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July 2004 Meeting

When: 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 13, 2004

Where: Seventh Day Adventist Church, 653 West Fremont Avenue, Sunnyvale

NOTE LOCATION CHANGE!

Summer Dinner: See inside!

Bottom's Up

Well, the newsletter editor was either wrong or misinformed as to June's program, or a last minute program change was made. In any case, the meeting at Warren Atkins residence was, while sparsely attended, lively. The opportunity to meet outdoors in San Mateo—braving the wind and sprinklers—should make all those who attended appreciate the warmth afforded by our high school host facility.

Warren put his oft-repeated admonitions about finishing the bottom of a piece first into action with a live demonstration of the tips and techniques he recommends.



Peter Pipe Passes Along the Following...

Large, newly cut walnut available from Steve Colson, 650-961-3932, 1231 Arbor Court, Mountain View. Free. Mention my name (Peter Pipe).

Also: Tree-trimmer's yard, McClenahan's, 1 Arastradero (at Alpine), Portola Valley. I'm told that they permit chain saws on site. Lots of stuff.

President's Message

June was another interesting meeting. The weather wasn't too bad, and the program was great as usual. I wish to thank Warren and Sally once more for their kind hospitality. Next meeting will be our annual July dinner and we will again be hosted by Richard Winslow's church. Then comes August, and Jim and Elaine Laflin will be our hosts once more for a barbeque. I hope you all appreciate just how fortunate we as a club are to have so many generous people willing to let us invade their domain. Too dramatic? Maybe but we really are lucky not only for these but for all of the various members and friends who do so much to make things run smoothly. None of them even ask for so much as a thank-you but I know they would all appreciate at least this simple gesture so if you haven't already, please let them know how much we all appreciate them. A thank-you and some personal gratification is all they get for their troubles.

You know, now that I think a bit more about that, I really have to say I am wrong here. That is not all they get out of the many hours they put in. There are some other rewards. Like so many things in life you only get out as much as you put in. Being involved is rewarding in a lot of other ways. The knowledge gained, the ideas inspired, the new contacts, the new sources and especially the friendships are just some of the many rewards. Now having said all of that I might as well stick in the commercial. We can always use more volunteers and especially people who are will to become a member of the Board. Elections are months away but it will be here before you know it. If you have any interest, or even some curiosity, why not take a closer look. Come to a Board meeting or at least talk to some of the current Board members and see if it is for you.

Along this line of thought there is another benefactor that we may be losing in the future. As of today we don't know if the school is going to be having a shop next year. There is a very real possibility that they won't. I don't want to be jumping the gun here

but I do want us to be prepared. It is still probable that we have a home for at least one more year but, I think we should be thinking about the real possibility that we won't, and start considering other possibilities for the future. Any and all ideas will be very welcome from everyone. Again I don't want to be an alarmist, but the way schools are closing shops and cutting back on electives, I think it is only prudent that we start working on a long range plan so we don't end up in a panic when, or hopefully if, we end up homeless.

The President's Challenge for August is a bit different. You can make anything you want but the catch is, no wood! Well maybe a little wood but the item must be primarily made of other material. A few ideas are palm nuts, horn, antler, bone, epoxy, alternative ivory, marble, talc, soapstone, alabaster, brass, copper, aluminum and anything else you can think of. I did this for the Bay Area Woodturners a few years ago and the two most unusual were a loaf of bread and an old book. Now it is up to you to come up with your own even more unique ideas. I really am looking forward to seeing what you all come up with. I think this club is even more creative than the Bay Area Woodturners so let see you prove it.

I can't wait to see what shows up at the August meeting and to sink my teeth into some of Jims great cooking. Sorry that I won't be at the July dinner but I will be thinking of you all.

Thanks for all of everyone's your efforts,



Thanks to Tom Howard
for the pictures!



Summer Pot Luck Dinner

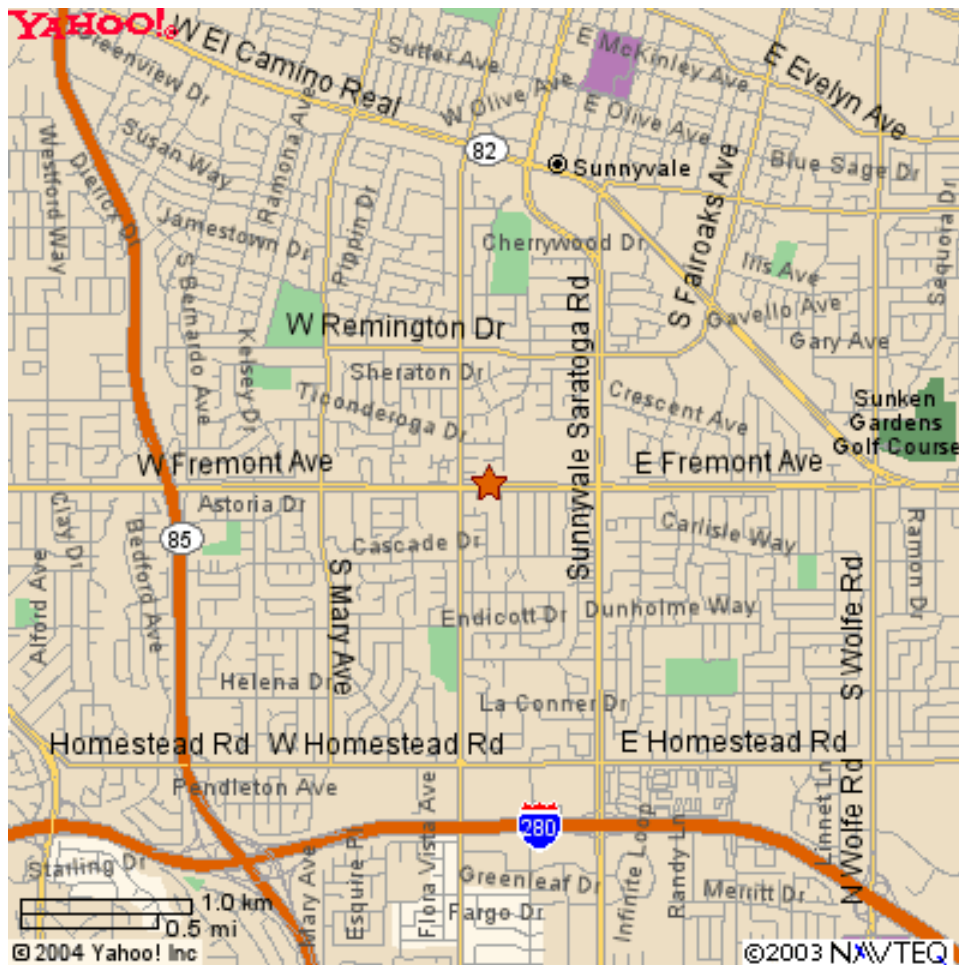
(Reprinted from June issue)

The Summer Pot Luck Dinner will be held at the Seventh Day Adventist Church located at 653 West Fremont Avenue in Sunnyvale.

At the June meeting held at Warren Atkin's house a sign up sheet was circulated for the July dinner meeting to be held at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Sunnyvale on July 13. The sign up sheet has few names because so many people were traveling at the time of the meeting; additionally, we circulated the sign up sheet at only one meeting but the lack of sign ups is meaningless. Whether you signed up or not come and have fun, bring the food of your choice but unless you signed up for appetizers at the meeting please do not bring appetizers.

The club will supply turkeys, ham, dessert and soft drinks. Remember, no booze on the church grounds.

Also, remember that People's Choice Awards will be made for the most liked turning in four levels: Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced, and Master. Bring your latest turnings for show and tell no matter what level you are turning at—seek help or share your skills. The primary purpose of this club is to join together in order to improve our turning skills. If you have a nice turning, or a turning you think is nice, let us see it so that perhaps it will show the way to some of us that need some showing; if you have a turning that you have struggled with bring that so that you can get some helpful suggestions—someone will likely be able to get you on the right path, remember, we all expect to be asked for help—seek and ye shall find—as the saying goes.



SEE YOU ON JULY 13.

Gordon Rockhill

HELP HELP HELP HELP HELP HELP HELP

Jim Laflin feels that he may not make it to our July dinner meeting because of a family emergency. Jim usually roasts a pair of turkeys for our consumption but he cannot do it for the July dinner. I will roast one turkey but we need a volunteer to roast another. The club will buy the turkey, the volunteer simply has to roast it, carve it, and bring it to the dinner. A little turkey gravy would be nice but is not essential. Please contact me **before** July 6 to tell me you can roast a turkey for us.

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Cyanoacrylate Glue

Tom Howard makes cyanoacrylate glue and accelerator available to club members at cost. It comes in several thicknesses. See Tom at the meeting.

AnchorSeal

Jim Laflin buys AnchorSeal in bulk, and makes it available in one-gallon jugs to club members at cost. AnchorSeal is a coating for freshly cut timber to help prevent checking and degradation. See Jim at the meeting.

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