

When Last We Met

By Gord Bednard

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday Sept. 20th.

The June meeting of the Pacific Woodworkers Guild bore only passing resemblance to the dictionary definition of the word “pacific” as in calm and peaceful. In fact, if not for the restraint and general good manners exhibited by the general population in attendance, it could have been mistaken for a late night edition of the WWF Smackdown, or Gerry Springer show (not, of course, that I would personally know anything about these shows, but you do hear about these things). OK, truth be know, there really wasn’t even a raised voice, I just said that to get you interested. But there were some fairly meaty discussions that flowed from the business meeting of the Guild. More on this later.

In the meantime, **Steve Fairbairn** led a pre-meeting discussion and Q&A regarding the submission of photos for the web page, which was well received by the coffee-slurping early attendees, myself included. The basics seemed to come down to “send it in just as it comes out of the camera” (digital only, of course), and Steve will do whatever voodoo he does to make it presentable for publication on the website. If you just can’t resist mucking with the photos before submission, just tell Steve what you have done when you send them in. This goes for all submissions including the newsletter, the 2X4 challenge, and the website gallery. Remember, good photos are a reflection of your work. The better the photos, the better your work looks. In my case, however, seeing my wood projects clearly may not be a good thing – strong men have paled at the site of some of my joinery, and we won’t even talk about the finish. And don’t forget to add some information for captions – type of wood, finish, title etc.

Following the discussion, and a five minute break to wait for the guest speaker, **Gerry Hearn** introduced himself as a new attendee. He saw us at the woodshow and while already an experienced woodworker, he is becoming even more serious and has an inter-

est in clocks and trays.

Following along, notices about the summer picnic were posted. August 7, 2:00 pm, at **Steve Fairbairn’s** in Richmond. No rainout date as Steve will be moving shortly afterward which we have been assured is not a co-incidence and has nothing to do with past Guild behaviour at this event.

And then to business.

We need an entertainment coordinator as **Stuart MacKenzie’s** work does not allow him the time to organize something for every meeting. Think about it all you who love to be entertained and educated at these meetings. Here is an opportunity to set the agenda and not only learn something yourself, but mold (or mould) the minds and collective consciousness of the Guild in the future.

Speaking of entertainment, it was confirmed that **Mark Schofield** from Fine Woodworking Magazine would be speaking to the Guild on July 26 at Bill’s shop at 7:00. If anyone would like to bring something for display, please do so.

There was a brief report on the upcoming *North Thompson Economic Development Committee* trade show at Sun Peaks resort on the 24 and 25 of June.

The *Cloverdale Woodshow* was confirmed for the 21-23 of October.

What followed could best be described as a wide-ranging discussion of Guild participation in shows and events and even Guild meeting activities. While some who have never volunteered for any project looked distinctly uncomfortable (and you know who you are), and others detailed how busy their lives were (and who’s isn’t?) the discussion moved from volunteerism, leadership, coordi-

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Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Pacific Woodworkers Guild will be held on Tuesday, September 20th starting at 7:00pm. Pre-meeting demo at 6:30.

Newsletter Submissions

Deadline for submissions for the October newsletter is October 4th. Please send your submission to the editor: Steve Hansen at urquell@shaw.ca or contact by phone for snail mail address.

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nation and overall participation, and then back again. Your humble scribe couldn't write fast enough to catch all the detail, you really had to be there. The discussion ended, however, on an upbeat note as it was recalled that every organization had its ebbs and flows in participation, and older members recalled that the Guild itself had peaks and valleys of activity. But the fact that we are still here and the vast majority enjoys meeting and talking "wood" speaks for itself.

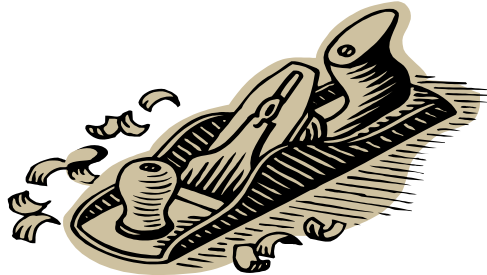
The *2X4 Challenge* was the next topic and the next theme was presented as "something you use with your hands". Suggestions to change and/or enhance the challenge – a plywood challenge and the marketing of members' production – were shot down faster than a teenager disappears when its time to do the dishes. I guess the Guild likes the format we have and so the

tradition will live on!

Show and Tell featured:

- **Dave Pye** who showed off his full size locomotive shaped toy box – wow! He also had borrowed a lathe and displayed his work progress to date. From simple plates to refined, segmented bowls, he seems to be getting the hang of this tool fast.
- **Klaas Focker** had a turned bowl with a unique use of coloured stone as an accent.
- **Henry Schulz** had mounted a buffed brass bearing (reminded me of Industrial Arts) with a clock insert. He also displayed an intarsia fish plaque made mainly of cedar and poplar.

The end-of-year raffle was held – many, many tickets were drawn and finally some nice prizes were awarded.



President's Message

By Ivan Antoniw

In response to the criticism that was voiced by members at our June meeting I invited any and all Guild members to attend a meeting or two at my place over the summer. The handful that attended sat around, had a coffee or beer and we all agreed that things needed to be done. The survey found attached to this month's newsletter is, in part, a result of those meetings. Jeremy Hurn has volunteered to compile and interpret the results. He has also been instrumental in the actual formulation and formatting of the survey. Much thanks to Jeremy.

The point of this survey is for us to gauge where we as a Guild are at, so to speak, and where it is that we wish to go. It is by identifying areas in need of improvement and in-

terests yet untapped that we as a Guild can dispel the dissatisfaction which was vented back in June. We must look within ourselves to solve our problems. There is no outside solution.

On that note I must entice the membership to act. Please give this survey due consideration and either e-mail it back to the Guild or bring a hardcopy with you to our meeting on September 20, 2005.

Richmond Speed Skating Oval

The Guild is embarking on a new venture this year, one that will take a few years to complete and has a variety of different aspects to it. Klaas Focker has secured a supply of

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raw logs from the City of Richmond for the Guild's use. This wood has/is come from the site of the Olympic speed skating oval. The intention is for the Guild to mill it, cure/dry it and then manufacture stuff out of it. The finished products (in part) would be gifted back to the city in some way.

The structure of this project is developing (meaning that we're making it up as we go along) so volunteers are welcome to help us "wing the sucker" as they say.

Cloverdale Show

Although we are not running a woodworking competition at this year's show, we will be there with a Guild booth. As last year, we have a 20 x 10 ft space. Members who are willing to man the booth and provide demon-

strations can sign up at our meeting this coming Tuesday.

Kick in the Pants

As a final note; for this meeting we will still have the pre-meeting demo at 6:30 however the entire show (as it were) will be devoted to talking about the survey results and "work-shopping" solutions and projects for the future direction of the Guild. Remember, you only get out what you put in and if there is any failing it rests on the shoulders of all the members or in other words:

Every body continues in its state of rest, or of uniform motion in a right line, unless it is compelled to change that state by forces impressed upon it.

- Sir Isaac Newton, *Principa Mathematica, Laws of Motion*

Calendar Of Events

- * **September 20, 2005**—Pacific Woodworkers Guild Meeting
- * **October 18, 2005**—Pacific Woodworkers Guild Meeting
- * **October 21 to 23, 2005**—13th Annual Woodworking & Tool Show at the Cloverdale Rodeo & Exhibition Grounds
- * **November 15, 2005**—Pacific Woodworkers Guild Meeting
- * **December 20, 2005**—Pacific Woodworkers Guild Meeting
- * **January 17, 2006**—Pacific Woodworkers Guild Meeting

