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Beginning balance	\$397.96	President	John Osborne			
2006 dues income		V. President	Emil Cafarelli			
Non-dues income		Treasurer	Ken Hunt			
New balance	\$397.96	Editor	John Osborne			
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DUES: \$10/yr. check to <b>MDMC</b> c/o Ken Hunt,			Macomb Community College 14500 E 12 Mile Rd, Warren, MI			
			Room T-120 (parking off Martin Rd East of Bunert Rd <b>Next meeting: FEB 14, 2007 (2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of every month)</b>			
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Please pay careful attention to the yellow boxes (grey shaded boxes for the paper edition of the newsletter). These have important announcements you should consider. There are three yellow boxes this time. One is a reminder that the metal class is starting up again. Another deals with dues, which are now due. The last talks about elections. Run for office and influence the direction of the club.

**SHOW UP AT** 

## 4:00PM

# FOR THE NEXT MEETING...

If you are going to take the metal shop class this 3<sup>rd</sup> time it is offered. The class starts at 4:00, the meeting starts at 7:30, as always. The "Machine shop for Inventors and Craftsmen" class starts January 10<sup>th</sup>. Sign up by calling the school, going online or just show up at the first class with \$159 for this **15-week** extravaganza. *Materials are included*.

Some of us are regulars in this class, and that's because we like what is offered. We like giant band saw. Some of us cut up large stock for finishing later at home. We like the surface grinders, which few of us have at home. We like the assistance and experience of Dick Moreno, our instructor. As much as you think you know, Dick knows something you don't, guaranteed.

MINUTES John Osborne reporting. There were 19 members present. We again voiced our appreciation for last month's presentation from LocTite. I passed out LocTite brochures and application calculators left over from the last meeting. Rick Chownyk had a stack of tap and drill charts he passed out. I use mine all the time (it has all the metric info I need). Possession of the club book again changed and the last reader added to the chorus of those who say it is a fine and valuable book. We talked again about the club getting additional books and videos; everyone liked the idea. We talked about paying dues for the New Year. The treasury is in good shape due to careful handling of funds. John Lee mentioned that more members are getting the newsletter (our only club expense so far) by email and fewer by regular mail. We talked about reducing dues, but a vote was almost unanimous for keeping it at \$10 (and use the funds to get club books and videos). We talked about elections and decided to put that off to the next meeting. I urged the members to consider running for office. I do not intend to be Pres for a lifetime. I also complained about my difficulties in running the meeting, taking pictures, recording the minutes and writing it all up and laying out the newsletter. I offered to give all possible help to anyone interested in doing the newsletter (even as a backup to me). I asked if anyone wanted to know how I get the newsletter pieces to fit perfectly every time. James Howard took the bait and said he wanted to know. I said its done in Word with a few important tricks. Here is how: all the text is in boxes so the box can be stretched or squashed to make the text fill it. Changing the size of headlines can also find space or use it up. Pictures are cropped to throw out unneeded stuff, then sized and stretched or squashed till it fits. This distorts the pictures, but if done judiciously, the reader never knows. Every other publication is doing the same thing to you. I did for this edition, too. But you won't be able to prove it...

#### **DUES ARE DUE!**

Dues are a modest \$10 per year. For that, you get the newsletter delivered to you 12 times a year with all the latest info. And soon you will be able to borrow books and video tapes/CDs/DVDs that the club will purchase. **This is the last reminder:** if we do not get your dues, you won't get the very next newsletter. Bring dues with you to the meeting

(while Ken Hunt is in Florida). Make checks out to "Metro Detroit Metalworking Club" or our club bank account won't take it. We are listed as a non-profit organization.

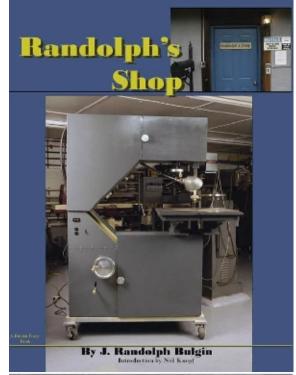
### **ELECTIONS**

Its time to decide who runs the club for the next year. I think our officers have done great jobs and may offer to stay on. I think we need a backup person for newsletter editor, or someone to serve as editor (then I can be the backup). We never missed a newsletter since the club reorganized, but it was close sometimes. Every office is up for election: President, VP, Editor, Treasurer, Webmaster, Publisher and possible new positions of Vice Editor and Librarian. Becoming an officer is a chance to grow, learn and make new friends. So come to the meeting with a nomination or an offer to serve or be ready to vote.

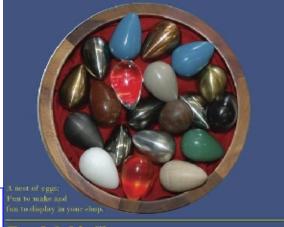
Rick Chownyk got up to tell us about his new job as a manual machinist in a small family-owned job shop. Rick gained some respect for one of his fellow workers when he used a MIG welder to back out a 6-32 tap that broke in the part. He welded to the broken tap, then added blob after blob of weld until it was above the surface, then welded a "T" on that. Pliers backed out the tap. There is no picture, but it was very small anyway.

Joe Pietsch recommended yet another book. I think the club needs a librarian and I nominate Joe. At least we could be sure he would read them all and review them for us. The 3 panels to the right show the front and back covers and a picture from inside. I lost the pictures I took at the meeting, but I had the ISBN number, so I found it on the Internet. The pictures are better than I took anyhow. Here are the details: Randolph's Shop, by J. Randolph Bulgin, ISBN# 9785475-0-0. It can be bought online at:

randolphsmachineshop.com for \$39.







#### Randolph's Shop

Welcome inside Randolph Bulgin's metal shop, which Neil Knopf, editor of The Home Shop Machiner and Idachinius Workshop, has called, "one of the finest home shops in the ration." Randolph takes a sensible and hamorous approach that will appeal to both the novice and the master craftsman and inspire readers, in Knopf's words. To believe in their two skills, to build upon their knowledge and to open new doors into the world of metal shop work."

