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GCW Meeting Brief:

The January 10th meeting lasted about 1 hour 45 minutes. We had 31 members and a few guests present. This was a very good turnout considering the extreme weather conditions that night. The theme for this meeting was antique tools. Members were to bring in antique tools to show and discuss their usage. We had a great participation with a large number of tools brought in. Four members brought in items for the show and tell and we had our usual raffle with some items donated by Rich Schwerin. The Exchange Corner this month includes a Delta 14" band saw and Delta drill press. This newsletter includes our second member focus section. Last month we featured Bruce Hall. This issue's member focus article will feature long time member Roy Carter. Be sure to check out "Wood Humor" at the end of the newsletter.

Presidents Message:



Gold Country Woodcrafters, in spite of the treacherous weather, we had a great turnout to kick off 2017! Thank you to all who made the extra effort to attend.

We have an exciting year ahead of us with interesting presentations lined up every month. We will also be hosting a spring shop tour in May so if you are interested in showcasing your shop and have room for 30 plus, we would like to hear from you. Last year was a very worthwhile experience for those who could attend and I'm sure this year will be as well.

We continue to gain new members so please welcome them in and help get them involved and active in our club.

Until next month, Happy and safe woodworking!

Jim Hunt

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Antique Tool Night:



The first meeting of 2017 was a special event with 14 members showing and describing usage of their antique tools. We counted at least 40 items with many dating to the early 1800s. These tools highlighted the ingenuity, hard work and craftsmanship that went into creating tools for the woodworker of old. Those members that brought in items were Ron Sexton, Max Lee, Tim Bynon, Gail Cone, Paul Velk, Homer Rail, Jim Hunt, Mark Butzler, Rich Schwerin, Ed

Woodards, Gary Gerue, Jim Higbee, Burt Stride, and Bruce Hill. Thanks to all for helping make this meeting a resounding success. It's member participation in events like this that make our club shine.

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GCW Member Focus: *Roy Carter*



Roy Carter has been a member of GCW almost from the beginning of the club's existence. He has always been ready to help out and get involved in club activities and is an avid woodworker hobbyist. One of his interests involves supporting the community through his love of woodworking, the attribute that prompted this member focus.

First off, let us provide a little information about Roy's background. Roy grew up in and around Seattle, Washington. As early as age 14 he knew he wanted to be a woodworker. In High-school woodshop during WWII he made model aircraft for the armed forces to be used in enemy aircraft identification training. At 17 he went into the Navy for 2 yrs. After the Navy, Roy worked in the shipyards as

a shipfitters helper for a time then attended a Boat building school in Seattle.

Before building things he was tearing them down as he worked for his father-in-law demolishing buildings damaged in one of Seattle's occasional earthquakes. He moved to Concord, Ca. in 1957 with his young family where he obtained his Contractors license at the age of 30. After 60 years working in the building trades he finally retired in 2007. He continues his need to be building through his woodworking hobby. When asked why he pursues a woodworking hobby, he responded "it's because I just like to make things". He added that his woodworking hobby is purely for personal enjoyment and he does not sell his work.

Not long after retiring Roy learned through a friend about a new club for woodworking hobbyists, called Gold Country Woodcrafters and joined. Since the beginning Roy has been involved in club activities. Early on he was making toys for the Toys for Tots program, served on GCW Executive Committee, and was a toy program chairman. He continues to participate in making toys for our annual club toy drive. And importantly, for a lot of members, he greets the meeting attendees and gives them their raffle tickets.

We have learned over the years that Roy enjoys given back to the community. Through his contacts in the building industry he became involved in efforts to support the Placerville Boy's and Girl's club. Using his woodworking hobby he has created a number of projects that he has contributed to support fund raising for the building and running of the new club facility in Placerville. Among these items are a model airplane, an MC-130 that sold for \$250 a birds (cranes) coat rack sold for \$130, and his latest and by far his largest yet, a Gypsy Wagon Playhouse that recently sold for \$6,900. The MC-130 was shown in the Jan. 2016 newsletter and the bird coat rack is shown on the April 2015 newsletter. Note that these newsletters can be accessed on the GCW website at the top of the information page.

The Gypsy Wagon is on a trailer frame and is intended to be a play house and what a play house! He got the idea for the project from a picture in a magazine. The original wagon was located in Mexico. He estimated most of the dimensions but did get a friend to measure the width of the actual wagon. It should really be a show piece. Asked how much time and money he has in this project, he stated that he has really has no estimate at what it cost in material. He did estimate that it took well over 1000 hours of just his time to build the Gypsy Wagon. He explained that he had some volunteer help plus contributions including material, roofing, and electrical from local businesses. Mick Dupper another of our GCW members and a good friend of Roy's also spent significant time helping on the project.

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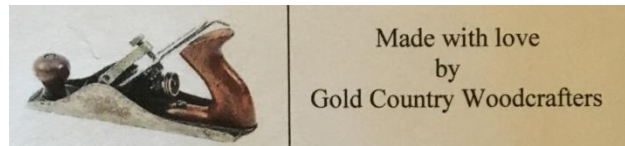
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The Gypsy Wagon features include reliefs/carvings, sink, windows w/drapes, a bed, pull-out table, low voltage lighting, curved roof, just to list a few. A number of carvings depict Roy's favorite subject, birds. What a "play house". *Pictures of the donated Gypsy Wagon are featured later in this newsletter.*

Way to go Roy. You are a valued asset to the Gold Country Woodcrafters club and to the community.

Announcements/news:

1. **Executive Meeting Report:** Jim Hunt gave a report on the GCW Executive Committee meeting that was held just prior to the regular night's meeting. This meeting was rescheduled from December to January.
 - a. **Tee-Shirts:** All the Tee-Shirts orders last July have been sold out. The plan is for the next order to occur next July depending on demand.
 - b. **Shop Tours:** We plan to schedule our next shop tours at the beginning of May. We are looking for shops that can handle a group up to 30 members. Anyone interested in showing their shop please let Jim or a committee member know.
 - c. **December Meeting:** The committee decided, because of the success of this last December spouse night, to do it again for the December 2017 meeting.
2. **Meeting Programs Report:** Ron Sexton (program chairman) reported on the planned meeting topics for 2017. All meetings for 2017 are now covered and the schedule is published below in the 2017 Meeting Topics section.
3. **Toy Report:** Dale Gamble (Toy program chairman) reported that we delivered over 250 toys of about 12 different types to the Lions Club. Stickers were applied to the toys this year identifying the Gold Country Woodcrafters as the makers.

A photograph of a small, handcrafted wooden toy car. The car is light-colored wood with a dark brown, curved wooden handle or seat. A small, rectangular sticker is affixed to the side of the car. The sticker has a light tan background and black text that reads "Made with love by Gold Country Woodcrafters".
4. **Project Challenge Report:** Harvey Myers (Project Challenge chairman) reported that the April project challenge theme will be to build a shop organizer of some type. Suggestions include organizers for tape, sand paper, battery charger, etc.
5. **From the floor:**
 - a. Gail Cone brought up that the mentor list should to be updated. He stated that he would try to bring a copy of the current list and a signup sheet to be passed around for anyone who would like to make changes or participate as a mentor to our members.

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2017 Meeting Topics:

February 14 th	Video night. 1) Wagon Wheel making video. 2) Steam bending video.
March 14 th	The art of creating cutting boards. Presentation by GCW member Basil Borkert.
April 11 th	GCW Spring Project Challenge Night. Theme, some type of shop organizer.
May 9 th	Millwork and installation for cabinet work. Presentation by Dale Gamble.
June 13 th	Applying CA (cyanoacrylate/super glue) finish on pens, etc by Gail Cone.
July 11 th	Demonstration of a portable lumber mill. By Steve Cabrol.
August 8 th	Cabinetry and dovetailing presentation by Tim and Melody Bynon.
September 12 th	The Saw sharpening with some history presentation by Ken Welsh.
October 10 th	GCW Fall Project Challenge Night. Theme to be announced.
November 14 th	Tool talk night. Members round table discussions on latest tools, etc.
December 12 th	Spouse/Special guest night. 2 nd annual event.

If any of our members would like to give a presentation or have ideas for a presentation please contact Ron Sexton (hcwpvl@directcon.net) or one of the committee members, David Boutcher (WE2Wheelers@sbcglobal.net) or John Brideson (jkbrideson@sbcglobal.net) and let them know. Remember this is your club and the more our club members participate in sharing knowledge the more proficient we all become at our common interest, woodworking.

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Show and Tell: (4 projects)

Ron Sexton



Ron brought in his latest jig, the "Poor Man's CNC Machine". He needed to flatten/re-dimension material to be used in the creation of the cutting board shown in the inset. The jig allows him to use a router for this task. Making several passes side to side with the router repositioning the router sled along the length of the material he was able to reach the desired dimensions.

The cutting board contains walnut, cherry and maple.

Jim Terrill



Jim brought in his latest turning. Here he shows a vase made of Walnut, Chinese Pistach and mahogany. He finished it using the Beale buffing system.

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John Roberts



John loves to make toys. Here he shows a functional fork lift. The lift functions using a crank and string. Yep he made pallets to carry the load.

Rich Schwerin



Finding a need to gain a bit more reach, Rich created this fine step stool. He use oak cut offs for the construction and finished it using 2 coats of tung oil.

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Roy Carter's Gypsy Wagon Playhouse:

The Gypsy Wagon was sold at auction at a Boy's and Girl's club charity event Jan. 14th raising \$6,900. The event was sold out with over 600 attending at the county fair grounds.



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The GCW Exchange Corner: 1 listing this month.

1. Delta 14" band saw with riser block for re-saw capability. \$550 obo. Delta floor model drill press 1/4 hp, appears to be in very good condition. \$150. contact Basil Borkert phone # 530-391-3620.

Raffle Results:

We use the "raffle per item" method for distributing raffle prizes. Members put raffle stubs in a receptacle associated with a specific prize they are interested in.

Member Prizes:

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| 1) Woodcraft Supply \$25 gift cert. | Craig Milliron |
| 2) Dry Marker Bulletin Board | Steve Cabrol |
| 3) Antique PO Box door (1) | Harvey Myers |
| 4) Antique PO Box door (2) | Homer Rail |
| 5) Antique PO Box door (3) | Gail Cone |
| 6) Antique PO Box door (4) | Ed Woodards |
| 7) Bundle Shop Rags/towels | Basil Borkert |

The 4 antique PO Box Doors were donated to the raffle by Rich Schwerin.



Wood Humor:



Contributions by Ron Sexton.



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Businesses that support GCW: *Be sure to stop by Pro Builder*

Placerville, The Paint Spot, Churchill Hardware Cameron Park, Woodcraft Supply Sacramento and the Rockler Woodworking store in Rocklin. Please let them know how much Gold Country Woodcrafters appreciates their support.

Membership Dues: For those members wishing to renew their membership for the 2016-2017 year by mail here is the information you need. Make out a \$20 check payable to Gold Country Woodcrafters. Send to: Steve Cabrol 3000 Builders Place, Rescue, CA, 95672. **Please note on the envelope ATT: Gold Country Woodcrafters.**

Gold Country Woodcrafters Meeting Place: GCW meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month unless otherwise notified and are at the Park Community Church meeting hall, 3901 Wild Chaparral Dr. Shingle Springs, Ca. exit 37 off highway 50. A map is provided on the home page of the GCW website.

Saw and Planer blade sharpening.

A number of members have asked about who we know that sharpens saw and planer blades. Well GCW member Ken Welsh can handle the job. Just give him a call.

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Regards and happy woodcrafting.

Gail Cone

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