

THE TOOL TABLE

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Next meeting
Friday June 9

Agenda

6:00–7:15 p.m. Tool talk & sales

7:15–7:30 p.m. General meeting

7:30–8:30 p.m. WRENCHES,
PLIERS and SOCKET SETS

8:30–10:00 p.m. Table sales and
tool talking



Demonstrating the usefulness of
a good pair of pliers

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The President's Plane Talk

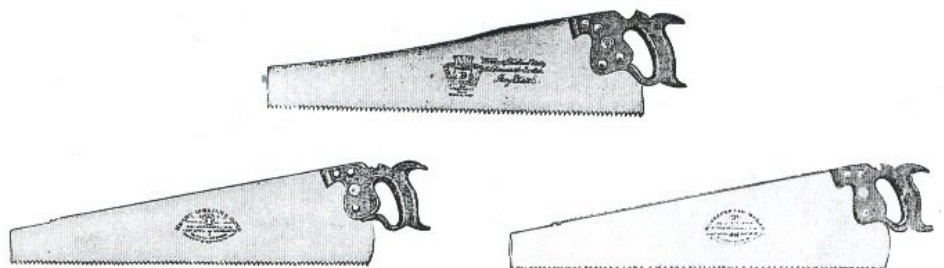
This newsletter is a tad bit later than normal, but who said "old tool guys" are normal! Baseball wrapped up for my two high school sons this week. My senior son, Patrick, is preparing for his graduation, summer ball in Maryland and going to Georgia Tech. We have moved up our meeting to this Friday, June 9th. It was scheduled for June 15th, the last day of school, but that is also the night before Patrick's graduation.

Our meeting this Friday, June 9th will be on "Wrenches, Pliers and Socket Sets". The presentation will be given by Tommy Cox and will display some unusual socket sets and other wrenches and pliers. We encourage all members to bring in tools to support the presentation. Also, bring tools to sell before we take off for the summer. Our next meeting, after this one, will be in September. We have no planned meetings until then.

I do encourage members of Mid-West to attend Ed Hobbs' meeting July 22nd in Raleigh. Call me (804) 550-1010 for details and information about Mid-West and Ed's big tool event. Some quick thoughts about Ed's event: tons of tool dealers, great tool auction, sweet tea and barbeque, shade trees, pedal machines, Ed's level collection and other tools, great tool talk and finally.... down home old tool lovers getting together all day and loving it!!! It's a must tool event and tool organization.

Moving on ... our last meeting on levels was another winner. Several members brought in levels of all shapes, sizes and descriptions to share with our membership... an excellent job. The tradition continues this week. Please bring a friend to the meeting, tools to sell or share and money to buy. I look forward to seeing you this Friday night ...

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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THE TOOL TABLE needs articles!

Tell your favorite tool acquisition story! Teach other RATS members a new skill! Share your favorite bit of historical knowledge! Email your article to Bill Taggart at wtaggart@comcast.net. Articles may be edited for style and length.

Items wanted or for sale

Post your items or needs here!
 Email Bill Taggart at wtaggart@comcast.net or call him at 262-1222.



RATS Calendar 2006

Friday June 9	RATS Meeting	Pocahontas Middle School
July 22	M-WTCA Sale/Auction	Ed Hobb's Farm, Raleigh, NC
September – TBA	RATS Meeting	Pocahontas Middle School
November – TBA	RATS Meeting	Pocahontas Middle School
December – TBA	RATS Gathering	American Legion Hall, Indale Road

Antique Tools on the Internet

By Bill Taggart

For those of us with computers, the Internet is a fantastic “tool” for researching and learning about antique tools. Here are just a few of the hundreds of great sites out there (limited by what would fit on this page). If you don’t have your own computer, hit your local library – it’s free!

Patrick’s Blood and Gore

Almost everything you could possibly want to know about every plane Stanley made, written by well-known big-time tool dealer Patrick Leach:
<http://www.supertool.com/StanleyBG/stan0a.html>

A Miller’s Falls Home Page

Almost everything you could possibly want to know about every plane and bit brace Millers Falls made, written by not-as-well known but very diligent tool collector Randy Roeder:
<http://oldtoolheaven.com/>

Directory of American Tool and Machinery Patents

Ever find a patent marking on a tool and wonder what it was for? Check out this great resource!
<http://www.datamp.org/>

The Disstonian Institute

A great resource for learning about Disston saws. Want to figure out when your Disston saw was made? Check out “How Old Is My Saw?”
<http://www.disstonianinstitute.com/>

The Museum of Woodworking Tools

Lots of great pictures, each with a write-up; plenty to browse, as well as a store in case you just need to buy something:
<http://www.antiquetools.com/index.html>

Alburnam’s Archive

Let me know if you ever manage to actually read everything at this site. I doubt it:
<http://www.ilovewood.com/Alburnam.htm>

Rob’s Internet Hand Tool Knowledge Base

The title pretty much gives it away:
http://www.galootcentral.com/modules.php?name=Web_Links

Old Tool User’s Tool Bench

The purpose of this site seems to be to arouse deep jealousy and envy among the rest of us. Lots of great pictures, not as much informational content as others; plenty of good links, though.
<http://users.ev1.net/~gmuster/>

Rose Antique Tools

One word: wow.
<http://www.roseantiquetools.com>

Southwest Tool Collectors Association

<http://www.swtca.org/>

Mid-West Tool Collectors Association

<http://www.mwtca.org/>

Early American Industries Association Inc.

<http://www.eaiainfo.org/>

The Artist Blacksmith’s Association of North America, Inc. (ABANA)

<http://www.abana.org/>

Collectors of Rare and Familiar Tools of New Jersey (CRAFTS)

<http://www.craftsofnj.org/>

Lie-Nielsen Tool Works Inc.

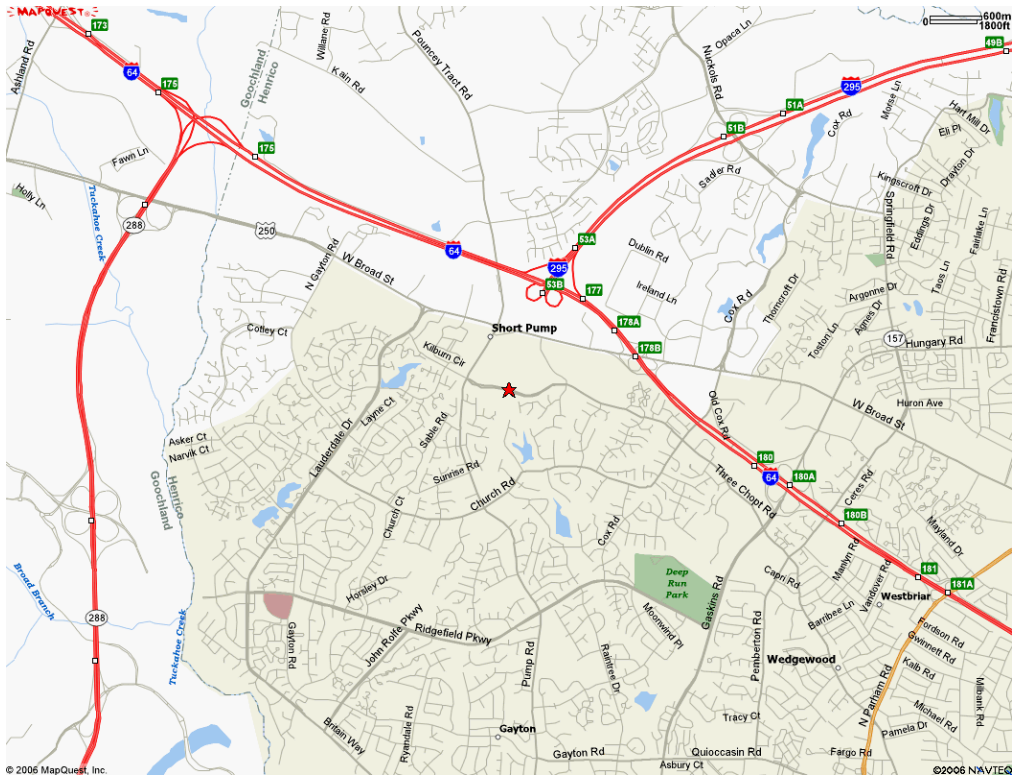
When you realize the quality of these tools, you’ll realize that they are actually quite reasonably priced:
<http://www.lie-nielsen.com/>

Clark & Williams

Someday – oh yes, someday – I will own at least one Clark & Williams plane. I suggest you don’t wait – treat yourself to the finest wooden planes made today, made the old-fashioned way:
<http://www.planemaker.com/>

Old Wood-Working Machines

Okay, I know it’s not directly in line with the RATS charter, but come on, I know that lots of us are just as addicted to old machinery as we are to antique hand tools. This is the site for information on that old lathe or tablesaw that you found:
<http://www.owwm.com/>



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