
The Push Stick



Bench Planes

At the August meeting Mike Perovich did a demonstration on hand planes. There are many types of planes. Some for smoothing and some for shaping.

Mike discussed the range of bench planes using the Stanley numbering system of 1-8. First used are the jack plane (#5) and fore plane (#6) to roughly surface a board. The jointer planes (#7&8) are used to further flatten a board but are fundamentally designed, with their long

length, to flatten or "joint" the edge of a board in preparation for glueing up several narrower boards into a flat panel. The #3 and #4 planes are referred to as "smoothers" as their function is to provide a finish surface on boards in addition to their use on smaller projects. Mike noted the #1 and #2 planes are fun to collect but of limited practical use. The plane most of us are familiar with is the # 4 smoother.

Mike also discussed many specialty planes designed for specific uses. For example, the router plane can flatten recessed surfaces, the shoulder plane can be used to trim tenon shoulders, and moulding planes can develop decorative surfaces on the edges of boards. Mike brought many planes from his shop for members to view.



Thank you Mike for sharing your enthusiasm for bench planes and all the wonderful things they can do.

Newsletter by Proxy

Since I can not attend meetings (6 hour drive is a bit much), I have members helping me out. Steve Romo and Arie Korporaal are taking pictures and some write articles or report what took place to me. Michael Perovich wrote the article above. Thanks to all who help. If you want to

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write an article, please do. Don't worry about sentence structure or spelling. I will make it look fantastic! Alan Webster

Message from the Prez

With a couple of meetings behind us and the end of the year approaching, the pandemic is still presenting some challenges for the club. As the days are getting shorter our club meetings may be in jeopardy because we are meeting outdoors. We don't want to meet in the dark. The officers and I are working on this and we have discussed not having a meeting in November. For October I would like to ask if members would mind meeting at 6pm instead of 6:30pm. I will be bringing this matter up at Thursday's Club Meeting. Please let me know your thoughts either at Thursday's meeting, by email or call me.

As for December, which is the month of our club Christmas Party, there is a good chance that we will be able to gather. Last month I had a signup sheet to gauge interest. Some of you signed up and others have notified me of their interest. This is something we will continue working on over the next few months and I will keep everyone updated as to any news. Just as a reminder the Christmas party is a potluck and we ask each member to make 3 to 5 items to be given away as door prizes (not a requirement) as well as bring something for the potluck. I hope you will join us to not only celebrate the Holidays but also to bring back a little bit of a normal life.

Finally, I would like to ask if you are making items for Christmas gifts to send pictures to Alan to be used in the club newsletter. My thanks to each of you for working together following the guidelines and participating in club activities now we are back again. Be safe and I hope to see you Thursday, September 9th at our next club meeting.

Club Calendar

Sept. Meeting- Thursday Sept. 9th 6:30-8:00pm
 Steering Committee Tues. Sept. 14th Call Paul
 October Meeting- Thursday October 14th 6:30-8:00pm
 Steering Committee- Tues. October 19th Call Paul
 Meet 2nd Thursday of the month at Adventure Park
 10130 Gunn Ave, Whittier, CA 90605

August Show and Tell

