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From the President

Well members the annual Be-In-It competition has come around again (1st May). I hope that you have all produced at least one item for entry. Don't forget to have your entries in early for judging, and bring your wives or husbands and family along so that they can share with us the quality of your works.

The Hands-On night is being supported by some members. The lathes are being well used by members wanting to learn how to develop new-found skill and it seems Steve Ross is having a good time passing on some of his skills to willing learners. The carving of our club sign is also progressing with a few members testing their skills and the sharpness of their chisels.

The club will be obtaining materials for the manufacture of saleable items for the Stringy Bark Festival, so more hands will be required to help with the making of these items. I trust we will see more members present at our next hands on night on the 9th May.

Progress is being made with respect to timing and venue of our club exhibition. It is intended to coincide with the Knox Stringy Bark Festival in late October and we hope to use Stamford House as our venue. I'm sure Fiona will be able to give us more detail at the meeting on Wednesday.

More good news for those of you intending to buy materials and tools. A number of traders have been approached with regard to special considerations for club members. Details of these negotiations will be announced at the meeting.

I wish to thank these companies for their

generous offers during these times of economic uncertainty.

ELECTRICITY

What Is It?

Now I reveal a well kept secret - everything you wanted to know about Electricity. Forget all about that nonsense about magnetic fields and the flow of electrons along a conductor, for it is just that, **NONSENSE**, a myth put about by Auto-Electricians to support their lavish lifestyle at your expense. The reality is . . . **SMOKE!!!** when you think about it, it all becomes startlingly obvious - smoke makes all electrical things function. **IF SMOKE ESCAPES, THE COMPONENT STOPS WORKING.** For example, the last time you had to grovel under the car to replace the starter motor, didn't it start smoking **BEFORE** it ceased working? Of course!

The wiring loom in your car carries smoke from one device to another, pumped around the system by the dynamo, and when the wire springs a leak it lets out all the smoke and everything stops. The starter motor requires a lot of smoke to work properly, so it has very thick wire going to it. The battery stores lots of smoke dissolved in the battery acid, which is why they were called accumulators, until it became apparent that we unwashed Home-Mechanics would twig to the secret. Naturally, if you try to dissolve too much smoke in your battery it will escape through the little holes in the top. That must be why those new fangled batteries with the sealed tops explode when they get too much smoke in them.

This explains why the authorities are so anxious for everyone to stop using cigarettes, obviously it is only a matter of

time before someone discovers how to harness that source of electricity and thereby do away with the need for government controlled electricity suppliers.

Author: I DUNNO WHO

(Is this guy related to that American TV show host?)

SYMTEC Lathe Demo

At the April meeting, members were treated to a demonstration of the SYMTEC Lathe. Lester Ham, the Victorian agent for this machine, showed members some of the many features available. Club members were invited to try their hand. Alf Stevens was "CONvinced" to take up the challenge. Alf produced a very convincing facsimile of a Coke bottle and at the same time provided light entertainment to the viewing audience by showering his "assistants" with shavings.

Further information about the SYMTEC range of products may be obtained from the Victorian Agent, Lester Ham, at:-
SYMTEC SALES Pty Ltd.
4 Kardella Close
Mill Park 3082
Phone (03) 436 5541

BUY, SELL or SWAP

FOR SALE or RENT - This Space
Since being asked to provide space in the newsletter for this topic I have NOT had one item submitted, therefore due to UNpopular demand this section will no longer appear without material.

Be-In-It Competition

As most members would know, the annual Be-In-It competition is upon us once again at the meeting on the 1st May.

There will be a category for the item (or is that items) that you have entered. We will cater for Carving, Turning, Cabinet-Making, Furniture etc. We will accept entries whether they are finished or not. So get busy and bring along your work.

One piece or several - WE WANT YOUR WORK ON THE 1st of MAY.

Don't forget, get your entry in before the formal meeting starts - as judging will be done at this time.

Tips, Traps & Trivia

Members may not be aware of some of the things that the committee are investigating on your behalf, so here is a list of some of the current topics:-

- Club Rooms
- Notice Boards
- Engraving of Club Property
- Name Badges
- First Aid Kit
- Magazine Subscriptions

If you have an item that is of concern to you or may be of interest or concern to other members, don't hesitate, bring it up at the meeting or discuss it with a committee member. YOU could even put it in the newsletter!!! So have a go.

Until next time
**HAPPY GLUEING and
SCREWING.**