

**Hackberry Heckler
XLII
February 2023
Hackberry Men's Shed,
Carleton Place, Ontario.**

***** FIELD REPORTS *****



A few more shots from our Raspberry JAM



***** PROJECTS *****



We thought this clock might give someone an idea. Let us know what all of the angles are once you've figured it out!

Gord D. Sent in the following picture, noting it has now survived three munchkins and he still has the Lee Valley plans if you needed to borrow them!



Terry A. sent along the following picture of a Dice Vault, one of two commissioned by his youngest daughter who did the delicate woodburning design on the lid and the Morse code on the sides.. These are designed to hold the seven dice used in the Dungeons and Dragons game with magnets to hold the lid in place. Kept my wee lad busy for hours;

before that it was Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego. Long before the web you had to get out the Encyclopaedias if you wanted to know what country's flag was blue, yellow and green?



Another gem from **Gord D.** which he pulled from his pocket at breakfast >>>

*****TOOLS*****

Geoff turned up at the Arena on Tuesday night with a couple of wet stones he's donating to the Shed. He was determined to demonstrate how to sharpen the edge on wooden plane. His roller which bolted to the plane had a small arm to set the angles. Lee Valley have a similar device for holding chisels but sans arm. All was going exceedingly well until Doug leaned over to pour a tad more water onto the stone ...



Legend has it this whetstone stone, in London, was used by soldiers on their march towards High Barnet in preparation for the battle of Barnet in 1471.



***** FACILITIES *****

***** MISCELLANEOUS *****

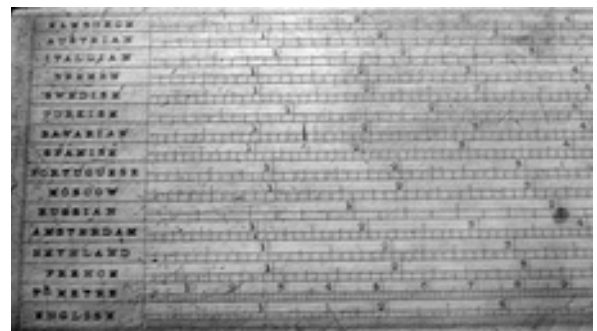
At the Rapberry JAM, **Terry A.** Noticed some missing keys on the old Norpak keyboard. Why else would he have stored a collection of such for the last 40 years. The miracle being of course he could actually find them.

I was reminded of my jam jar collection of brackets,

amongst them is a few crunched M-brackets with initially no idea what they were for. Until, that is, I had to mount a couple of large wirewound resistors in my CNC power supply. Here you see a 600 ohm pending installment, The brackets fit inside the ends holding it away from the panel, with 6-32 bolts for installation. How's your bracket collection doing?



A ways back, many a town had it's own definition of length, often mortered into the walls of the Town Hall as a brass plate with two pins:



Paul S. was recollecting, over coffee, that he once had to build some weaving shuttles for a company in Eastern Germany which were based on Saxon Inches. I'm not sure these are even a faint memory of mine so I had to look it up on Wikipedia and the like. Something like a Saxon inch was only 23.598 mm.



(Munster: Prussuan Half Rod)

Does this explain why my continental made socks never fit!

Snow Load on 4th March was around 21 inches. The gauge (page-1) is marked every 4" but the red ink hasn't survived the setting sun. I should have used black. Maybe for the next one I'll engrave it in wood.

We recently read in a science magazine that one of the clams examined, Ocean Quahog Islandica, turned out to be 507 years old. Let's hope she survived to reach 508!

The male mosquito might beat his wings at 600 Hz while the larger female is more like 400 Hz. If they are getting together they try to match up so he's on the same 'wavelength'. That would be ($\lambda = v/f$) or anywhere between 57 cm and 33 inches. Scary!

Alzheimer's aint so bad, you make new friends every day.

*** MEMBERSHIP ***

Please welcome **Mark Sloan** to our shed. He turned up at the Arena on Sign-Up night.

*** MEN'S SHEDS ONTARIO ***

Our MSO Operations Team met last night and two highlights of the meeting were that the \$10k grant through HelpAge Canada has been approved. This means that Nick Fry from the Naismith Shed and I will be busy this summer.



It also means that, since the grant's purpose is to expand and strengthen Shedding in Ontario, we'd like to use a bit of it to supply publicity items for Member Sheds such as brochures, a banner, business cards etc where wanted.

We also have put in motion a plan to have an all Ontario In-Person Roundup some time this summer, with each Shed invited to have a booth displayin their wares etc and milk it for as much publicity as possible and end the day with a BBQ. **John P.**

*** WEB ***

For a musical interlude might we suggest Lit'l Abner and the Gershwin Documentary, both found on YouTube.

Electric Boat: hopefully that's a Solar panel on the roof:
<https://voltarielectric.com/en-ca>

Torroidal propeller:
<https://newatlas.com/aircraft/toroidal-quiet-propellers/>

Sounds like something you need if there's an RV in our driveway and you need the temperature of the back axle!
<https://hackaday.com/2023/03/09/rv-bridge-takes-homekit-to-the-open-road/>

*** ARCHIVES ***

As far as we can make out the first Heckler appeared in August 2020. It was un-numbered but the September edition was identified as XX2. All went swimmingly up to June 2021, marked XX11 (one-one) afterwhich we appear to have switched to full ROMAN numerals because the July 2021 edition is marked XXIII. One might assume that's the 23 edition whereas it's only the 12th. So if you need to know where we are at you just subtract XI! Today's is really XLII – XI, really!

*** CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS ***

With thanks to those who've seen fit to send in photographs, articles etc.

se non è vero, è ben trovato

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