Donation Auction
- 8:45-10:00 p.m. Tool talk & sales



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## The President's Plane Talk

The BIG three RATS tool events are coming up: Our November 12th "Donation Auction", our "Gathering" at the Legion Hall on Wednesday, December 8th and our Tool Show at the ShowPlace January 1st and 2nd. It's hard to believe another year of RATS is concluding with these events and I hope that you can participate in all three events. The whole purpose of our club is to provide you opportunities to share your passion with fellow tool club members. Hopefully, you can find the time to join us.

How are you doing getting new members? Well, bring some prospects to our November 12th Friday night meeting. It's our "Donation Auction" and you never know what will walk through the door to be auctioned. No, you can't auction off your wife!!! This auction is a great time to clean the garage, workshop or any junk you have. That will actually make your wife happy. The proceeds go to the club for offsetting our dues, fees, mailings, school and hall rentals and the drinks and food at our meetings. If you wish to bring in a very good item (\$50 or more), we'll split the profits with you. We will NOT be having our regular auction, where you keep the entire selling price. Instead, it is a "Donation Auction" night. We also have a theme for the night: User-Made Tools. Bring in tools from your collection that you or others have made. Lots of neat blacksmith stuff usually shows up.

Our "Gathering" will be same place and time as every year (more details in this newsletter). BUT, the big concern is our Tool Show at the Show Place – WE NEED DEALERS. Yes, the economy is flat and money is tight... so, sell some of your tools to make ends meet. This show attracts over 6,000 buyers and we need dealers or we risk losing this RATS event in the future. This show is in jeopardy. Buddy up and split a table, do a demo or work the RATS membership table. Everyone helping and supporting this event is what really makes our club special.

Hope you can make some of these events. Let's start off with bringing items to the donation auction, Friday November 12<sup>th</sup>, at Pocahontas Middle School. See you there!

Plane and Simple,

Rick Long

P.S.: For details about the January Showplace Tool Sale, call Rick at 804 550-1010.

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## RATS Calendar 2010-2011

Nov. 12	Regular Meeting	Pocahontas Middle School, 12000 Three Chopt Rd.
Dec. 8	Winter Gathering	American Legion Hall, Indale Rd., Glen Allen, VA
Jan. 1 & 2, 2011	Antique Tool Show	The Showplace, Mechanicsville Tpk., Mechanicsville, VA
Feb. 11, 2011	RATS Regular meeting	Pocahontas Middle School, 12000 Three Chopt Rd.
April 8, 2011	RATS Regular meeting	Pocahontas Middle School, 12000 Three Chopt Rd.
June 10, 2011	RATS Regular meeting	Pocahontas Middle School, 12000 Three Chopt Rd.

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