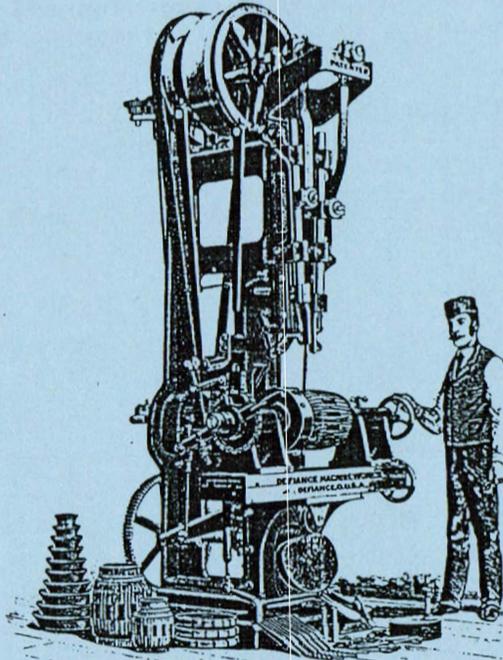


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AIMS

Promote the preservation, study and understanding of hand tools.

Encourage interest in, and better understanding of crafts and early industries in which these tools were used.

Discover, identify, classify, document, preserve and exhibit these tools - in particular special efforts are to be made regarding the documentation and preservation of Australian made tools.

Share this knowledge and understanding with others and with museums, pioneer villages, the National Trust and similar institutions.

Accomplish these aims in a spirit of fun and fellowship.

Editor - Nigel Lampert

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Secretary Frank Ham,

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STOP PRESS

Our records are being placed on computer which will help us to better maintain our member lists and services.

All members are requested to complete the enclosed form and send it to the Secretary by return mail. This is most important as our new mailing list will be based on your reply and we do not want any member to miss out on future mail.

Many thanks for your assistance.

Nigel Lampert
Editor

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Editor's Note

1. Contributions for our next issue are due by 15th Aug. 1990.
2. Articles about interesting finds will be included anonymously so that member's privacy is respected.
3. Please type contributions where possible and include suitable illustrations.
4. As it is your newsletter suggestions are welcomed, and the Editor will be pleased to assist contributors to prepare items including verbal contributions.

The Editor

Secretary's News

1. Sandhurst Trustees - Historic Tools

The historic collections of tools used by the Sweeney family of Bendigo in the building of this property are now on display at the Tramways museum in Bendigo. Our member Julian Rose prepared these tools for display. Any enquiries to Julian on (03) 859 1134.

2. Victorian Woodworker's Association

The VWA will hold an exhibition of work based on the theme "Circles, Triangles and Squares". This will be held at the Meat Market Craft Centre, North Melbourne, from July 13th to August 5th. For any further information contact -
Watson Cutter (03) 232 1647

3. Tool Collecting in North Island of New Zealand

In May I attended a conference in New Zealand and I took the opportunity to contact a few of the tool collectors there. In Auckland, the Vintage Tool Collectors Club has been established for two years. It has approximately 70 members and meets regularly in Auckland. The President is Alan Bottomly and the Secretary is Bob Stevens. I met them both and enjoyed lunch with them. Alan took me to his home and showed me his tool collection of some fine tools, including a Stanley 41 complete with fillester bed and a Stanley 196.

I found a couple of tool shops and acquired a Stanley smoother made in Brazil and a W.S. smoother with brass lever cap (made in Birmingham). A member of the Vintage Tool Collector's Club runs an antique shop "Memory Land" and has a selection of collectable tools. Other antique shops sometimes have tools for sale.

I then drove from Auckland to Wellington via Lake Taupo and Wanganui. Shops with tools of interest were found at the old Bank of New Zealand in Mangaweka and Wanganui.

In Wellington I visited Bob Goddard a member of HTPA and spent an hour or two examining his fine collection. Unfortunately I was not able to investigate tool shops in Wellington.

Since my return home I have received membership applications from three further New Zealanders.

4. Heritage Week Display

On Sunday April 23rd, at the start of Heritage Week, the Museum of Victoria and the National Trust asked us to help with a display of tools at the Spotswood Pumping Station. Thanks to volunteers from our membership, we were able to display a selection of tools from the Thomas Caine Collection including the pedal lather (restored by Kees Klep), pedal circular saw and pedal fret saw.

5. Unfinancial Members

Because of increased costs (mainly postage) it will be necessary to stop sending our Newsletter to unfinancial members. I hope we don't lose contact with any true tool enthusiast.

Frank Ham
Secretary

Future Meeting Notes

1. July Meeting - 17th July

This meeting will be held at 8.00 pm at the Meat Market Craft Centre. Wood Access Workshop, Blackwood Street, North Melbourne.

Richard Davidson will demonstrate the use and restoration of Wooden moulding planes. Some of you may have seen Richard in action at the launching of the New Technology Museum at the Spotswood pumping station. It should be a very interesting practical workshop evening.

Members are asked to bring along any moulding planes for identification or for advise in restoration and preservation. Also please bring along any other unusual or rare wooden planes or ones made of unusual timber.

Supper will be provided.

K. Kees
Programme Co-ordinator

NOTE: September meeting 18th September will be at the R.M.I.T. Patternmaking shops.

Further details in the next magazine.

2. October meeting - Family Day Activity - 14th October

On Sunday 14th October the association has arranged with club member Don Matthieson to visit his very interesting collection of woodworking tools and allied trades, these are well displayed in the shearers quarters on the property in Maindample. Don will also show us how to make axe handles. Directions are as follows:-

Travelling through Bonnie Doon to Maindample take the Benalla turn off. (

We plan to arrive there around lunch time for a BBQ or picnic lunch. A BBQ is available as well as hot water, but please bring your own eats etc. Could you please contact me as to numbers attending so as to give Don and his wife some idea re attendance.
Kees Klep

Report of May Meeting

This meeting was held at the business premises of Dolph Slykhuis in Mordialloc.

It had been hoped to have a guest speaker on boat building. As this did not eventuate our select group of a dozen or so squeezed into Dolph's display area where he

keeps many items relating to ship history. Dolph helped us spend a most enjoyable meeting by telling us about some of his current projects with the Polly Woodside as well as the museum he once had in Blackburn.

His "Old Trades museum" operated ahead of its time from 1976 to 1982 when it closed. He restored an historic cottage and used some of the space for club and folk dancing activities. However, the support was not enough and his unique display of blacksmith, wheelwright, cooper, carpenter, saddler, printer and other items was

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dismembered and sold. Some of his fond memories include his bike collection, treadle lathes and kitchen utensils. For those particularly interested Dolph has an excellent set of photographs available.

A copy of one of Dolph's original brochures is below. Dolph is to be congratulated for his outstanding efforts to preserve part of our trade heritage.

Old Trades Museum

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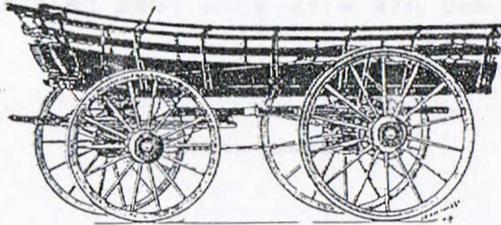
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