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President's Column

By Jay Perrine



I flew to Maine to take the Center for Furniture Craftsmanship's CURVATURE course. I had taken classes there 14 and 5 years before.

I made a form for a bent lamination. The arch exceeded FOUR feet. The instructor wanted me to clean up the edge of the 2' x 4' piece of 2/3" plywood so I could get some good glue contact. The goal was to get a 1-1/2' piece of plywood to have a contiguous surface, against which the laminates could be clamped and glued.



The Shop Assistant assigned me to use the SawStop with the sliding crosscut sled. I managed to balance the wide board; make the cut; turn off the saw; and proceeded to remove my piece, but it tilted off the sled so I grabbed both sides and felt a slight pain on my left middle finger. I saw there was some blood.



I had turned off the saw so the blade was slowing down so I thought I had just nicked my finger. After washing off my finger, I proceeded to First Aid cabinet and got a Band-Aid. The instructor had me fill out an accident report.

After investigating and moving the sled off the blade, which SHOT DOWN, the Shop Assistant came over and announced that in fact the cartridge had fired when it touched my finger!

I was surprised to learn that even with the saw turned off, but the blade still spinning, (but clearly still powered and sensor on) it still worked. Eventually it hit me that the SawStop saved the end of my finger!!!



My cost was \$150. I only had to pay to get the blade repaired (it was turning slow enough it did NOT ruin the blade as when it is at full speed and fires). No trip to the Emergency Room! And no finding a hand surgeon in rural Maine.

Meeting Tuesday October 22 7pm



Eugene Gulko will be presenting the process he goes through to build electric guitars.

Meeting Location

Saratoga Federated Church
Postal Annex Building
14376 Saratoga Ave.
Saratoga, CA

Map and directions:

<https://www.southbaywoodworkers.org/>

September Meeting in Review

The group shared about their favorite “Jigs” and “Go-to” finishes.

Fall Picnic at Dave and Christina’s

Thank you to **Dave and Christina** for hosting us for a great BBQ. And thanks **Alan** for being the grill master of ribs, burgers, veggie burgers and veggies! And thanks to all for side dishes and desserts. And thanks **Dave** for giving us a shop tour!





2024 Calendar/Programs

Any additions or changes please contact
Tracie Johnson

October 5	Fall Picnic 3:30pm Dave Burkett's home
October 22	Eugene Gulko Building solid body Electric Guitars
November 2	Allen Glesser - Celebration of Life Saratoga Federated Church 3 -5pm. Potluck at the Glesser home to follow.
November 26	
December	No Meeting - Enjoy the Holidays!
January	New Year Pizza Party & 2024 In Review Slide Show

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