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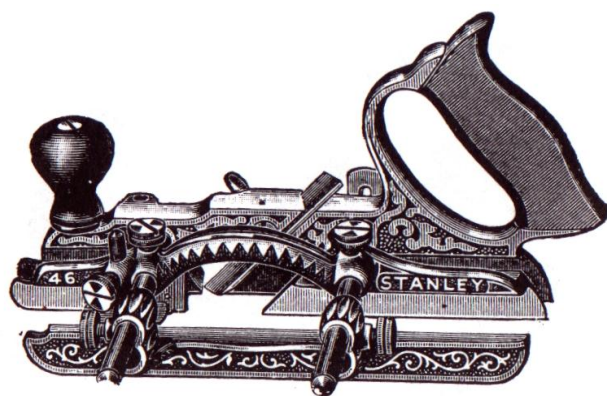
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This is a very nice hotel near the airport. We will have a nice large room we will be able to have the tool displays, Sale tables, banquet and auction in the same area. A hospitality area will be located across the hall from the event room.

The hotel has an Indoor pool, and a 24 hr. fitness center. Room rate will be \$89.99 plus tax a night. This facility is one of the newer hotels in Albuquerque opened in 2005. The shuttle can pick you up at the airport, or take you to restaurants within 3 miles of the hotel. Some of the restaurants in the area include Applebee's, Fuddrucker's, Waffle house, I Hop

When calling the hotel for reservations please let them know you are with the Rocky Mountain/Southwest tool collectors group.

The Stanley # 46 Adjustable dado and plow plane. This photo from 1898 Stanley catalog page. This photo and much other very interesting and educational information can be found at this cool web site, www.oldtooluser.com, hosted by Mr. Gordon Muster, SWTC member and fellow tool collector.



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RMTC Colorado /Wyoming area meet March 6th 2011 Seventh Day Adventist Church Golden Co.

This early spring meeting in Golden was well attended .40 to 50 members made the trek in to the foot hills to attend the meeting.



The meetings displays were limited but Buz Engleman defiantly had the biggest display. Buz brought some of his model car collection .Not the kind of models we all did as kids but collectable models of collectable cars. The gem stone of the collection was his 1953 MG Midget TD, the real full size car. Buz drove it down his models in the boot. Now I don't know about you but I never guessed Buz was a car enthusiast.



After all the tools were picked over and the snacks were devoured, Don Burd called the meeting to order.



The first business of the day was a firm reminder for everyone to pay their dues. The membership directory is being compiled as we speak. The publishers of the directory wanted to make it as complete as possible so they waited for even the slowest dues payers. Don Burd asked for member's suggestions on the 2012 annual meeting, locations, dates and events. Anyone with any ideas, please let the directors know, it's important to let your voice be heard. The condition of Jason Fink's wife Tracy was discussed; she was hit by a car while walking in Durango. She is doing well but has a long way to go; no solid foods yet as her jaw is wired shut .Get well soon Tracy and hope Jason is taking good care of you.

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Jason also informed me that since the accident he has been unable to attend any local meetings, so we unfortunately don't have any New Mexico write ups, unless some else wants to step up.

During the business meeting John Aasen told the club about reading a letter in the current Fine Wood Working magazine, from a club member, which he mentioned the R.M.T.C... This letter was written by our own Don Roth. Don was replying to an article in the #216 issue of fine wood working.

The writer, Rolland Johnson listed 3 web sites to buy old planes and parts for using. Don wrote, "Mr. Johnson failed to mention M.W.T.C. and R.M.T.C., where I am a member. Don't be put off by the term 'collectors' –most of these folks started out looking for user tools and then caught the collecting fever. At these meeting you will find a wide array of tools you can pick up and inspect before you buy, and usually the prices are less than you would pay one line. You will also find friendly people eager to share valuable advice. I have accumulated a fleet of six excellent Miller's Falls hand planes, from an 8" smoother to a 22" joiner, for just under \$300 total". Bravo Don!!!, I wish more of us were able to promote the club in such apposite and prominent public forum.



Larry and Dennis using some sort of magic device at the check in table.

The demonstration of the day was done Buz Engleman. Buz's demo was on a centrifugal dust collection system. The unit was attached to a five gallon bucket and his shop vac. As the dust and dirt was pulled through the unit by the shop vac. A cyclone of debris swirled around in the five gallon bucket, where it settled to the bottom. To the amazement of the crowd almost no dirt or dust was collected in the shop vac., only in the five gallon bucket. Thanks Buz for taking the time to show us and answering all our questions.



Buz and Al discuss the business use of a mallet.

The auction followed the demo and as usual it was a lively floor show. Several high end tools and a large collection of box lots helped make the auction one of the better ones so far this year. Thanks to Steve Scruggs, Dave Miller and all the auction workers for all their help. Thanks to Larry Haas and Dennis Scheel for working the auction business table and keeping track of all my purchases at the auction. After the auction we closed the meeting and cleaned up the hall. With promises to see each other next time we all took off towards home. Thanks to the hosts for today's meeting, they were Tom Wiersema, Bill Bohl and Steve Gosselin.

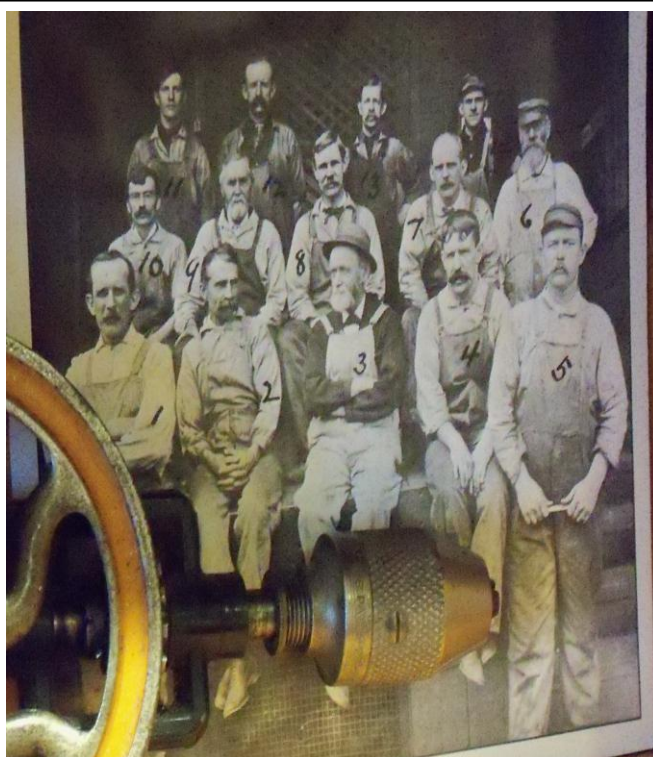
From the President

Lately I've been wondering if any of our members have any tools anymore. Other than a few 'brave souls' I haven't seen too many member displays at our monthly meetings. I'm beginning to think that most of you must have followed Steve Scruggs' example (he is a trend setter you know) and sold off your entire collection.

Or could it be that we're getting too lazy to set up a little, bitty table and drag in that one tool (or a collection) and show them off, brag about them or get in a discussion as to what they really do (in the case of a "whatsit") or how you came across it? Hope that's not the issue. I think it certainly adds to the meeting to see what someone has brought in, ask where and how they got it, listen to the stories of how they paid next to nothing for a Stanley #1 from some 'yuppie' who's selling his Father's estate. Or the stories of how you found that one tool you've been looking for all your life and now want to show it to your fellow collectors - you know we're interested!

Anyway, I'm challenging you to go through you're tools and look for something you might be willing to bring in (ALONG WITH ANY POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS), put on display and show the rest of the gang. It might surprise you how much interest there is in that tool(s) you bring in. Besides adding some extra interest to the meeting you get an extra raffle ticket for your display - and please don't worry about John Gilmore running out of raffle tickets for all the displays I expect to see - he has plenty.

Don



Several happy or otherwise gainfully employed, Stanley Tools employees. Photo from Larry Haas' display at the 2010 annual meeting.

**Rocky Mountain Tool
Collectors needs your help.
We are in need of a club
historian and club photographer
if you are interested please
contact:
President, Don Burd
(303)541-9406
historicdonburd@hotmail.com**

The Editor's Ramblings

Dear editor:" Sometimes I act like I am 8 years old. At the last tool club meeting, a tool was removed or misplaced from the auction table. Some of my friends say there is a Grinch in the club. Papa says, 'If you see it in the Sawdust Shavings and Splinters its so.' Please tell me the truth; is there a Grinch?"

Steve, Denver, Co.

Steve, your friends are right. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They believe what they see and what they don't see is also comprehensible by their minds. But remember in this great tool colleting universe of ours, your naïve mind is a mere insect, an ant, in tool collecting knowledge, as compared with the boundless tool collecting world around you.

Yes, Steve there is a Grinch. He exists as certainly as repainted, recast and fake Stanley #1's exists, and you know that they abound and give your tool collecting life its deepest and saddest of times. Hooray, how happy would be the world if there was no Grinch. There would be childlike faith then, no distrust, no concern, and it would make this existence even more tolerable. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be relit again and no one would ever over pay for a rusted and broken tool again.

Not believe in the Grinch! You might as well not believe in tool fairies! You might get your tool club to hire men to watch all your tool sales tables and displays to catch the Grinch, but even if they don't see the Grinch what would that prove. Nobody sees the Grinch, but that is no sign that there is no Grinch. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see free antique tools at a garage sale? Of course not, but that's no proof that they were not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the tool tragedy's there are seen and unseen in the world. You may see a Cesar Chelor molding plane on a dusty garage shelf. Is it real? Ah, Steve in the entire world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Grinch! Egad! He lives and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Steve, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make sad the heart of the tool collector. The Grinch will continue his Grinchy little game all by himself, with no joy, nor love, nor happiness, whether you play or not. But if you allow him to fill you with distrust, concern and remove your faith in other collectors, then you give the Grinch the only power he can possess in his sad little life.

Yes Steve there is a Grinch but be glad he is not you!

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New web sites

(New to me)

Check out this web site if you're interested in where you're lumber comes from. The last steam powered saw mill in the country.

www.garymkatz.com/OnTheRoad/HullOaks.htm. Thanks to Tom Hobson for bringing this one to my attention.

Saw sets any one? The saw set collector's resource.

<http://members.acmenet.net/~con12a/>.

Your government dollars at work.

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/fspubs/02232324/>. Forest service sight shows you how to build a saw set for setting your two man crosscut saw. I'm sure you can buy one at a meeting or on eBay cheaper, but who knows.

A web site I've enjoyed for years and staying with the saw theme,

<http://www.disstonianinstitute.com/>.

If you have any favorites please let me know.

Sales tables at a local meeting are full of diversity. You won't find all these tools at one time on EBay and there's no shipping involved.



CLASSIFIED ADS

RMTC members in good standing may submit ads for sale or wanted items of interest to other members. Please contact the editor if you have an ad.

Wanted: Stanley sweetheart 1/4" auger bit, for my tool chest, & Caliper Rules. Please contact, Steve Gosselin, 1894 so. Leyden, Denver, Colo.80224. Sgoss926@Gmail.com.

Wanted: Broken/damaged L.L.Davis /Davis Level and Tool levels, for parts. gregormszar@tx.rr.com.

Wanted to trade: I have a round side Bedrock 603C in nice shape. Nice wood with no cracks. Can't bring myself to love the corrugations, so am looking to trade for a round side Bedrock 603 in similar condition. Call Isaac @ 303-328-1824 or email @ caasinoraa@yahoo.com

Wanted: Henry Disston saws: London Spring Steel No. 12, 112, 16, 99. Must be in very good condition or better. Dave Miller: 303-988-5053

Wanted: Fret saws in good condition or better, prefer circa 1900. Marquetry tools of all kinds. Laminated blade for Staley 101 circa 1890. Brain Judd 719-598-8285 or Skogut@ieee.org

Wanted: Chapin iron circular plane, #19 or #20, would prefer #19. Please see picture on next page for description. Don Biays, 303-797-0927

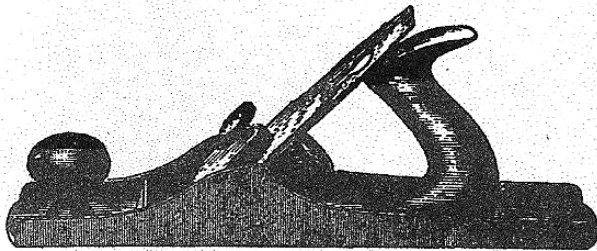
Wanted: 10" Delta contractors saw, with an enclosed canister base. Contact George Engen, 317-745-5594

For Sale: New power tools of all kinds. Contact Michael Springer at toeditor25@yahoo.com

For Sale: Estwing hardware store display hammers. 1 ea. 29" rock pick, 1 ea 38" claw hammer. Both made of plastic with chrome and Estwing blue coloring.

Sgoss926@gmail.com

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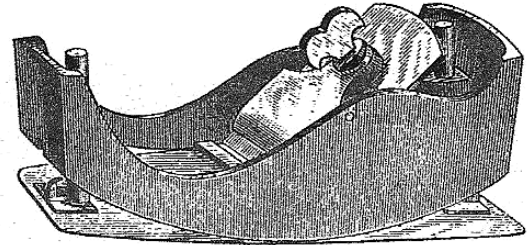
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1 inch Cutter, to plane in a 6 inch circle; a very useful Plane for Pattern Makers, &c., - - - - - \$2.00

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Price of Cutters for No. 19 Circular Plane, each, 15 cents.

Price of Cutters for No. 0, Infant, each, 15 cents.

Price of Screw Adjustments, each, 75 cents.

Don Biays came by my house with this reprint of a Philip Chapin catalog courtesy of Ken Roberts and the Connecticut Historical Society. He is looking for the circular plane in the picture #19 but he would settle for the #20. I would settle for just a glimpse of one of these babies. The picture was too neat to print and I hope it helps out Don.

RMTC MEETING DATES 2011

Colorado/Wyoming area meetings for 2011

April 17, 2011,
Mining Museum
Colorado Springs

June 12, 2011,
Rock Creek Farm,
Broomfield

July 10, 2011,
Al Nelsons,
Longmont

September, 3 and 4, 2011
Annual meeting,
Albuquerque N.M

October 9, 2011,
T.B.A.

November 13, 2011
The Ranch Fair Grounds,
Loveland

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New Mexico area meetings For 2011

April 16th 2011
Ken Burris

June 2011
TBA

October 15th 2011
Lowell and Karen Little

December 4, 2010
Lowell and Karen Little's

December 10th 2011
Tony Moon

Up coming out of state events 6th ANNUAL HUMBOLDT ANTIQUE TOOL AUCTION

May 7, 2011
Humboldt Fairgrounds Building
311 6th AV North. Humboldt, IA
Mike Urness 314-497-7884

M.W.T.C
Spring 2011, Jun 23-25, 2011,
Bowling Green, KY
Bob Fields (704) 393-1282

Fall 2011, Sep 28-Oct 1, 2011,
Baraboo, WI
Larry Thorson (608) 779-0966

Past Summer Tool Show
Sonoma, CA
August 20 & 21, 2010
Contact: Bob Valich (707) 545-8812