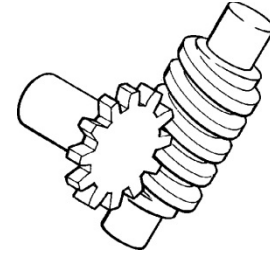


**METRO DETROIT
METALWORKING
CLUB
March 2014**



Club website: www.metrodetroitmetalworkers.com

Treasury report:

Balance: \$929.43

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Next meeting:

April 9, 2014, 7p.m.

Macomb County
Community College

Room R128

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General notices: As *most* everybody learned in time, last month's meeting was cancelled at the last minute due to bad weather. I sent out a notice using the same email list that I use for the monthly newsletters. Unfortunately, I had some omissions and typos in my email list and some members did not get the message in time.

I am taking some measures to make sure this doesn't happen again. At the April meeting I will pass around a membership list. Please check the accuracy of your contact information

on that list, particularly your email address. If you want information removed, just strike it out.

Please also consider providing me with your cell phone number (or note whether the one I already have is your home or cellular number). I know that not everybody has text service for their cell, but for those who do I *could* (with your permission) create a "text group" for sending urgent messages like last month's cancellation notice. This may be a better way to

communicate for those who do not check their email every day.

A few members mentioned that there was little use in cancelling meetings due to weather, and I think they make a good point. Those who do not want to brave the weather can simply stay home. *We are Michiganders, right?*

This newsletter will be quite short because the March, 2014 meeting was cancelled. However, there remains some news of events since that meeting to report – mostly, that Rick Chownyk and Steve Huck are *going Hollywood!* - Robert Farr, Secretary

MDMC's television debut: Steve Huck reporting: Through the MDMC website I was contacted by Randy Nunez to appear on a local cable access show. The show is called *Exploring Hobbies*.

The *Exploring Hobbies* show was started because of Randy's son's interest and skills in audio/video technology. Jason is a special needs child (autism) and they were interested in ways for him to learn more about this field as a possible career path.

After some research, they discovered [SWOCC Studios Public Access Television](#), which offers residents the

ability to learn how to make a television show that airs on one of the local cable channels. Brian Golden, Public Access Promotion Committee chairman, personally trained Jason and he is now certified to use the studio equipment. Jason works the control room and does all of the editing for the shows:



The show was taped at a studio in Farmington on Nine Mile Road, near Orchard Lake Road:



Well the idea of doing a show is to be asked questions and answer them with long drawn out answers so there was only one natural choice for a partner on this one. I called him and he immediately agreed to do the show with me. We showed up about a half hour early:



Into the studio we went and before I knew it, it was over and we were wrapping it up:



It was a really fun day and we got to help out a young man and his father so how can you beat that? The show will air in Farmington, Farmington Hills, and Novi. There are 40,000 subscribers so there is a good chance that some people will see it. The video can be viewed on YouTube:

[Exploring Hobbies – Metalworking](#)

A 32-minute DVD of the video will be shown at the April meeting, so make sure to show up and have a good laugh at our expense!

NAMES update: For those of our members who are not on the MDMC Yahoo newsgroup, I am reposting this message from Dave Zimmerman:

“I need to gather some information from our members for the NAMES exposition on April 26 and 27.”

“Please let me know if you are going to display some of your projects, so that I can reserve enough space for our club. We will have the same location that we've had for the past several years but I can only reserve contiguous tables for those who let me know. So far, I have one table for Rick, who is doing his CNC and casting seminars again.”

“Complimentary passes will be given to the volunteers who assist with set-up on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 22 and 23, and for knock-down on

Sunday evening, April 27. We will need the most help on Tuesday, if you can be available on that day. Please let me know what day(s) you will be able to help, so that we can provide nametags to acknowledge your assistance during the show.”

“More information is available on the [NAMES website](#).”

- Dave Zimmerman

MDMC library news: The Club’s presently modest library will gain an enormous resource soon through the generous donation of late member Bill Snowhook and his heirs. Bill was a prolific reader on many subjects and his personal library occupies eight (!) bookshelves of storage space.

Bill’s daughter, Katherine Crognale, is making arrangements to donate his library to the Club. Katherine will arrive in Michigan from Texas next week to begin packing the materials. Fortunately she is a librarian with significant experience in cataloging such collections!

Katherine expects that the collection will be ready for pickup between April 16th and April 29th. Steve Huck and I both have pickup trucks available to move the collection, but it might be nice to have some more help if you are able to carry box loads of books or push a hand cart. Please check your schedules and let us know

when you are available to help. Steve or I will get in touch with everyone once a clearer pickup date is known.

Steve and I both have the space needed to store Bill’s collection and neither of us are absent from Club meetings very often so “checking out” a book or magazine on a monthly basis will not be difficult. Steve is also centrally located in the tri-county area so perhaps access between meetings could be arranged as well. I have a lead on some sturdy shelving to store the collection. We can discuss the details at the April meeting - don’t miss it!

Steve and I had hoped to have Katherine join us at our April meeting so that she could meet the benefactors of her father’s donation in person. Unfortunately she will not arrive in Michigan in time, and does not expect that her workload will permit us to treat her to a visit to the NAMES show either.

We hope that Katherine’s schedule will change enough to permit a visit to NAMES. I will keep everybody posted. If it does please make time to come to the show, bring a project to share, and visit with Katherine for a while at the Club’s exhibitor area. She, her brother, and their father Bill Snowhook have made a very generous gift of this library and it is important they know how much we appreciate it. - Robert Farr