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February 8th Event

The meeting is in our home base at Kent in Dartmouth. **Mel Larsen** will do a double --- demonstrating the Earlex HVLP Spray equipment and if we have time a chat on sandpaper.

(Interesting bit of data which we seldom think about if you don't use it I guess the stats would be wrong)

Barb just came across some stats and it appears that the average time a drill gets used works out to 6-13 minutes per day!

Dave Smith

Advance notice of the March meeting – Kent

Annual General Meeting
with election of officers. Volunteer if you want to help out-----Call Tom to volunteer



Mark Childerhose at the January show and tell



Gene's Burls February 2011



My granddaughter called to ask if I had gotten her a Christmas present yet. I replied that I had not and was there something she wanted. She replied that she would just love a DSi. Seeing as how I was recumbent in my La-Z-Boy at the time and may have been asleep I was in no position to negotiate anything. Furthermore I am technologically challenged and not wishing to appear stupid I pretended I knew what she was talking about. I agreed that a DSi sounded great and did it come in colors to which she suggested that "green would be nice". I got myself to a sitting position when "she who knows all" came into the room to inquire as to who was on the phone. I described the conversation and in a tone that would freeze molten lead she asked if I knew what I had agreed to. I did not and wishing to avoid further recriminations I went to Future Shop where I found I had agreed to a \$170.00 gift. Now I'm in trouble, I can renege on the offer and upset an 11 year old or admit to her highness I had made a mistake an equally daunting position, or I could just buy the gift and never tell her I had bought it or what it cost. Except when she found out and find out she ultimately would I would surely die. I decided to throw myself on her mercy and told her OUR present to OUR granddaughter would cost US \$170.00. She stared at me as if I was telling her I had contracted smallpox then said "no problem I'll return your gift that I got at Lee Valley and that should just about cover it. Next time wake up before you talk on the phone!!!!"

Gene.



From the Chair

On my recent trip to California, I gained a much greater appreciation of the many power tools that I have in my workshop. I cut down the cabinets of my daughter's kitchen to replace the fan with a combination microwave/fan unit. The only cutting tools that I had with me were a cordless jig saw with a battery that would not hold a charge for longer than a minute and a Japanese dovetail saw. When I moved on to my next projects, I often thought of the carpenters who built complete houses without the benefit of power tools. These projects included building shelves in the pantry and large shelving units in the garage. The later was made with 2X4's and ½ inch plywood.

There are still some very skilled woodworkers that rely mainly on hand tools. One such craftsman is Rob Cosman. Rob relies heavily on razor sharp hand saws, planes and chisels to produce superb works of art. I look forward to seeing him in action at the upcoming workshop at Kent's. The \$20 admission fee a bargain. Rob is not only a skilled craftsman, but he is also a great educator who imparts his knowledge in a clear, concise yet complete manner and often adds humour to get his points across.

In March, we will be having our Annual Meeting. In addition to considering reports on the past years activities and planning activities for the upcoming year, we will be electing Board Members and Officers for the next two years. If any of who is interested in serving on the Board, or as an Officer, please let Doug MacIntosh or me know so that your name can be added to the list of nominations. The Board normally meets 3-4 times per year for two hours for each meeting.

We also need members to volunteer as assistants to Board Members with assigned tasks like Registrar, Librarian, Events Coordinator, Newsletter Editor, Web Master, and Treasurer. The time commitment for these roles would not be great, but they would lighten the load for these Officers, and insure continuity of the operation of the Association in the event of an absence.

See you at the meeting. Cheers,

Tom



"How sweet, he's smiling. He must be dreaming about me."

Time seems to get away if you don't watch it so I am sorry the newsletter is a bit late. Thanks for the internet that I can get it out to you in a hurry, land mail is a different issue.