

METRO DETROIT METALWORKING CLUB				FEB '07	
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/Librarian	James Howard		
Expenses	-\$0.00	Publisher	John Lee		
Total on deposit	\$397.96	Webmaster	Dan Hittenmark		
DUES: \$10/yr. check to MDMC c/o Ken Hunt,			Macomb Community College 14500 E 12 Mile Rd, Warren, MI Room T-142 (parking off Martin Rd East of Bunert Rd Next meeting: MAR 14, 2007 (2nd Wed of every month)		

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE The upcoming meeting is on Valentine's day, so I won't be there. I know you guys said to "bring her to the meeting" but when I passed on your kind offer, it was politely declined. I'll see you next time. You need a break from me anyway.

MINUTES John Osborne reporting. There were 22 members present. We decided to keep the next meeting on Feb 14th (Valentine's Day) instead of confusing things by trying to change it.

I mentioned that elections were tonight, but wanted to do that later so I could push through my agenda before being voted out of office. There was quite a bit of grinning and chuckling. They seemed to know something...

We got yet another fine review of the club book, which led us into a discussion about the starting our club library. I passed around a copy of Home Shop Machinist so members could indicate which books they might like from the Village Press. James Howard offered to be the club Librarian as he said he has a long history of being a caretaker and organizer. His offer was immediately accepted. Support for the library is strong and growing. We thought about having a locked cabinet at the school, but don't know how to do that yet.



MINUTES continued... I mentioned it was time to pay dues again and 6 people paid up. Thanks. I got a check from another member in the mail.

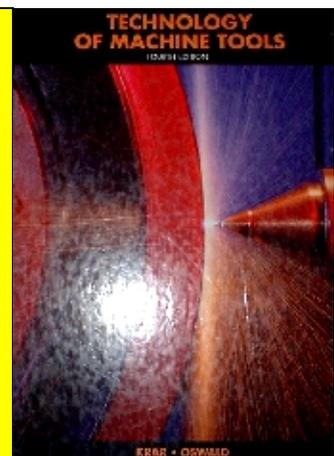
Then we had elections. There were no nominations and everyone now holding offices agreed to keep them.

James Howard had emailed me earlier that he would be glad to write the newsletter if I would lay it out. I gladly accepted his offer. He will begin with the next newsletter. I think this is a real plus for the club for two reasons: I find it difficult to run the meeting and take notes at the same time, and we really need a backup person (or two) to get the newsletter out every time. We haven't missed one yet. That reminds me: Brian Lawson, who got the newsletter started, but hasn't been seen for a while, may start showing up again soon. He had knee surgery and is now recovering. I always admired Brian's writing ability and I know others did, too.

BRING BOOKS (and stuff) TO THE NEXT MEETING!

To get out club library going fast and cheap, lets start with members donating books. Members mentioned bringing old copies of the Machinery's Handbook, old magazines and video tapes (or DVDs). So cull out your personal libraries. It makes room for books you want more, and the club gets it's library jump-started. The club thanks you in advance.

I will donate the book on the right. I found it by looking at www/biblio.com, a website with used books. It costs about \$5 to ship them, but \$80 books can be had for \$10. This could get us a lot of books for only a little money. Also consider books about manufacturing, gunsmithing, blacksmithing, foundry, etc.





Emil Cafarelli brought in parts of a model airplane to demonstrate the landing gear he made from scratch. That's not Emil in the picture, it's Earl, looking very intently at the landing gear. They retract, which is unusual. He made them by bending music wire with the tool pictured below, which he also made. Makes me wonder whether Emil is frugal or resourceful – or both...

Jerry Harmon sent me a note that the Yankee Air Museum will have a "polishing Party" on Saturday, March 31st. Its at the southside Hanger number 2 at 9:00am.



This is another CNC punch I built after the flood. The customer already had the hand punch I normally convert, so I built the rest of the system. The grey box has the interface, power supplies and stepper motor drivers.



We have had mild weather for a while, but it got us back in January. All the ice and the rain made for some spectacular scenery and even the Plymouth Ice Festival was not melted out this year. But here was a downside for me. The ice took down a lot of power lines in the night, included one that knocked out a few blocks that I was in. Water came in every crack in the basement because the sump pump needs electricity. I work in the basement, so I was out of action for 3 days. We finally borrowed a generator, did some quick rewiring and lived in reasonable comfort.