

THE TOOL TABLE

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Next meeting

Friday September 10

Agenda

All times are approximate

6:00–7:00 p.m. Tool talk & sales

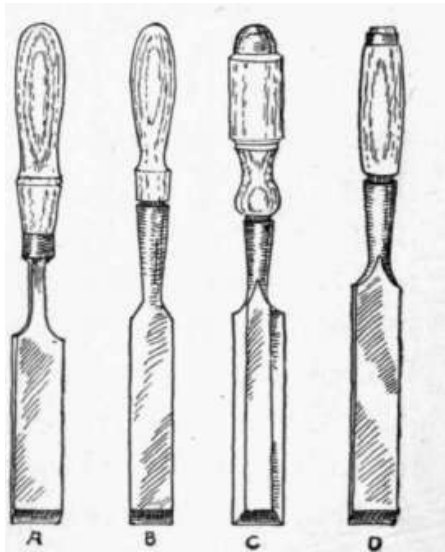
7:00–7:20 p.m. Auction

**7:20–7:30 p.m. Break and Settle
up Auction**

7:30-7:45 p.m. General Meeting

7:45-8:30 p.m. Chisels

**8:30-10:00 p.m. Tool sales &
wrap-up**



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The President's Plane Talk

After record-breaking heat in June and July, let's cool down with a RATS meeting on Friday, September 10th at Pocahontas Middle School in Short Pump. Our scheduled presentation by John Balasa had to be cancelled. John is heading over to Italy to paint some large columns in a major museum. John spoke to our group back in 1998 on wood graining – the art of a painted surface to match rare wood or marble. He actually demonstrated his tools and techniques right in front of us. Many early members were amazed and we have requested him back. Hopefully, he'll try to come to our November meeting. His newest work can be seen at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts – painted marbled columns.

So, don't fret...we will carry on with a traditional meeting tool topic format – CHISELS. I did some research and the last time we did this topic was back in September 1996. How can you help? Bring in some of your favorite chisels, slicks, carving tools, sharpening stones and techniques. Anything chisel related is game. We'll talk about it and gain some new knowledge about this topic. At this meeting, we will do the mini auction first. We ask that you limit it to ten tools and a value of \$10 per tool. We may reserve the right to decline items if we think it will not get a ten dollar bid. Remember – you get 100% of the auction price. We would like to upgrade these mini auctions during our bimonthly meetings. I'll see you with chisels in tow on September 10th.

In late July, several RATS went to Ed Hobbs' Mid-West Tool Collectors Association meeting in Raleigh, NC. It was 105 degrees, but the tea was sweet and the BBQ was delicious and the tools were there to buy or sell. I took two of my sons (Kevin 21 and Ryan 18) and we spent the night at Ed's place. We got there Friday around 4 p.m. and set up, sold some tools, did some fishing and slept under the stars. We were up with the sun and had a few Krispy Kreme donuts to hold us over until the BBQ truck came. They had a great time and I enjoyed our father/son(s) bonding time. I can't thank Ed and Kathy enough for their hospitality and a large showing of over 300 tool collectors assembling on their farm.

The summer wraps up and school will be starting and the RATS will be in the library to get a little edge on chisels. That's the game plan. Also, if you found the Holy Grail during your summer hunt for tools – bring that treasure in to show & tell. Make us all jealous. I look forward to seeing you all September 10th.

Plane and Simple,
Rick Long

The Richmond Antique Tool Society (RATS) is a non-profit organization serving to promote knowledge of and interest in collecting, making and using antique tools. RATS provides a gathering place where members and guests can gain knowledge and understanding about tools and trades from the past and also buy, sell and trade old tools. Regular meetings are held in February, April, June, September, November and December. Memberships are available for \$10.00 annually by mailing to:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Somerset Steam and Gas Pasture Party Sept 10, 11 & 12
<http://www.somersetsteamandgas.org/>

Field Day of the Past..... September 17, 18 & 19
<http://www.fielddayofthepast.net/>



RATS NEEDS YOU!

Please:

- Pay your dues! (See Rick Long or Dick Levy)
- Contribute articles or ideas for articles to the newsletter. (See Bill Taggart)
- Find presenters and suggest topics for presentations at meetings; AND
- Get new members!



RATS TOOL AUCTION RULES

Dear RATS members:

As we have been increasingly having tool auctions at most meetings, and to respond to some concerns that have been expressed, the following RATS Tool Auction Rules will be in effect beginning with the upcoming September 10th meeting:

RATS holds 3 types of auctions:

- Routine auctions at the September, February, April and June meetings;
- Donation auction at the November meeting; and
- The Gathering auction in December.

Rules that apply to ALL RATS auctions:

RATS leadership reserves the right to refuse to auction any item deemed to be illegal, dangerous, or not in compliance with these RATS Tool Auction Rules, in the sole judgment of RATS leadership.

There are no reserves. A consignor not satisfied with the price an item is bringing must buy it back as the high bidder. Cash payment is preferred so that settlement with all parties can be concluded the same night.

RATS auctions should not be a dumping ground for miscellaneous junk hardware, broken or incomplete tools, Beanie Babies, etc. If it has no value to you it probably doesn't to any other club member. By adhering to these guidelines we can speed up the auction and make it more enjoyable for everyone. Remember, auction services are donated by a club member, so please be considerate of his time.

Additional Rules

1. Routine Auctions

Any club member may bring up to ten items per meeting for auction. There is no commission or fee; the member receives 100% of the amount his or her items sell for. Auction items are limited to tools and tool-related items such as catalogs, displays, advertising, books, magazines, materials, etc. Each auction lot should have an anticipated value of \$10 or more.

2. Donation Auction

RATS receives all proceeds from this auction. RATS leadership may make specific exceptions for extraordinary items. There is no limit on number of items donated, and the guidelines on types and value of items donated are relaxed, but please continue to use discretion.

3. The Gathering Auction

RATS receives a 10% commission on all items sold at this auction. The consignor receives 90% of the sales price.

Preregistration of auction items is encouraged. Each member is limited to ten items or lots. Attendance is high and this auction is typically a good place to sell high value items. Due to the large number of items consigned, items should be limited to those having an anticipated value of \$10 or more. Again, please keep the items tool-related.



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RATS Calendar 2010-2011		
September 10 th	RATS Meeting	Pocahontas Middle School, 12000 Three Chopt Rd.
November 12 th	RATS Meeting	Pocahontas Middle School, 12000 Three Chopt Rd.
December 8 th	RATS Gathering	American Legion Hall, Indale Road, Glen Allen, VA
Jan 1 & 2, 2011	Antique Tool Show	The Showplace, Mechanicsville Tpk, Mechanicsville, VA
Feb. 11, 2011	RATS Meeting	Pocahontas Middle School, 12000 Three Chopt Rd.
April 8, 2011	RATS Meeting	Pocahontas Middle School, 12000 Three Chopt Rd.
June 10, 2011	RATS Meeting	Pocahontas Middle School, 12000 Three Chopt Rd.

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