

# THE RAWHIDE GAZETTE

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## Minutes of the Oct. Meeting

The meeting was held at Tandy-Aurora. Thank you Jana for the use of your store.

- ◆ The meeting was called to order by Bill Churchill.
- ◆ 4 new members joined this last month. A great big PSLAC welcome to Tony Ezettie, Ken Erickson, Tammy Sell and Anita Parker.
- ◆ General Seymour was voted in as our new treasurer. The by laws were modified to allow General to hold this position.
- ◆ The November meeting will be at Don Winn's house in Port Orchard.
- ◆ Nominations for directors for next year will be accepted at the November meeting. Please think on it and come to the meeting and cast your vote for the nominee of your choice. The vote for the directors will be held in January.
- ◆ We are in need of a full time treasurer. General Seymour holds this position only temporarily, as a director he can not hold another position. The by laws have only been modified temporarily to allow him to fill in until January.
- ◆ We are in need of a centrally located place to hold our monthly meetings. Keep in mind that our membership is spread out from Everett in the north to south of Tacoma.
- ◆ Treasurers report: we have \$753.26 in our account.
- ◆ **Demonstration:** Bill Churchill demonstrated iridescent painting using powders. Sister Racheal shared with us her use of leather scraps to make pins and ornaments.



*Have a Happy and Safe  
Thanksgiving*

The November  
meeting  
will be held at  
Don Winn's  
house

2041 Harding Ave.  
Port Orchard  
(360) 876-8372  
Sunday  
Nov. 19th. @ 2:00P.M.

Take Hwy. 16 from Tacoma, take second exit off of hwy. 16 - turn right - go to Bethel Rd. - turn left - at Mitchell Rd veer right - at Lincoln Ave. turn right - about 2 blocks - turn left on Hoover. Stay on Hoover and it deadends on Jefferson Ave - turn right. Jefferson deadends at Harding Ave. My house is on the left corner.

The Demonstration  
will be on the  
ever popular subject  
of making patterns  
*presented by  
that dynamic  
Bill Churchill*

## Tech Tip

by Fred Nachbar

Have you ever wondered how some folks get the edge of their leather work to shine like glass?

When slicking that edge, first apply a little *Tragacanth Gum* to the edge, allow to dry for 15 to 30 minutes and then slick that puppy to a shine. The first 3 strokes go in one direction then rub as usual.

## IRIDESCENT POWDERS

If you would like to purchase some of the powders that Bill used in his demonstration at the October meeting, call or write the folks listed below.

Curt's Waterfowl Corner  
123 LeBoeuf St.  
P.O. Box 228  
Montegut, LA 70377  
1-800-523-8474  
Fax (504) 594-2328  
Phone (504)594-3013

Pearl Kit	\$24.00
Shipping	\$ 3.75
	\$27.75

*Thank You  
for your help*

Jana, at Tandy - Aurora would like to express her gratitude to General Seymour and Don Winn for making some samples for the store, they look great. The offer is still open to anyone who would like to earn some store credit and make some samples.



## A LETTER FROM UNCLE BILL

For those of you who have not attended my carving classes, we now use TANNING OIL mixed with water and Glycerine to case our leather before we carve. TO MIX: One cup tap water...one teaspoon of TANNING OIL..and five "Squirts" of Liquid Glycerine. (The glycerine is not really necessary but it sure does help). To purchase the Glycerine (I would suggest that several of you go together) go to your local feed store and then divide it and use a CLEAN squirt bottle. Larry at the Tacoma Tandy store carries the TANNING OIL. He is now able to get it to sell in quart containers. I believe that he said the OUR price would be \$7.21 a quart. Several people should get together and buy the oil...A little bit goes a long way...Ask anyone who has used the oil, you will not believe the difference in your carving and the burnish is unearthly (I watch X-Files). Another good thing about using TANNING OIL in your casing is that it does NOT interfere with the penetration of any dye. Nor does it leave an oily surface, so that your surface dyes (acrylic) can give a complete cover and not chip off.

I spoke with the Manager of Michaels Crafts store in Federal Way and explained to him about our CO-OP and he will give us a 10% discount on all regular priced merchandise. He is in the process of getting the cards and when I get them I will let you know how we can get them to you. I understand that these cards will be on a yearly basis (IE: 1995 or 1996 etc). This card will be good (I understand) in all Michaels Stores. ANOTHER ABSOLUTELY FABULOUS REASON TO STAY IN THE CO-OP!!!

Now that I am on my favorite subject...The CO-OP...Let me give you a few good reasons to stay with us and to get new members.

### 1...WHOLESALE

Tandy Leather Company

Leather Factory (Spokane-1-800-842-8437 for Catalog)

Michaels (10% Off on regular prices--Wait until I get Discount cards for you).

Fosters Office Supplies(153rd St..Burien)Lindy Pens..Felt tip markers..Inks..20% off..Mention my name to June or Pauline.

### 2. NEWSLETTERS

Every month a news letter. Andy Stasiak is doing a perfect job as our EDITOR -IN-CHIEF...TYPESETTER..PRINTER..AND MAILER.. As the new season draws upon us, we hope to have all the news of the upcoming shows that we as a group or individuals can enter. That will include the date of the show, when to enter, what kind of booth and the cost to enter as well as the expected attendance etc.

(I will try to write a short blurb each month with all the latest and maybe a few hints and tips).

### 3. DEMONSTRATIONS

We have had a demonstration every meeting. I know that I

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Have learned a lot and I am sure that others have too. I have received a lot of good feedback as people (OUR PEOPLE) are receiving good information and tips from these demonstrations. To name a few...Hand sewing. Embossing Christmas Ornaments...Tool making and Modifying. Making Christmas ornaments from Rounders and Practice Pieces. Coloring Leather with "New Types of dye". How a Clicker works.. And so many other demonstrations that come from people who have learned by trial and hit and miss and want to pass it on to Further Leather.

FEEDBACK AND NETWORKING.

This is probably the best thing to ever come out of the CO-OP. Meeting and talking with people who like and do the same crazy things you do. Passing around Ideas and "Hey, Look at what I made".

And what you can pass on by giving small (or large) demonstrations and just networking..It is a good feeling to know that you have done something for a hobby or job that has done so much for you and has given you so much pleasure.

YOU CAN NOT REALLY BUY ALL OF THIS BUT BY BELONGING TO THE CO-OP.....YOU GOT IT.

By the way, since Mr. Stasiak might go to work at the Aurora Tandy, I am sure that our membership rolls will increase by at least fifty....And believe it or not, Mr. Noel DeWitt might go to work at Tandy in Tacoma, so that means another fifty members will be recruited. But Gentlemen, it is going to be very hard to catch up with our FRED NACHBAR...FRED RECRUITED MORE MEMBERS WHEN WE WERE JUST STARTING THE CO-OP AND IT SEEMS THAT HE JUST KEEPS ON TICKING....Now Fred, THAT IS THE WAY TO TALK.!.!.!. We now have FIFTY ONE (51) members....Do I hear ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY (150)???????????

Until next month BILL

Andy! Please print as is - Mistakes  
and all -

Thanks  
Bill -

The  
FEAR



**Classified**

**Clicker Time for Rent**

**Hitch up the old grey mare**

**Magazines for sale**

Bill Churchill still has past issues of  
Make it with Leather @ \$8.00 ea.  
Leather Craftsman @ \$5.00 ea.  
Craftsman @ \$10.00 ea.  
(206) 839-3038

**Earn some Goodies**

Jana, at Tandy Aurora still needs folks to make up store samples. She will supply you with the project to make and in return you will receive store credit for merchandise of your choice. Call Jana at (206) 542-1677 or (800) 533-0008

Did you have to pass up on that big job because it would take to long to cut several hundred pieces the same size or you couldn't figure out how to duplicate that pattern 50, 100 or even 1000 times?

Well I have the answer to your dilemma. Rent time on my Clicker. I will help you to get set up with the proper cutting and embossing dies, I will even do it for you for a nominal fee.

My Clicker is an easy and safe to use Tippman Clicker as seen in the Journal.

Rental by the hour @ \$24.00 per hour, 2 hour minimum, or we can negotiate by the job.

Andy Stasiak (206) 513-1880

3 Horse Team harness, 1940 vintage but in good shape. Price negotiable.

General Seymour  
360-893-6759

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