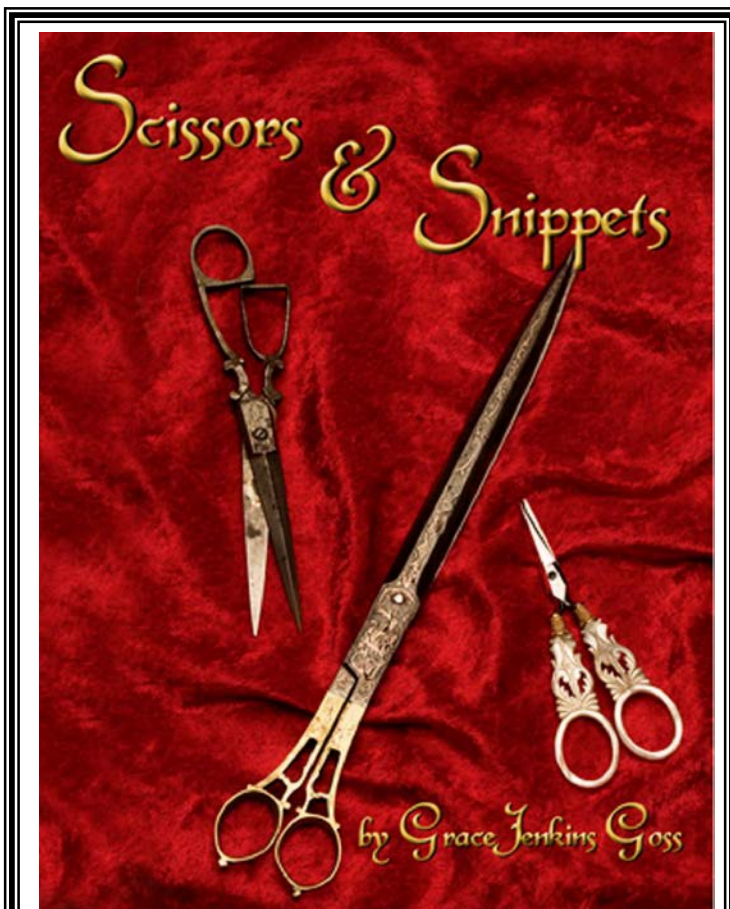




SHAVINGS, SAWDUST and SPLINTERS

December 2011



Grace Goss' twenty yearlong labors of love have come to fruition. The book *Scissors and Snippets*, the History of Scissors to the 1900s and a Little Beyond is ready for you to read.

Look on page 7 for more information and a special offer for club members.

2011 Joint Annual Meeting in Albuquerque was well attended and full of surprises. This year's annual meeting at the Holiday Inn and Suites Sunport was attended by many members of both the R.M.T.C. and the S.W.T.C. clubs. The location of the hotel made it easy to find and the rooms were spacious and clean, unfortunately the hotel's food and food service left something to be desired.



The tool tables though were very desirable and the selection was very good. Members from as far away as Washington, Massachusetts, Missouri and Kansas were there to ply their wares. *Cont. on Pg.2*

Attention

All members please let Steve Costa know when you change your Email address!! steve-c@centurytel.net.

RMTC Annual meeting Albuquerque, N.M.

This year's annual meet in Albuquerque was a joint meeting with the S.W.T.C., as it usually is at this location. Its always fun to see the South West guys as well as the R.M.T.C. members who live in the South West and don't attend many meeting in Colorado. Dave and Connie Fessler and all there minions always put on a great show. Thanks to everybody that helped out, I know some times it's a thankless job, so **THANK YOU.**



The meeting started at 8:00 A.M. because there was no early dawn tail gate sale, a practice Gregor Mszar refers to as barbaric. So we all got a few hours extra sleep. The displays were being set up with care and reverence when Emory Goad showed up with his, a box of cigar and pipe tools.



Emory Goads Display

He proceeded to open the box and pour on to his table cover, with all of tools clanging and crashing to the table. Where, my display is done. He announced and moved on to the sales tables.

Displays this year were plentifully. Besides Emory's there was a display by Charlie Aumiller called evolution, it showed different tools and the evolutions to today's tools, Darwin would have been proud. Ken Burris had a display of calipers, compasses and dividers.

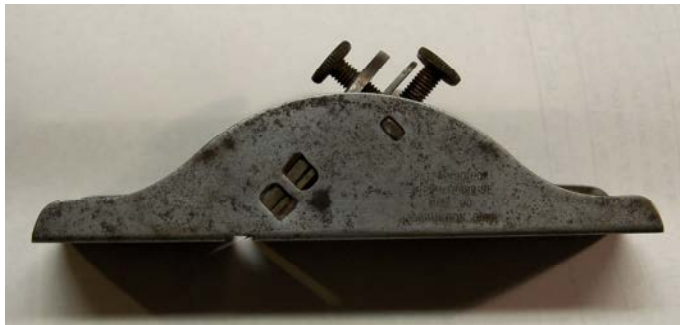


Ken briefly explained the differences between Calipers, for measuring diameter or thickness, Compasses for scribing an arc and Dividers to provide equally spaced points. His display showed off only a few of his large collection and won third place. Dave Miller had a display called Disston a patriotic company. He showed saws with their patriotic logos. He also displayed his Disston made sword, and a brief history of the company's involvement in the civil war and other war efforts. Dave's display won second place.
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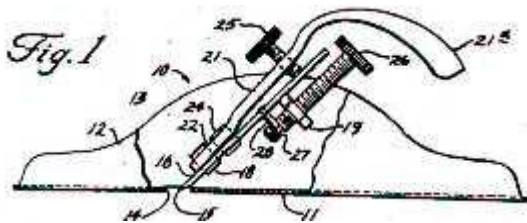


'V' logo saws

The Recent discovery of a manufactured steel block plane that was previously not known to have been produced has a happy ending.



I purchased this all steel block plane at a garage sale. It had, pat appd for The Enterprise MFG Co Torrington Conn. Stamped on the side. So I was curious to see if the patent had ever been issued. It was obvious it had been manufactured so I went to the Datamp.org website to find out. Entered the company name and found several Enterprise Co. but none from Connecticut. I then checked block plane patents under the patent type section, there the last patent listed, # 2,601,880 was a patent for a sheet metal plane just like mine.



The plane was listed as not known to be produced and no manufacturer was known at the time. There in my hand was the plane and with a manufacturer's name, so I did what any red blooded American tool collector would do. I took a couple of pictures and sent them off to the Datamp web sight. They were very happy and to get the information and updated the data base with the info and my pictures.

The web site is very informative and with our help, very complete. Is my plane a proto type? I doubt it, Rare? Probably not but at least now if someone should come across one they'd know more about it.

Annual meeting continued

Larry Haas had a display of 150 year Anniversary tools from Stanley. Many in mahogany display boxes. Planes, levels, mallets, a square, a gauge and many more. Please look on page 6 for a photo of the display.

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No flies on Charlie's Display!

Election results from the annual meeting:

For the Office of Secretary:
Charles Aumiller was reelected.

For the Office of Treasurer:
Larry Haas was reelected.

For the office of Director:
Jason Fink was nominated from the floor and elected unanimously.

All members were eligible to vote, Nominations were taken from the floor at the annual meeting in Albuquerque. Members that were present voted on Sunday, September 4th, at the business meeting.

This year's election committee:
Tom Wiersema, Bill Bohl, Steve Gosselin

From the President

"Hear Ye, Hear Ye!" I just bought two Stanley #1's and one Stanley #2 at an estate sale last week-end for \$5 each!!! Can you believe it?! Well don't because it's not true . just. Wanted to get your attention. The BIG, BIG news is that Graces' book on scissors is nearly ready to sell! I've already reserved a signed, copy. I'm sure they will go quickly and would make a wonderful Christmas present. She's put in a lot of hard, hard work over many years. It promises to be a real treat to read and a valuable reference.

2012 is just around the corner and that means it's the time to start planning for the Annual Meet in September. Preliminary planning has started. If you would like to be part of the planning efforts or have ideas/thoughts please let one of the officers know. I can tell you that it will be held at the Table Mountain Inn located at 1310 Washington Avenue in downtown Golden, Colorado. The event will be two days. The tail gate sale maybe back, lecture(s), and a tour of one of one of the local attractions, a banquet and of course plenty of time to buy sells and talk tools. I can promise you this that the unloading and parking will be much simpler than at the Brown Palace (your Board heard you loud and clear!). Please consider being involved as we can use all the help we can get - after all it is your club too.

Happy Holidays to all of you - I hope you find that tool you've been searching.

Don

Karen (the Giant Killer) Little, Brakes long standing annual meet fly swatting record.



Karen Little, R.M.T.C. member, Broke the old fly swatting record held by Carl Planeman. In 1989 Carl dispatched seven flies during an annual meeting with a copy of the Shavings, Splinters and Sawdust. Karen's new unofficial record of eleven was achieved by the use of a modern yet sanctioned plastic fly swatter. Reports vary and numbers of up to one hundred dead flies have been heard by this reporter. Karen was unavailable for comment at the time of this issues publication. But Mr. Planeman sends his congratulations to Mrs. Little and his insistence that there would be a new record next year!



Annual meet sales room

The Editor's Ramblings

Well another year draws to a close and the December issue is about to be sent to the printer. As I look back over the year and because it Thanksgiving time, I would be a cad if I didn't send out some thank you cards. So here I go, as I put pen to paper and tongue to cheek.

Dear Stanley Tool Company,

Thank you for making so many different planes and so many different parts that are often missing. Without your efforts many tool collections would already be complete and tool sales might be obsolete.

Dear Al Gore,

Thank you for inventing the internet. Your invention has saved me thousands of dollars in gas, by not having to drive the library or flea markets. I can now research tools on line at any time of the day or night. Unfortunately my eye sight is suffering and the shipping on my eBay purchases is adding up.

Dear eBay,

Thank you for creating a selling forum where tool collectors from around the world can use the words , rare and antique, to describe rusted and worn out. To use the description good for its age instead of worthless and broken.

Luckily for me (and all of you) I have run out of room to keep rambling. So with some real Thank you's I'll end.

Thank you to my wife for all her help with this newsletter, and for being supportive in my tool collecting disease. Thank you to Jason Fink for all his help with the newsletter website and his and his Hunter S. Thompson like meeting write ups.(That's a complement Jason) Thank you to everyone in the club for making it so much fun.

See ya next year,
Steve



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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: #3 sized planes (similar to Stanley) from other plane manufacturers such as Sargent, Union, Ohio, Keen Kutter, etc. Must be in at least 'good' condition. Saw nuts for a Keen Kutter hand saw (especially the medallion). Stanley screws with a 'boss' or flange for holding stop for, as an example, a Stanley #180. Also, I need thumb screws with the 'boss' or flange for a Stanley #80. Extra heavy fence (proper) for a Stanley #289 Skew Rabbet .Don Burd Please send me a photo and ,or cost to: historiconburd@hormail.com or call me at 303-541-9406

Wanted: Broken/damaged L.L.Davis /Davis Level and Tool levels, for parts. gregormszar@tx.rr.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: Chapin iron circular plane, #19 or #20, would prefer #19. Don Biays, 303-797-0927

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

Wanted: PLANE PARTS; molding cutters to fit a Stanley 55, and another set for a 45, plus a cam rest and short rods. Got an appropriate screwdriver? Also need both narrow and wide square cutters for a full-size cast iron Stanley router plane. Another brand or less-than pristine parts would be OK. Mark Koons, 307-322-2127 or Mark@markkoons.com

For Sale: Estwing hardware store display hammers. 1 ea. 29+ rock pick , 1ea 38+ claw hammer. Both made of plastic with chrome and Estwing blue coloring. Sgoss926@gmail.com

Classified Ads

For Sale: 2 Stanley Plow Planes, # 45 and #46, both in Good condition . some wear on the plating and the #46 has a crack in the hand grip. Included are a dozen blades, all sharp and rust-free. Also included is a Stanley Marking Gauge #97 in Good to Very Good condition. Asking \$400 for all, but will consider an offer. John Connors @ 512-401-3539 jconnors1@austin.rr.com

Wanted: Ohio Tool Co. & A.C.Bartlett moulding planes. Tom Wiersema @ 307-7421933, or twiersema@hotmail.com.

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

For Sale: New power tools of all kinds. Contact Michael Springer at tooleditor25@yahoo.com

Wanted: Post Drill Bits , Sizes 17/32 , 27/32 , 1 1/16 , 1 3/32 , 1 1/8 , 1 5/32 , 1 3/16 , 1 7/32 , 1 5/16 , 1 11/32 , 1 5/16 , 1 3/8 , 1 13/32 , 1 7/16 , 1 15/32 , 1 1/2 . These are the sizes I most interested in but if you have any you want to sell please contact me. Bill Baker @ 303-343-3607.

Needed: Anyone who owes me a book review or any other info for the S.S.S. gratitude will be overwhelming. Sgoss926@gmail.com.



Some of Larry Haas' display

Scissors and Snippets

The book contains 160, 8 ½+by 11+pages. Over 200 pairs of scissors and shears are photographed in fantastic color. The color is so fine you will want to flick rust off some of the ancient scissors and perhaps polish a few others. Scissors and Snippets contains history from ancient metal mining methods to the finished product. The book is laced with little snippets for holding ones interest all through the book. Many patents are included to match those of the earliest American Patented scissors. Great gift idea for the holidays.

Members can purchase a signed copy for only \$30.00 plus \$5.00 shipping. The general public will be charged \$35.00 plus.

To purchase your copy/copies please send your check or money order to:

**Grace Goss
229 S.E. 22nd St.**

**Loveland, Co.
80537**

Or

(These are Grace's words not mine and I know better than to argue.)

Should I kick the bucket sooner, send it to:

**Fran Goss
P.O. Box 113
Hygiene, Co.
80533**

Also if you want to attend a book signing and see Grace yourself. There will be book signing at the **Loveland Museum On December 9th 2011 from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M.** Books at the signing may be more than the mailed price but they will feed you and you get see Grace so quit whining and love been told they put on quit a spread so don't eat too much before.

New web sites

(New to me)

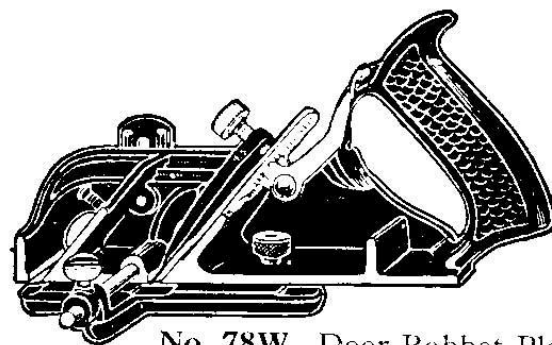
In downtown Oroville, CA, is Bolt's Antique Tool museum, @ BoltsAntiqueTools.com.

Sargent tool collector site,
<http://www.sargent-planes.com>

A nice place to visit in Alaska, The Hammer Museum @ <http://hammermuseum.org/>

I sure hope everybody knows this one
<http://www.rmtc.org>

If you have any favorites please let me know.



No. 78W. Door Rabbet Plane

The Rocky Mountain Tool Collector's Hats are Available Again.



RMTC hats are still available for purchase, at a cost of \$12.00 per hat. Only 2 hats are left, more can be ordered if there is enough interest. Free delivery to all area meetings if I remember to bring them. Please contact Steve Gosselin at sgoss926@gmail.com, or 720-338-4483, to reserve yours today.

Annual meeting continued

Brian Judd brought with him his shaker box display, fifteen shaker boxes, lucky for him they all stack together or they would never fit in the car. Even having seen him make them before I still can't believe they are all made by hand.



Steve Gosselin showed up with a display of weather stripping planes, used to install metal weather stripping in doors and windows. Some of the planes were made of wood, some aluminum and some cast-iron.



Many of the Stanley weather stripping planes are quite rare and seldom seen. This display won first place.



After a day of displays and sales tables we all adjourned to the banquet. When the food was all gone and we had our fill of drinks there was an awards ceremony. As I readied my camera to snap the photo of the first place winner to receive his award, I heard my name called and was so surprised I almost drop the camera. Luckily my wife grabs the camera and snapped this photo.



Door prizes were handed out and it seemed like everyone won something. When the banquet was over we moved to another room for the annual auction. About 70 lots or pieces were available for the members that night and a rousing auction took place. Unfortunately I didn't drive my truck so I was unable to buy some of the big pieces.

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Annual meeting continued

One of those big pieces was a seven foot long pit saw, wow, and even a few pieces from the late Bill McDougall's estate. I scored a beautiful free standing oak saw vice complete with tools in a till. Thanks goes out to Steve Scruggs who worked through a lot of pain to be the auctioneer, and to everyone who helped, Dave, Dave, and everyone else.



Evolution of the drill

Scott Jordan gave a very interesting talk on early iron forging. I guess I had never given any thought as to how iron was made in early days of this country. I was really impressed with Scott's presentation and ability to make even the least knowledgeable (present company included) members understand the process and labor that went into making the iron.



Sales tables in Albuquerque

Sunday started out with more buying and selling and packing away the displays. The business meeting followed. Charley Aumiller read last year's annual meeting minutes. The election committee announced its nominees and Jason Fink was nominated from the floor. Election results are found on page 3 of this issue. We discussed locations for the 2013 annual meeting and 2014 meeting. Steve Costa gave a brief report as to progress of sending meeting notices via email. Most members receive these emails already. This would save the club a lot of money in postage. We also discussed sending out the Shavings, Sawdust and Splinters via Email. Email newsletters would also save the club a ton of money and members would be able to enjoy color photographs. The newsletter is currently available in color on the web site and this also may be an alternative.

The meeting was adjourned with promise of getting together soon and wishes of safe trips home. Thank you to everyone who made this a special time for us.

New Mexico area meeting

Aug 6th 2011 - Jason Fink house

On August 6th 2011, another wonderful New Mexico afternoon, I hosted another RMTTC club meeting. Yup, another one, I now it seems I gotta write about it too. Yup, I am writing about it in the cold of November. Funny how Steve always hits me up for one of these meeting reports right around Turkey day. Thanksgiving and scrambling to get pen on paper go hand in hand. Do I even remember anything about the meeting, yeah well sure, I do! About 10 of us seated in the back porch under the solar panels and enjoying cold beverages. We discussed a bunch of stuff that day. Yup, A bunch of stuff... If only I could remember what. Well, I do have notes, but it's hard taking notes when you are really more interested in the people and the conversation. Pulling out these scribbles, well, they don't seem very helpful. They tell me that Martin was there, and Tony, and Hugh, as well as Ken, Scott, Paul and the ever present Dave and Connie (except for that Time when Dave went gunning for Antelope up north). And also Bruce and new member joined us that day, and clearly we talked about lots of stuff. This sheet of paper had some weird stuff written on it... "Marshmallows on a Golf Course", "Ken gets hit by a Neutron" and something about a "drinking bucket". It wasn't really making much sense, but a few things did jog the grey cells.

Talk of Dave's antique roulette wheel became a reminiscence about the 20's and 30's in Northern New Mexico and the Taos 12, who were a collective of artists that had settled in the area. The wheel was a fixture in a gambling house operated by Dave's uncle, purchased with his winnings as a champion bronc rider, and frequently used by the 12+. This roulette wheel wasn't exactly an ordinary wheel. Even beyond the exquisite craftsmanship of the era, this one utilized lots of batteries, and had the special ability to stop on a red or black (but not the ability to stop on a specific number).

An additional piece to the story is the Joe Leibert's father frequently worked for Joseph Sharp, one of the Taos 12, and he remembers seeing the gambling wheel in use.

Tools of the Wild West, indeed!

Talk of gambling in the west, invariably leads to another closely associated topic of the era, Bootlegging. One of my tersely scrawled notes "Prohibition - LaSalle Cadillac hits lambs" really begs for further explanation. It seems Dave's Uncle frequently hauled moonshine from Eagle Nest in the mountains, down to the drinking establishments in Taos. One trip, in his souped up LaSalle, he was being tailed by the Feds, and excessive speeds and evasive action were required. This action crossed paths with a flock of sheep on Canyon Rd, and resulted in quite a trail of carnage. Dave was quick to note that while his Uncle did escape the clutches of the law, he did locate the Shepherd the next day and pay for damages. The Feds are one thing, but you have to keep right with your community.

As much fun as we had talking about early New Mexico, we did have some important issues regarding the upcoming Annual meeting. Dave and Connie had a bunch of details, work assignments and questions about how to handle the upcoming meeting. We discussed security, allowing a public access time, advertising and other topics. Scot Jordan volunteered to give a talk about early iron Forging and we were all plea to have this as part of the agenda.

As a final bit of business, we held the usual meeting raffle, which helps offset the meeting costs of the local hosts. This month's winners were; Tony receiving a micrometer, Hugh with a small ratchet set, and finally Ken went home with a shiny new Lumber Products Water Bottle.

I had a great time playing host to the group for 2011 and look forward to more fun meetings in the future.

Local boy makes good at national M.W.T.C. meeting

Larry Haas received two awards at the Mid-West Tool Collector's meet in Baraboo Wis. One was "The Fred A Curry Award" For the Best Stanley Display, and the second was the "People's Choice+award.

Larry admits that he was a bit apprehensive about setting up a display at a NATIONAL MEETING, %Could I run with the big dogs or should I stay under the porch? It turned out that at least for this meet I was one of the BIG DOGS+.

Congratulations Larry, never be afraid to show your displays, National or otherwise. And as for being a big dog, I'm sure you've been called worse. Arf Arf.

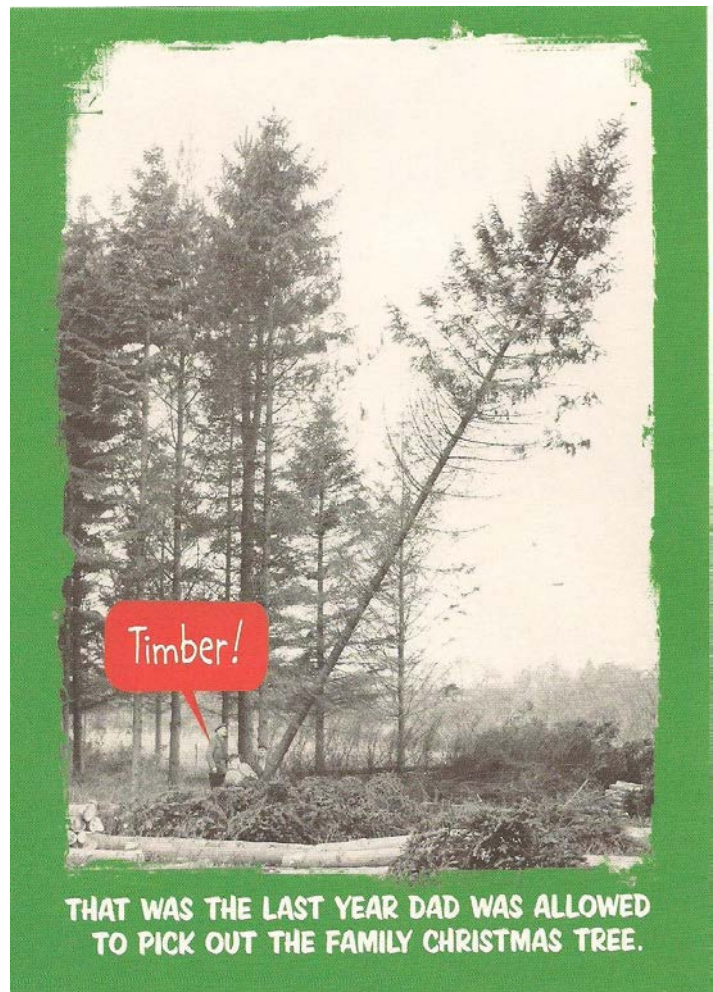


2012 Annual dues are due

Please send in your 2012 due payment. Membership forms are available in the directory or on the web site. Make sure you send yours in early, as the new directory needs to be made up and sent out in January Updated email addresses are important please.

Dues are \$20.00

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RMTC MEETING DATES 2012

Colorado/Wyoming area meetings for 2012

January 8th 2012

Chapel Haven 9911 Huron
Northglenn Co.

February 26th 2012

7th Day Advent Church
Golden Co.

April 15th 2012

Host: Jim Maguire
Monument Co.

June 10 2012

Rock Creek Farm
Broomfield Co

July 8 2012

Agricultural Heritage Center
Longmont Co.

September 1 & 2

2012 Annual Meeting
Table Mountain Inn - Golden

New Mexico area meetings For 2012

December 10th 2011

Tony Moon

February 2012 ,2:00 PM

Dave and Connie Fessler

April 2012

Ken Burris

June 2012

TBA

August 2012

Jason Fink

M.W.T.C,

Jun 13-16, 2012 Ashville, NC

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