



Sheddies' Chatter

The Men's Shed (North Shore) Trust

Welcome to the September 2016 Edition of Sheddies' Chatter.

First, an apology: I made an error with the date on last month's Sheddies' Chatter and put September instead of August. Also, it appears that some of you may have received it late, We're not sure what happened there. The August Newsletter has since been re-distributed in case anyone missed out.

It's been a really busy month at The Shed. Lots of projects underway, new members joining and some keen volunteers learning to use the Tormek Grinder.

Trying something new this time; thought we'd try and feature a Member each month, detailing their interests and involvement with The Shed.

We're sure you all will be able to think of someone interesting at The Shed we can feature, or you may wish to send in something about yourself. Don't be shy! All it needs is a name and a contact and we can fill in the details.

Kaipatiki Local Board Meeting

On 14th Sept, Larry Klassen and Ross Miller attended the Kaipatiki Local Board Meeting and provided the board with an update on the Shed.

Larry was pleased to report that they were warmly welcomed and that our efforts in the community are appreciated. Well done guys!

The key items of interest to the Kaipatiki Local Board were:

- Almost 70% of the work at the Shed is for the community
- The Engineering Extension has been a great success along with reorganisation of the Woodwork area
- Our membership numbers are stable (natural churn)
- We have increased our weekly operating hours by 33%
- We are looking forward, and progressing with the Electronics Workshop Extension
- The inclusion of modern technologies (digital technologies) keeps us relevant to a wider range of demographics, and facilitates inter-generational workgroups

The item after our presentation was the lease of additional space for the Electronics Extension, which received support from the board.

Community Projects

The new Santa Sleigh for the Kaipatiki Community Facilities Trust has been the major focus, but there are a number of community projects under consideration.

See Dave Wardlaw or Winston Garnett if you are interested in becoming involved in projects any projects in the future.

Sailing Dinghy Kitset for Sale

The Men's Shed has a kit to build a Rothmans Class Father and Son Multi-purpose Dinghy.

We are unsure of how complete the kit is - but it appears to be 95% complete (i.e. almost all the parts are there) and comes with the necessary stainless fittings and a P class mast that could be adapted to the dinghy.

If you are interested in this kit, make us an offer!



(Not actual Photo)

New Shed Hours

At the latest Board meeting, it was decided that the Shed will now close at 2:00pm on Fridays and Saturdays due to the low levels of attendance.

Revised hours:

Mon, Wed: 9:00am - 4:00pm

Fri, Sat: 9:00am - 2:00pm

Christmas Holidays

The Men's Shed North Shore Will close at 4:00pm Wed 21st Dec and will reopen on Mon 16th Jan 2017 at 9:00am

The Men's Shed North Shore On-line

Are you on Facebook? You don't need to belong to Facebook to check out our Facebook page, but do if you want to comment etc. Click on the link below to go to the page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Mens-Shed-North-Shore-214684608553333/>

Also, check out our website:

<http://www.mensshednorthshore.org.nz/>

Send your ideas, photos, comments or contributions to:

editor@mensshednorthshore.org.nz see me at The Shed, or phone 027 264 1932

Stop Press!

Santa spotted at The Men's Shed

This week Santa was spotted taking time out from his busy schedule to check on the progress of his new Sleigh at the Men's Shed.

Santa's Elves Winston and Bernard have been busy building it with the help of other Sheddies. It's looking really good and Santa was very impressed.

Hopefully there'll be extra pressies for the Elves this year. They certainly deserve it!



Dulux Sample Boxes

These are well under way.

Left:

Ross, Jim and Trevor busy assembling the sample boxes.

Tormek Grinder

5 new members are currently learning to use the grinder. They will not only be able to help keep the Shed's tools in tip top condition, they will be able to sharpen tools and knives etc. for members for a small donation.

Below Left:

Tony tries his hand at sharpening Mum's favorite knife.

Below Right:

Waghi sets up a plane blade for sharpening



What I do: Robert Denize

8mm Home Movie Film Conversion to Digital Video.

You've all probably seen Robert Denize tinkering away with his projectors in the tiny little electronics room. (Hopefully it will be extended soon.)

When he wanted to convert his boxes of home movies shot on Super 8mm film, Robert despaired at the cost of having them done commercially.

"It cannot be that difficult to combine a movie projector with a Digital Video Camera to get good results," thought he.

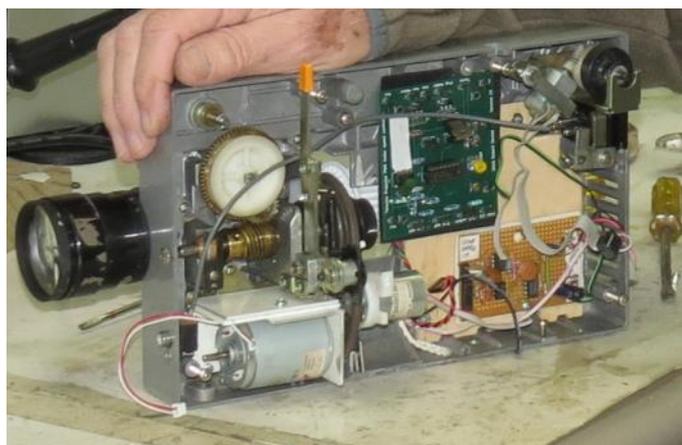
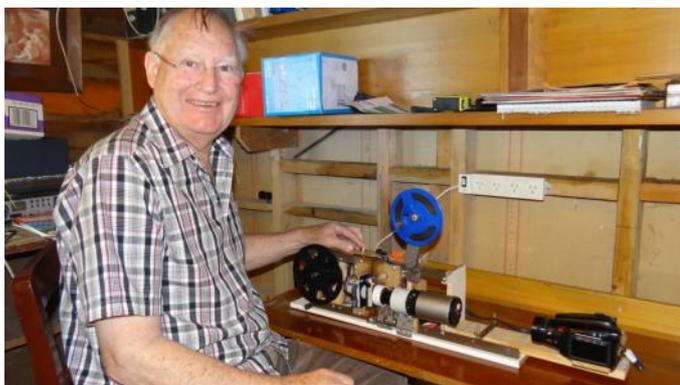
Being a perfectionist, he could not abide having any artefacts showing up in the final result. This meant that the film and video frame rate had to be in lock-step and the optical light path had to be direct without any screens between the film and the video camera.

Some years of tinkering resulted in a combination of Movie Projector, Optical Aerial image, Digital Video Camera recording, Electronics and Video Editing software to bind it all together.

The result is a Telecine Chain.

Why would one want to do such a thing to one's home movies? For one thing, although it is nostalgic to get the old 8mm projector out and feed movie films through it, the projector probably has a failed lamp, the take-up reel is missing, or it is daylight and the room has too much light to see the projected image on the wall paper. Also, the old reels have probably not been labelled correctly and now you have to wait for the 200' plus reel to feed through before putting another on.

So you give up and think you will show them another day!



With a Digital Video copy of the above movie films, it is easy to put a DVD into a player or computer, select the film desired on a choice displayed on the screen, and hit play.. Uninteresting parts - use fast forward. Like to see that shot again - rewind and hit play again, study a frame with Aunt 'Marge', hit pause and no hole is burnt into the film.

Ease of making duplicates.

It is easy to make copies of a Digital Video file. These copies can be stored in safe locations and copies can be sent to other interested parties (Children, etc).

Editing and enhancing the movie.

Once the Movie film is transferred into a digital video file, it can now be used to add other information, for example: titles, annotations, background music, sound effects, voice-over commentary, and so on.

There is a whole new world of presentation possible with your home movies transferred to Digital Video.

Men' Shed resources.

Robert finds that the Electronics room and equipment resources available to him at the Men's Shed have given him the means to build his Telecine machines to not only convert Standard 8mm and Super 8mm film but also other formats.

He is in the process of rebuilding his machines to make them sturdy and reliable.

Robert will convert movies for a small fee. If you have any "Fractured Flickers" you would like converted to digital, have a chat with Robert to see if he can help.

Many thanks to Robert for supplying his story.

Above left:

Robert with a Telecine machine ready to do a transfer.

Photo: Robert Denize

Below Left:

Inside one of Robert's modified projectors

Help make this a Regular Feature

There must be many members out there whose interests, hobbies or skills would make an interesting article.

Simply contact the Editor if you think you or someone you know would have an interesting story. You can either submit the full story, a rough outline or just mention a name. No one's story will be published without their permission.

Contact Roger Curl: 027 264 1932

Or email: editor@mensshednorthshore.org.nz



Constellation Hobbies

There is a new retail Hobbies Shop 5 - 6 min from the Shed. Owner Peter Davison, who has been in the industry for ten years, finally decided to set up his own business. The shop, **Constellation Hobbies** is situated in unit 5 145 Unsworth Drive, Unsworth Heights. It is across the road from the Z Service Station and almost next door to Greenwich Gardens Retirement Village Gateway. Open Hours:
 Monday 2:00pm to 5:30pm
 Tues thru Friday 9:30am to 5:30pm
 Saturday 9:00am to 5:00pm
 Sunday 10am to 4pm
 Peter has a large range of items on show. He buys and sells new and used collectible toys. You are welcome to pop in and take a look around.

Take this copy of Sheddies Chatter with you and Peter will reward you with a discount on your purchase. There is ample parking right outside the door. www.constellationhobbies.co.nz

The Silent Treatment

A man and his wife were having some problems at home and were giving each other the silent treatment. Suddenly the man realised that the next day he would need his wife to wake him at 5:00 am for an early morning business flight. Not wanting to be the first to break the silence, (and LOSE!) he wrote on a piece of paper, 'Please wake me at 5:00 am.' He left it where he knew she would find it. The next morning the man woke up, only to discover it had gone 9:00 am and he had missed his flight.

Furious, he was about to go to see why his wife hadn't woken him when he noticed a piece of paper by the bed. The paper said, 'It is 5:00 am. Wake up.'

Men are not equipped for these kinds of contests!

Wood Carving Tools Wanted

There seems to be a bit of interest by some members in doing a bit of wood carving.

Does anyone have any spare woodcarving tools that they wood like to donate to The Shed? The only ones we have are light finishing tools, but we need something a bit more grunty.

If so, please contact Roger Curl: 027 264 1932

Or email: editor@mensshednorthshore.org.nz



New member John tries his hand his hand at wood carving

New Members:

Welcome to the following new members who have joined the North Shore Men's Shed since the August edition of Sheddies' Chatter:

Anson Kong, Song Chen, Warren Deason, Holm Meihlbradt John Neale, Caroline Neale, Dave Lamb and Ian Robertson

Please make them welcome when you see them.

October BBQ All Welcome



The October barbeque will be at 12:00pm on Wed 12th Oct. Sausages and bread will be provided. Feel free to bring your own salads, desserts etc. to share. Guests welcome.

Don't forget to bring your gold coin donation to cover costs and put it in the appropriate dish.



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