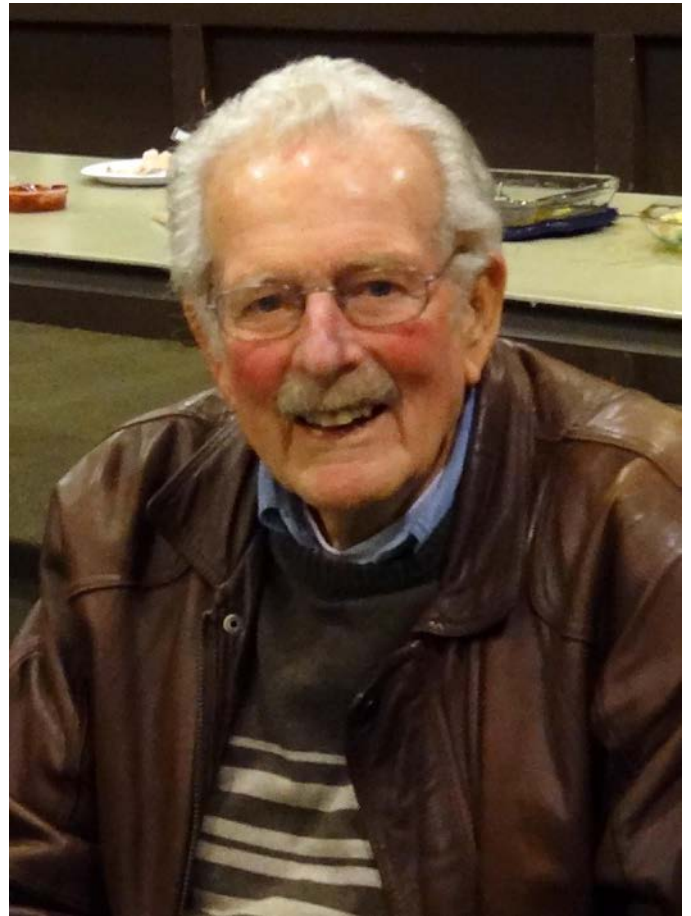


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Lou Thorpe
Aug 20, 1930 - Apr 18, 2017

Rex Osborn
August 24, 1927-May 3, 2017

**Husbands, fathers, woodworkers, friends.
Gone too soon.**

Presidents Column

By Jay Perinne



Your Absentee President writing here! Speaking of Absentee it used to be if you voted by mail it was an Absentee Ballot acquired only if you were going to be absent (on vacation or away at school or on military assignment). Now it's Vote by Mail. Why do I mention this? Because I missed chairing the April meeting because I was a couple miles away Tuesday night (well from 6 am until 9pm) in my role as Election Officer Inspector (supervisor at a precinct) for the Special Election that only Campbell had (18 precincts).

We have been experiencing some attrition lately like Neal White moving to South Carolina, Ken and Linda retiring due to health issues, Blair Glenn due to family health issues and schedule demands and now one of our two remaining Founding Members has passed, Lou Thorpe. Lou managed to attend meetings after his stroke some years ago thanks to Ed Vincent driving him to meetings. Lou always had something humorous to add so it was clear he was paying attention during the meeting (or asking for the speaker to speak up as he couldn't hear). I'm writing this from the airport in Oslo, Norway (Norwegian Airlines) on our way to Barcelona in about two hours. I was able to use airport WiFi so find Lou's Obituary and see that Lou's Funeral will be this coming Friday so obviously I cannot attend. I hope his active participation in SBWW will be mentioned at the service but even if not we can take consolation that he was an active member even when he probably could no longer operate woodworking power tools. The Club provides a social connection especially for those of us retired from our Day Jobs and that way we find out who has purchased a Saw Stop or Felder or CNC machine (that will be happening soon I suspect with prices dropping as pointed out in Bill Henzel's presentation a year or so ago) or where some good wood purchases can be made.

And his service, I noted in the Obituary, will be at the Saratoga Federated Church, where indeed we meet (ok not in the sanctuary). In fact some of the ecclesiastical furniture that was made by our SBWW members might be in view or even used during the service! What a nice send off for Lou to be within a few feet of our Club's dedicated work. Good bye Lou.

OMG now Rex Osborn too has passed. For him a more personal link. Not long after I joined South Bay Woodworkers I invited a woodworker and retiree

from San Jose Water Company named Fred Meyer to join. You see I worked for California Water Service Company and both companies (being investor-owned water utilities) are regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission and since we were both regulated and had to face hearings and other

This Meeting

Tuesday

May 23

By

Ron Gerard &

Allen Glesser

At

The Saratoga

Federated Church

at 7:00 pm

Next Meeting

Tuesday

June 27

By

Bill Henzel &

Larry Schwarcz

Think about your shop experience of the last month and give us a 10 second explanation of something important you learned.

administrative actions from the same state organization and both companies headquartered in San Jose we compared notes frequently. Fred was at a higher level than I but attended meetings together and he attended our Rates Department Christmas parties and sitting next to him I learned of his hobby interests. Anyway Shortly after Fred joined SBWW he invited Rex Osborn to join! Then when Fred's wife got dementia and dropped out of the club to devote 24/7 to taking care of his wife I would check with Rex each meeting to see how Fred was doing. Unlike Lou's, for Rex's Memorial Service I should be back in time from Europe to attend that service. A sad goodbye to Rex

our second member this month to pass. Thanks to our immediate past President for taking the call and passing the news on to us!

Jay in Saint Jean de Luz, France.

Jay Perrine

This Month's Program:

Minutes April 25, 2016

Guests:

Chris Wiley and Timothy Coughlin were guests at the meeting.

Announcements:

Guest Chris Wiley is seeking help with two projects. The first one is help with making boxes for housing books. The boxes will be placed in front of people's houses so that neighbors can exchange books.

The second request is for help in making an English phone booth. She has a video about a Japanese man who lost family members in the tsunami and has an English phone booth in his yard in which he talks to his lost family members. She will bring the video to a later meeting.

Tom Kenyon reports that a member of the Westbay Woodturners has a Shop Smith dust collection system with many attachments for sale. See Tom if interested.

Program:

Tom Gaston presented a program about first aid for woodworkers.

Woodworkers should know some first aid techniques in case of an accident in the shop. It's even better if you can prevent the accident in the first place.

- Wear safety glasses or if working on a lathe, use a face shield. If you get something in your eye, flush it with saline solution or water. It works better if another person does it for you.

- Use a dust collector if you can or wear a dust mask.
- The loss of hearing is influenced by both time and intensity of loud noise so wear ear muffs or plugs.
- Using guards, a splitter and push sticks will prevent many accidents.
- Cuts are common in the shop. To treat cuts, press sides together until bleeding stops then clean cuts with soap and water. Cover wound with a Band-Aid and keep the cut as dry as possible. Electric tape works as an alternate to a Band-Aid and gel style super glue also works in sealing the cut.
- Drinking alcoholic beverages and operating machinery is a bad practice.
- Make sure electrical devices are properly grounded. It takes a very little electric shock to stop the heart from beating.
- A cell phone in the shop could be a lifesaver.
- Be aware of fatigue while working in the shop and stop working when you become tired.
- Having one or more fire extinguishers in the shop could prevent a major disaster.
- Keep your tetanus shot up to date.
- A pair of sharp tweezers works well in extracting splinters. A sewing needle is an acceptable substitute.
- Use common sense when working in the shop. If an operation doesn't look right, stop and devise an alternate method. Keep in mind that the table saw is the most hazardous machine with the router coming in at number two

Show and Tell:

Tom Gaston brought in one of two outdoor tables that he made to complement a couch. The legs and rails are what appears to be mahogany. He found the material alongside of a road. The top rails are



dovetailed into the legs and the legs are tapered on the outside to facilitate the making of the dovetail joints. The top is teak and is screwed to the base.

Mike Papa created a Greene and Greene craftsman style lighted plant stand. The light is a remote controlled LED system. The frame is made from black walnut with ebony plugs while the figured opaque panels are paper.



Mike also showed us some F-style clamps with dovetailed feet. He demonstrated several ways in which the setup could be used with the clamps inserted in a plywood base. He also brought in the lid to a box that he had made several years ago that was severely warped. A discussion ensued as to the reason for the warpage.



Richard Winslow is working on a prototype of a leg design for a coffee table that will grace his granddaughter's house. There will be cross pieces that join the legs with mortise and tenon joints. He asked for suggestions on how to round over the pieces after the joints are made.



Ed Vincent made a stop that clamps to his table saw fence. The stop is used for locating the end of boards where multiple pieces need to be the same length while crosscutting. He chased the female threads using a large hand screw clamp. A tool steel cutting tool was affixed to the end of one handle then screwed into the drilled hole. The threads on the shaft were chased on a metal lathe.



Next Program Committee

Please take the ice chest home after the meeting

Refreshment Suggestions

Variety of Soft Drinks (48)

Water, Regular, Diet, Caffeine-Free, Juices

Varied Snacks: Donuts, Cookies, Chips, Nuts

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