

May 2020 LC Newsletter

Hi Everyone,

The following is a bit of information, and I do mean a bit. 😊 There's not much to tell, since the club is still not open and no one knows when it will open. So, here goes:



General Meeting -the next mtg. Is scheduled for October 23rd. Not sure if this will really happen, but just in case.....

8:30 am - coffee & donuts

9:00 am - meeting begins

Item Sales - anyone wishing to sell items in the club, at the craft fairs or in the Village store **MUST** sign the 'sellers' list' posted in the clubroom and hanging on the bulletin board.

Fall Craft Fair: will be held on **November 7th, 2020**. Again this is **tentative** depending on the circumstances surrounding the virus.



The Fall Fair will be from **8am to 2pm**. Those selling MUST have signed the Rec Center required 2020 sellers sheet. It is posted on the bulletin board in the club. All paperwork, as well as information, is in the club.

- Directions for selling club items can also be found on our **website:** scwleathercarversclub.weebly.com

Pizza Party: Tentative date:

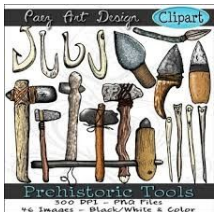
- **Thursday, November 5th**
- Usually held in the courtyard, but the facility will more than likely be under construction(not really sure there will still even be a courtyard) 😊 so if held, it will be in the clubroom.



Classes: TBA



- **New Members Classes:** are held on Saturdays from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.
- Please make new people feel welcome by not only being your friendly, fun selves, but also by answering questions and giving them a bit of guidance.
- We wish to thank all the volunteers who offer their time and talents teaching these classes. Without you, our club would not be such a success, so thank you all.



- **Tool Sharpening: TBA**
- **John Farrand** will offer a tool sharpening class at the club, but again sometime in the future when things are back to normal. We will let you know in advance.
- Here's what it would offer.
 - Class will last about 1 1/2 hours
 - There is no need to sign up, it will be open to everyone
 - He will demonstrate the basic principles as to how to sharpen our personal tools.
 - It's free
- **Bring tools** that you use to carve and tool your projects including swivel knives, trimmers, edgers, punches, and blades. In general, any tools you use. Sharp tools enhance our projects as well as making them easier to use.
- Bring any questions also.

This is a great opportunity, our club is very lucky to have a master, knowledgeable about the use and care of tools. You really should try to attend this class.

Room/Club Closure:



- All leather items were removed from the clubroom & window display prior to the closure. These have been locked in a secure cabinet.
- Items were removed as the room will be sanitized and we did not want any of the leather items ruined in the process.

Tandy: (as of March 17th)

- Go to their website to order

Website:

- The website: <http://scwleathercarversclub.weebly.com/> has been updated.
- 3 new videos on hand-stitching have been added. (Thought this might be helpful since we don't have access to the sewing machines.)
- If you have been working on projects at home, feel free to email me pictures for the web, so we can let people know you are still working on leather.

Sewing Machines: A Message from the John

As you may know, we had just taken delivery of our new Juki before the shutdown in March. And we immediately had a problem with the Safety Clutch that is used to protect the machine from damage if it gets jammed. A necessary feature for any machine I use. So we need to get it repaired once we are allowed to reopen.

So while we have been "grounded" I have been wanting to make some things here at home. But I was limited by what my Singer can sew. So I started looking for an alternative that could sew layers of leather without costing \$1500. On Amazon and eBay I came across the Chinese Shoe Patcher. It is a crude, hand-cranked sewing machine that costs about

\$140. So I ordered one from Amazon since they have free return shipping on this 25 pound machine. It did need some cleaning and tweaking upon arrival.



It comes with a worthless tripod stand so I made my own from wood. See the pictures. It is a cylinder arm machine with a walking foot with a rare feature. The walking foot can be rotated in any direction;

one can sew in any direction including 90 degrees from the usual direction of sewing. So just rotate the walking foot to point in the direction you wish to sew. This is something not even our Cobra can do.



There are lots of YouTube videos on all aspects of the machine. And there is an active user group on Facebook that has more that you want to know about this machine. I have read that somewhere on Youtube there is a video of someone sewing through the sidewall of a car tire. Why is a mystery.

I have been pleasantly surprised by the capabilities of this cheap machine. I have used size 69 thread with a size 18 needle. I have also used size 138 thread with a size 21 needle. I haven't tried to test the maximum



thickness of leather it can sew but I did sew through 3 layers of 5 oz oil tanned leather. It can use the same needle as a domestic Singer sewing machine but a 15x1LL needle type is more stout - a good thing for people like me that break needles. Stitch length is adjustable.



So if you are intrigued, check it out online and/or email me johnr4366@gmail.com

Dates to Remember:

- **May 10th** - Mother's Day

- June 6th - D Day
- June 21st - Father's Day
- July 4th - Independence Day
- August 15th - National Leather Day
- October 23rd - General Mtg. (tentative)
- November 7th - Fall Fair (tentative)
- December 7th - Pearl Harbor
- December 6th - Christmas party - RH Johnson (tentative)
- December 11th - General Mtg. 9:00 am
- December 25th - Christmas

Renewals:

This is just a reminder. If you are **not planning to renew** your membership this year, please let me know through an email pfischerpc@gmail.com

As you know, the club is closed for an indefinite amount of time due to the Coronavirus. But, we need to remind those not returning that you should have removed all items from your locker. If you did not, you must empty them in a timely manner after the club reopens.

If this is not possible please contact one of the officers who will see that your belongings are safely secured in another location for you to pick up.

If you are planning to **renew**, but haven't had the chance, please let us know this also.

We hope this newsletter finds you all well and taking the necessary precautions to keep you, your family, and friends safe.



Many of you may be considering traveling back to your home states for the summer. We wish you safe travels.

The Board

