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2011 - Calendar-at-a-Glance

AUGUST

- 14 Hornblower Cruise
- 17 Executive Committee Meeting



SEPTEMBER

- 5 Labor Day
- 21 Executive Committee Meeting
- 23 First Day of Fall



OCTOBER

- 19 Executive Committee Meeting
- 21 Pizza Dinner
- 31 Halloween



NOVEMBER

- 16 Executive Committee Meeting
- 19 Bay Model Tour
- 24 Thanksgiving Day



You can also look for more details relating to events in the Admin article each month or in our announcements we send out.

Word Jumble

The object of this game is to unscramble the words and use the pointed out letters to solve the puzzle. Good Luck **DIFFICULTY LEVEL - EASY**

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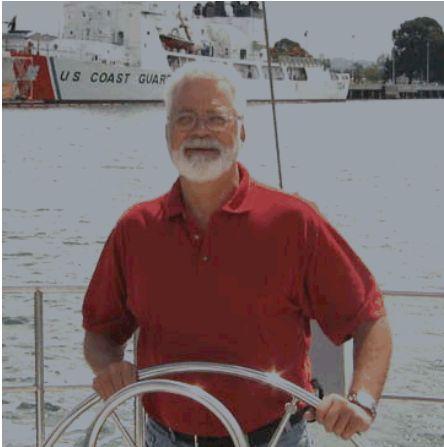
AZBUM ↑ ↑ _ _ _ _

The union felt they had been the victim of a _____ during their negotiations.

ANSWERS: Melody, Humorous, Fabulous, Delicious “Mellifluous”



Commander's Message



Gosh, it's hard to believe Summer is almost half over. I hope each and every one of you is having a great summer – including on-the-water activities.

It was wonderful to see the turnout for our annual picnic. Thanks, as always, to Lindy and Nancy Zink for doing such a great job hosting.

We recently adjusted our monthly Executive Committee meeting schedule to accommodate XCom members' vacation plans. Our next XCom meeting will not be until the very last day of August.

I mention this because it's time to start thinking about classes for the Fall, and there will be only one XCom meeting – the one on 31 August – before we would like to start classes.

We've had a wonderful influx of new members over the past year. What classes are *you* interested in taking? Piloting? Seamanship? Elective Courses such as the new Marine Communication Systems course?

We also have long-time members who are climbing USPS's educational ladder. What classes are *you* interested in taking? We'd like to teach Navigation sometime next year as a follow-up to the JN course we just taught (and perhaps catch some of those who took JN previously but have never taken N). Plus what Electives are *you* interested in?? Sail? Marine Communications Systems?

By the way, for those who may have missed it: The old Marine Electronics course has metamorphosed into three new courses: Marine Electrical Systems, Marine Communication Systems, and Marine Navigation Systems. That means that USPS now has *eight* Elective Courses – these three, Engine Maintenance (EM), Sail (SA), Weather (WE or WX), Cruise Planning (CP), and Instructor Development (ID). But the grade of Senior Navigator still only six electives, not all eight.

Watch for our social activities, too. Unfortunately, September's Sink or Swim Party has been canceled because host Steve Fisher will be recovering from surgery. Hopefully, though, we'll find an alternate. And don't forget our First Wednesday dinners every month. Maybe not an engaging speaker or an interesting tour, but a lot of fun socializing with other members.

Be in touch – SCPS’s leadership tries hard, but we’re not mindreaders. Don’t be afraid to ask, don’t be afraid to suggest and, most important, don’t be afraid to contribute. As the old saying goes, “life is like a sewer, you get out of it what you put into it.”

Lu

When do you know when it’s time to hang up your car keys?

When your dog has this look on his face.



How many of us have been in the same position as the dog.

Submitted by John Cassidy

Executive Officer



Member Update

Carol Munce, a long time member of our squadron, is currently in Mission Oaks Hospital recovering from a fall. During the fall, she unfortunately broke her hip, which has since been replaced via surgery. She expects to be released no sooner than Friday, 5 August, and welcomes visitors. She is in room 313 and I'm sure would love to hear from some friends, even just a call.

Wow, what a great turnout for the annual BBQ. We had thirty-two members attending as well as two special guests, the grand-daughters of Stan and Donna Tice. The event went without a hitch and I certainly hope everyone enjoyed themselves as much as we enjoyed hosting it. As advertised, it was a great opportunity for members to relax and enjoy each other's company. We had some good food and drinks and raffled off some nice prizes. If for some reason you were unable to attend this year's BBQ, don't worry, we'll do again next year.

As for other business, we continue to be the stand-out squadron in the district. Okay, maybe that's just my perspective, but I really think it is true. Thanks to Tim the Admin we have several activities throughout the year as well as our First Wednesday dinners. Lots of opportunity. Speaking of opportunity, we are always willing to take suggestions from members as to things they would like to see us do. So if you have a thought or two, don't hold back. Voice your suggestions by simply contacting Tim and he will do his best to schedule it. Opportunity will also soon be knocking in another manner. Very soon the nominating committee will be making those infamous calls asking you to volunteer to serve on the Bridge, or maybe a committee or maybe just assist with some event or two. This is your chance to get involved. So don't pass it up. Remember, we are a volunteer organization and for us to succeed we need you to volunteer.

I also wanted to take this time to bid farewell to a long time friend of our Squadron and friend to many members, Rose Hinders. Rose passed away recently and will surely be missed. Her never ending smile and her open arms were always ready during any activity we or the district put on. It is sad to think of anyone leaving family and friends behind but rest assured, her memory will never be forgotten. Thanks Rose for all of those great memories that you and Dave provided us.

Lindy

From the Admin



NEXT SQUADRON EVENT

What: Hornblower Cruise

When: Sunday, 14 August

Where: San Francisco

July was quite a month for the Squadron. Not only did we enjoy the very well attended District Cruise Out in Rio Vista but we also had a spectacular time at our Annual Summer Picnic. Look in the Bell for the photos and you'll see many of your Squadron friends enjoying the peerless hospitality of Keri, Nancy and Lindy Zink at their beautiful home in west San Jose. The weather was perfect, the chicken and links were delicious and a splendid time was had by all! Thank you Keri, Lindy and Nancy!

Summer time is fun time and we have some enjoyable activities on this month's calendar. For those of you who haven't had the opportunity to join us lately, please do! You'll see some new faces and some wonderful places as we continue to explore the rich heritage and nautical culture of the most popular tourist destination on the planet...the San Francisco Bay Area.

First up on our activity schedule is a visit to Pete's Harbor in Redwood City. We will be meeting for our Wednesday Night Dinner on 3 August, at the Waterfront Restaurant, 1 Uccelli Boulevard in Redwood City. This restaurant is on the water and we will be enjoying a relaxed meal on the rooftop deck. Dress casually and plan to relax for an hour or two as we watch the sun set in the west. The view of the bay's shore and costal mountains is quite pretty and Pete's has a full bar for appropriate summer beverage accompaniments.

Moving ahead to mid-August, we will be taking a brunch cruise on with the Hornblower fleet on Sunday, 14 August at 11:00 AM for a brunch cruise. A flier will be sent soon with greater detail. If you do call the Hornblower for a reservation, do let them know that you will be with the Santa Clara Power Squadron as the crew makes table assignments in advance. Please indicate that you are a member of the Santa Clara Power Squadron, Account #M43415-1. A discount of 10% is available for those of us who are over the age of 55, phone number 415-788-8866. The breakfast served is endless, the champagne is provided in bottomless glasses and the leisurely cruise along on the bay provides a wonderful morning and early afternoon treat for the eyes.

Should you have any questions, please contact Tim the Admin at 408-391-2430 or t.ellenberger@sbcglobal.net.



***Santa Clara Power Squadron
2011 Activities Calendar***

***August 3 Wednesday Night Dinner
August 14 Hornblower Sunday Brunch Cruise – SF***

***September 7 Wednesday Night Dinner
September 17 Sink or Swim Party (date tentative)***

***October 5 Wednesday Night Dinner
October 21 Pizza Party!***

***November 2 Wednesday Night Dinner
November 19 Bay Model Tour Sausalito***

December 10 Holiday Banquet – San Jose Fish Market

IT'S GOING TO BE A FUN YEAR!

Ship's Store

Squadron Logo clothing will again be available soon.

Shirley & Les, the owners of the Embroidery Factory are retiring. They have sold their business to Pirates Lair, Inc. and I have contacted them for a price list and catalog and will bring it to the next event... Carrie

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Boating Trivia Questions

From which country was Prince Henry the Navigator?

What does the Pimsoll line on a ship indicate?

In which ship did Jason seek the Golden Fleece?

What is the oldest commissioned ship in the U. S. Navy?

What is the normal length of a watch at sea?

Answers:

Portugal

The level the water should reach when the ship is properly loaded.

The Argo

USS Constitution

Four hours

Thanks to the Mercury News Super Quiz for these questions.

From the Treasurer



USELESS KNOWLEDGE

Charlie Chaplin once won third prize in a Charlie Chaplin look-alike contest.

I wonder what the winner thought?

THE YACHT *PET*, BALTIC SEA, AUGUST 16, 1855

The straight course from the Gulf of Finland to Stockholm is pretty free from dangers, but to the northward are the Bogskaren rocks, and ill-omened name and to the south the Koparsten, a most dangerous reef. Between these is a clear fair way of many leagues, but the compass cannot be trusted implicitly, and the charts allow too much variation (9 degrees I believe is correct, somewhat less than a point); besides this, currents are strong and treacherous. These reasons induced us to heave our vessel to and lie safe and quiet during the tremendous squalls which raged at intervals through the night. The sea was very heavy but the vessel was as easy as if in a snug roadstead, our cabin was dry and comfortable, and we made the best weather of it as well we could.

Robert Edger Hughes

One of the best temporary cures for pride and affection is seasickness.

Henry Wheeler Shaw

August 31, 1763

The British Royal Navy board recommended the application of copper sheets to the bottom of ships to combat worms; by 1780, all ships of the navy were copper-bottomed.

We remain solvent.

DeWayn Meek, treasurer

From the SEO



Your SEO has little to report during this summer. Our September public boating class will commence Tuesday evening, 9/27/2011 at Wilcox High School in Santa Clara. Class begins at 7 PM.

A member class for Piloting is in the works but at present, no date or location has been established.

Visit the USPS Education Department at <http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/main.htm> for course detailed descriptions.

Safety Alert: Kidde fire extinguisher recall-Approximately 160,000 extinguishers could lose pressure and fail to operate.

Description of Affected Item:

XL Models: FX340SC, FX340H, FX340GW, XL5MR, FX210R, FX340SC-2, FX210W, XL2.5TCZ-4, E-340-3

Location of Manufacture: Mexico

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Nautical humor for August

Mooring:

The act of bringing a boat to a complete stop in a relatively protected coastal area in such a fashion that it can be sailed away again in less than one week's time by the same number of people who moored it without heavy equipment and no more than \$100 in repairs.

http://www.yachting-life.net/new%20index/frames3/jokes_frame.htm

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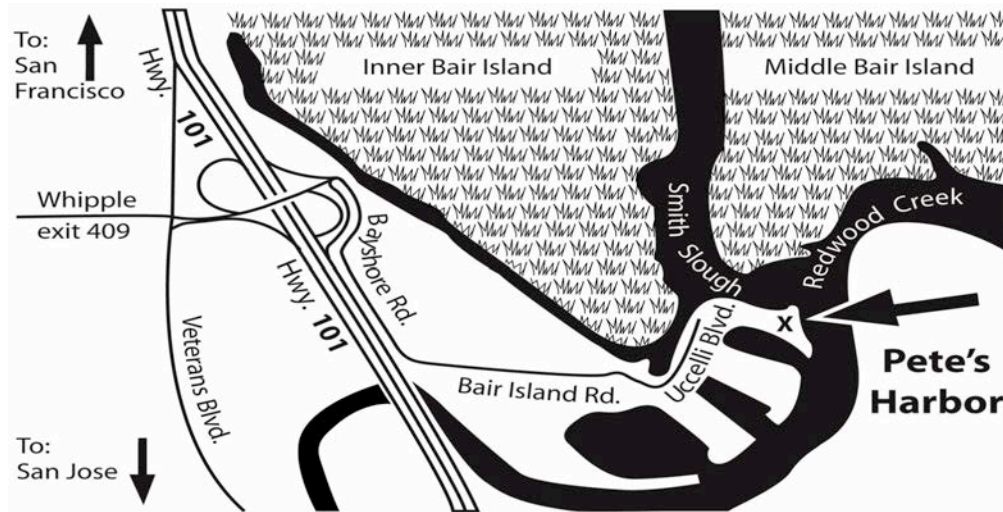
First Wednesday Dinner

DINNER, 3 AUGUST at 6:30 PM

Waterfront Restaurant

Pete's Harbor

1 Uccelli Boulevard
Redwood City



Join the Squad at the Waterfront Restaurant in Redwood City for a friendly dinner on the rooftop deck. We'll be gathering at 6:30 PM to allow a little extra travel time and we will enjoy a great view, a good meal and of course the company of good friends. The Waterfront, a local favorite of many years standing, isn't fancy so feel free to dress casually. For those of you who have a Squadron shirt in your closet, I encourage you to wear it along with your nametag.

Please contact Tim the Admin at 408-391-2430 or t.ellenberger@sbcglobal.net and let him know you'll be there.

Classroom Space Needed

Over the years SCPS has taught its member classes in various venues. We used a conference room in Valley Medical Center for many years. Then post-9/11 security measures at Valley Med prohibited outside groups from using the facility.

Fortunately, the late Paul Shaimas discovered that Santa Clara County had some conference rooms in the Sheriff's Building and we started teaching classes there. But the wonderful, large conference room was turned into a fingerprint center and we're squeezed into a small conference room.

Worse, we're not sure how long we will still be able to use the conference room in the Sheriff's building. And it would sure be nice to be able to offer two courses simultaneously, as we did during the Spring, where we offered both Junior Navigation and Marine Electrical Systems.

Many libraries, senior centers, and other government-run facilities offer space, but they often charge for it. Typical costs are \$100/night, which is an enormous tab to pay over the life of a 13 week course!

So here's a challenge: if you know of any facility that might allow us to use a conference room or classroom evenings for free, please let Lu Abel know. Some possibilities might be government facilities that don't have a usage charge, local businesses (banks, real estate agencies, etc) or a company. We'd be especially interested in facilities that already have computer projectors.

Member education is one of USPS's strongest benefits. Please help us continue to make this so by helping us find classrooms!

Thanks,

Lu Abel

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

27 July 2011

- Meeting called to order at 1924 and quorum established
- Minutes of the June meeting, as sent out by acting secretary Lu Abel, were approved.
- Investigating the ABC registration-by-email issue. Webmaster Dennis Parker cautions against doing anything to “break” the web site since USPS web sites are judged this time of year.
- Rules Committee: Still working on revised Bylaws.
- We are solvent. In fact, revenues are \$200 ahead of expenses, but noted that much of our dues income comes in April, May, and June.
- Voted to donate \$200 to Huntington’s Disease Society of American in memory of P/C, P/D/C, and P/V/C Dave Hinders’ wife, Rose.
- Voted to donate \$1 per member to USPS’s Educational Fund.
- Hornblower Brunch all set for 14 August. Flyer about to be sent out.
- Sink or Swim party scheduled for September canceled due to the fact that host Steve Fisher will be recovering from surgery.
- First Wednesday dinner for August will be at Pete’s Harbor in Redwood City.
- Need host for Sept First Wednesday dinner.
- Concern was expressed about classroom for our classes now that Lindy has retired from Sheriff’s Office. Steve Fisher said he would contact Wilcox HS to see if we could get classroom space for member courses. Will also publish a note in The Bell.
- CPR instructor is not available in August. Discussing September dates with her.
- Fall Jack London Boat Show is scheduled for same time as Greensboro (NC) national meeting causing conflict for many district leaders. Need to start recruiting people to staff the booth now.
- The next XCom meeting will be held Wednesday, 31 August at the Sheriff’s Building.
- Meeting adjourned at 2023.

Monthly Riddle

Stephen is holding six chocolate chip cookies in his hands. You walk along and he gives you two of the cookies. How many cookies did Stephen have?

Answer is located on Editor's page.

Just for Humor

True Redneck Tube Top!!!!

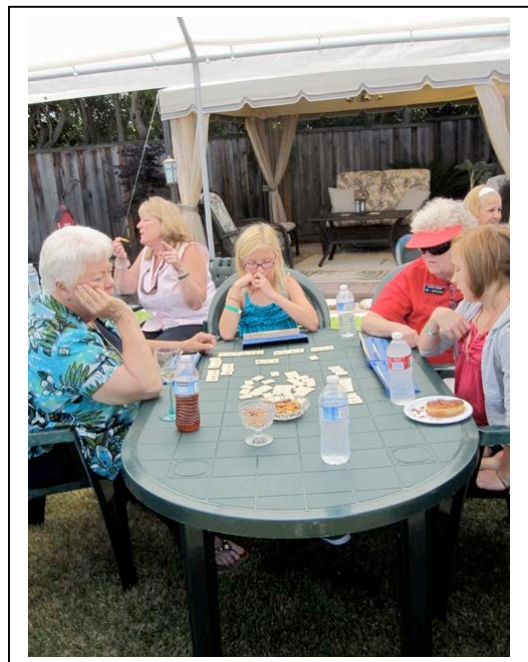
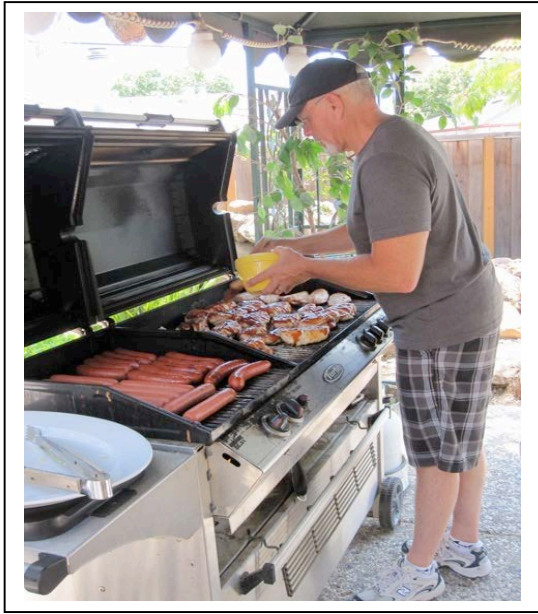
This was taken in front of the Gardendale, Alabama Wal-Mart, where the young lady was shopping at the Flea market.

Look at it closely.



Now I ask you... Who stands and looks at a pair of men's briefs and says hmmm.... I can make me a nice summer top from these?!! On the other hand... \$6 for a three pack is a good price!! But what if they weren't bought new? That's redneck recycling at its best. Don't throw out yer feller's drawers no more. Just cut the crotch out and wear 'em. How very Green! Al Gore would be proud.

Picnic Photos



See our web site for more photos.



RECIPE EXCHANGE

BBQ PORK RIBS

Prep Time: 30 Min
Cook Time: 1 Hr 30 Min
Ready In: 2 Hrs
Servers: 4



“Country-style ribs are cut from the loin shoulder end, one of the leanest areas of pork. These ribs are seasoned, boiled until tender, then baked with your favorite barbeque sauce. That's it! Back to simplicity, back to the country life. Sigh.”

Ingredients:

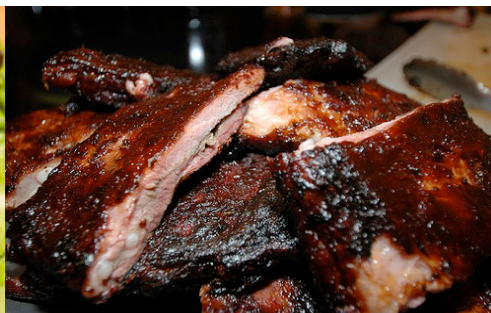
- 2 1/2 pounds country style pork ribs
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons salt

Directions:

1. Place ribs in a large pot with enough water to cover. Season with garlic powder, black pepper and salt. Bring water to a boil, and cook ribs until tender.
2. Preheat oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C)
3. Remove ribs from pot, and place them in a 9x13 inch baking dish. Pour barbeque sauce over ribs. Cover dish with aluminum foil, and bake in the preheated oven for 1 to 1 1/2 hours, or until internal temperature of pork has reached 160 degrees F (70 degrees C).

Serve:

w/tossed green salad, potato salad, or macaroni salad, corn on cob and plenty of paper towels. **For desert**, one of the desert recipe's featured in the past Bell.





RECIPE EXCHANGE GRILLED TRI-TIP

Total Time: 6 hr 50 min

Prep Time: 15 min

Inactive: 6 hr

Cook Time: 35 min

Yield: 6 to 8 servings



Ingredients:

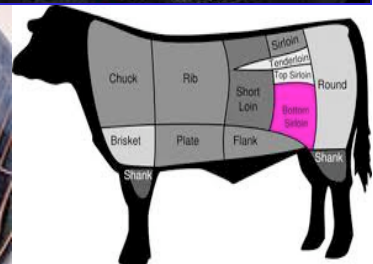
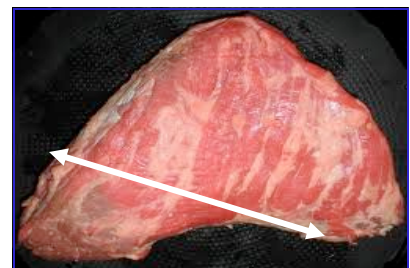
- 1 cup lemon juice
 - 1 cup soy bean oil
 - 1/2 cup white sugar
 - 1/2 cup soy sauce
 - 1/2 cup black pepper
 - 1/2 cup garlic salt (recommended: Lawry's)
 - 1/2 cup chopped garlic
 - 1/2 cup chopped dried onions
- 2 (4-pound) tri-tips, trimmed

Directions:

To make the marinade, mix all of the ingredients except for the beef in a large mixing bowl. Place the trimmed tri-tips in a plastic container or large bowl and pour the marinade over. Cover, let stand in the refrigerator for at least 6 hours. Heat grill to medium temperature.

Place tri-tips on grill and cook about 35 minutes, or until cooked to desired doneness. Remove the tri-tips from the grill and let rest about 2 to 5 minutes before slicing. Serve with your favorite side dishes.

There has been a lot of controversy on how to slice a Tri-tip. Have always cut across the grain at a 45 degree angle for larger slices and tenderness. Try it yourself, slice several across the grain, then several with. Taste each.





SAFETY TIPS



Use Them



Wear Them



Tool Storage

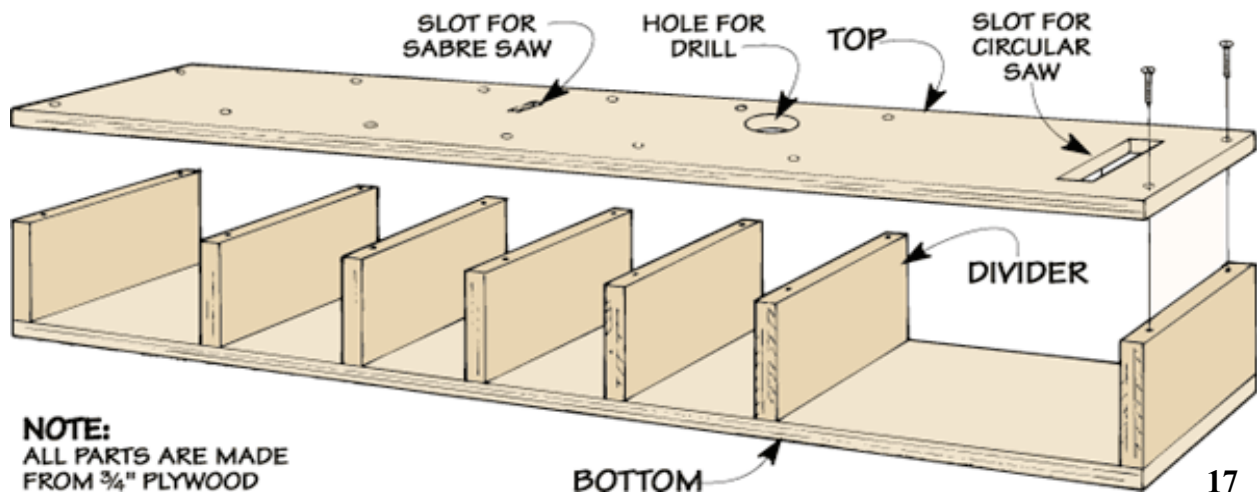


Keeping power tools organized and within easy reach in my shop used to be a hassle. They were usually scattered around the shop or in a messy pile on my bench. To solve these problems, I built a handy shelf. Besides providing storage, this tool shelf solves another nagging problem as well — it keeps the power cords from getting tangled up like spaghetti. Each power cord fits in a separate compartment directly below the tool, as you can see in the photo at top.

These compartments are formed by a number of dividers that are sandwiched between a top and bottom, as shown in the drawing at bottom. The location of the dividers is determined by the amount of space each tool requires.

One last thing - not all tools will rest flat on the shelf. I modified the top as needed by cutting slots or drilling holes for some of the tools.

Here is a detail view below. As you can see in the top picture, the box is attached to the studs on the garage wall.



From The Editors



If you have a suggestion or something that you would like to see in The Bell or if you have an article, please send it to us via our e-mail. Lindyzink@hotmail.com



RIDDLE ANSWER

Six cookies. Pay attention to the word DID.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

Where there is love, there is life.

Mahatma Gandhi