THE TOOL TABLE

The Newsletter of the Richmond Antique Tool Society

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Next meeting
Friday September 5
Agenda

5:3-7:00 p.m.	**Tool sales**
7:00-7:20 p.m.	**General meeting**
7:30-8:00 p.m.	**Tool auction**
8:00-9:00 p.m.	**Summer tool finds**
9:00-10:00 p.m.	**Tool sales and fellowship**

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The President's Plane Talk

I hope everyone had a great "tool" summer. I'm looking forward to showing off some of my summertime finds. I had a really great summer, lots of deals and even bought several large collections of antique tools. So, as we approach our reunion of the RATS brotherhood on September 5th Friday night at Pocahontas Middle, I encourage you to get those tools and tales ready to share with the group. This is always a fun night and we will have our tool auction – limit ten tools, worth $10 or more per tool. Please bring a friend to the meeting to share in the good times, fine food and tool fellowship. Over the summer, I saw several fellow RATS at other meetings, yard sales and flea markets. I know that I'm not the only one that got some great deals – or should I say "steals"?

Moving on … several members have recently asked about the best techniques to refinish antique tools. That is a loaded question. Many of us will have different methods or views about restoration of old tools. This topic will be our theme for this September 5th meeting. Remember our motto: RATS "a club for makers, users and collectors" of old tools. In the motto, restoration plays an integral part in some fashion. Therefore, as this new school begins, I challenge you with a little homework assignment. Enclosed is a half-page form for you to share your knowledge about a product or technique you use to restore tools. I'll provide an example on the top half and you provide one on the bottom half. We'll collect these and share them at the meeting. Later, we'll try to scan them into our website for reference. This is a group project. We can learn and apply these helpful techniques in our restoration efforts. You might use a product that I don't use – a better, more efficient process that gives a better result. If you receive this via email, just print it out or better yet, copy and paste and word process your tips. Or even better send them to Bill Taggart at w.taggart@verizon.net to shorten the process.

This will be a great meeting because of the tool find stories, tips and techniques for refinishing, a lively debate about our theme, plus our usual tool auction and table sales. SEE YOU SEPTEMBER 5TH FRIDAY NIGHT!

Plane and Simple,

Rick Long (President for Life)

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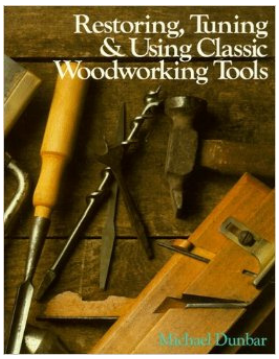
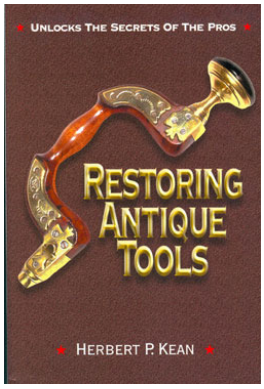
Bill's Recommended Reading

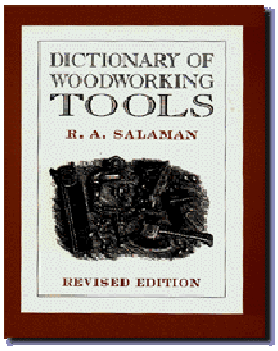
Anyone interested in antique tools must – yes, ***must*** – have a copy of Mike Dunbar's excellent book, "***Restoring, Tuning and Using Classic Woodworking Tools***." Unfortunately, it's been out of print for years, but you can find used copies on Amazon.com, www.half.com, eBay, and other used book sellers, such as www.alibris.com.



Another book that might be a little harder to find is "***Restoring Antique Tools***", by Herb Keane. Last time I checked, it was available on Amazon.com and a few other sites.



A widely-recognized authoritative source of information on old tools is R. A. Salaman's "***Dictionary of Woodworking Tools***". Available on Amazon.com, ABEBooks.com, eBay and other sites.



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Problem or Situation: Cleaning metal surface rust (example: plane bodies)

Product(s) used: All types of sandpaper, newspaper, rags, wood block or flat surface, WD-40.

Where to buy product or recipe for making your own: I buy my WD-40 in the gallon cans. Lowe's has them for about $15-19 per gallon. Buy a good spray pump bottle. WD-40 sells a spray bottle, but it will wear out. The pump spray bottle is stronger, bigger and you can adjust the spray better, from a stream to mist. The pump bottle with adjustable nozzle is ***key***.

How to use: Layer newspaper on work table. Sand heavy rusted metal using a sanding block with 60-80 grit and work up. Once heavy rust is removed, throw out that section of newspaper with the dust/rust that it has collected. Lay down a fresh layer of newspaper, spray WD-40, sand with 120 and up – silicon carbide wet/dry paper works best when sanding with WD-40. Spray and wipe clean as you go up in grit. Change layers of newspaper as they get saturated. This technique is an aggressive method and should not be used if you want to preserve patina. Wood block is for sandpaper wrapped around block and flat surface (MDF board) with taped sandpaper for lapping bottoms/sides. . Heavy rust removal –any sandpaper works when dry.

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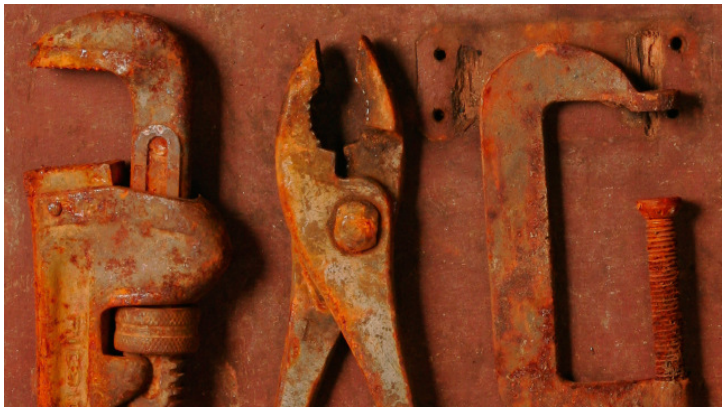

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