



## ATTIC TOOL CHEST # 104

**2018 Fall Meeting  
Simsbury Historical Society  
800 Hopmeadow Street  
Simsbury , CT 06070  
Sunday , Sept. 30, 2018**

### **700 A-Tail Gate Tool Sales- In parking lot**

**7:00 A-Coffee/Donuts- T-Shirt Sales**

**10:00- Short Business Meeting, What's It**

**Demos- Joe Budda, Charles Watson**

**Theme /Display- *USER-MADE TOOLS***

**Lunch- Bring own, Gather after meeting.**

### **Fall -2018 Simsbury Historical Society (SMS)**

**Thanks to Craig Jensen and Joe Budda for coordinating our Fall Meeting on the campus of the Simsbury Historical Society.**

### ***DIRECTIONS-***

**From New Haven or Hartford:** I 91 North to Exit 36 (Route 178); west on Route 178 through Bloomfield to the junction with Route 185 (Simsbury Road); turn right onto 185 and continue until it intersects with Route 10 (Hopmeadow Street); turn right onto Route 10 (Hopmeadow Street) North to center of Simsbury. Turn right on Phelps Lane and left at first stop sign into our parking lot.

**Joe Budda** is very involved with the Society and welcomes ATTIC for the Fall 2018 Meeting. There is a theme to our meeting- "**User Made Tools and Repurposed Material Made into Tools.**" Normally

these are the most interesting kind of tools we see its **What's It** sessions.

So... **here is your assignment**- Bring in your old tools that are gathering dust under your workbench and qualify to display as a "**User Made**"-  
**Repurposed** to the meeting. A table will be provided- or bring in your own table and stand behind it, "**junk tools and project tools count also**"- **bring them in**.

I explored the SMS website- **simsburyhistory.org** and found it to be most impressive. This is the meeting in which to bring a spouse. There are 16 historical buildings on site, gardens throughout, museum shop, great displays. I personally look forward to seeing the 1800's carriage barn. So – look at the website, consider bringing a family member. Let's hope for good weather. Bring chair.

## Spring 2018 Meeting- Recap

We had a great day at Rick Bihlmeyer's Durham Blacksmith School and Home, located at 228 Maple Street, Durham, CT. Weather was beautiful, displays and demos were excellent, and Rick proved he is not only a great blacksmith / knife smith, but an excellent HOST. **Thank -you Rick** for hosting the meeting. **All agreed?**

**2018 Fall Board meeting-** Held at Bill Petremont's House. Bill will transition into president of ATTIC following the Fall meeting- Congrats Bill. We welcomed new Board Members Lou Carbone, Rick Bowen, and Andy Sistrand.

Great meeting with focus on getting our message out regarding the club and how to advertise it and assist to increase membership. Andy stepped up in a big way along with Mike Brennecke.

Two things came up- Andy is assisting with the internet and will be working with Craig on improving the website and social media. Andy also designed Street signs that can be put out in the area of a meeting to advertise the meeting and tool sales. Mike Brennecke also designed a meeting advertisement posting which everyone can download and post in your local stores to advertise the club. Much excitement at the board meeting.

**T- Shirt Sales-** EVERY member should be buying a T-Shirt (\$15) and/or sweatshirt (\$25). Low dues of only \$10/year allow for this extra purchase. Profits are minimal- we bought these and sell at a LOW price to help advertise the club- and you are a part of that advertisement.

## 7:00 Coffee/Donuts- (Len Brace)- 8:30

**DUES Table-** Check to see you are up to date- pay forward \$10/year ( Pat Audley).

**NOTE-** Dues also can be sent to Bill Petremont's address-40 Cornfield Road, Milford, CT 06461.

**"Wear your ATTIC T-Shirt to show off the club."**

**10:00 AM-** (approx.). Short biz meeting- bring a "what's-it." Coordinated by **Bruce Perry- "our entertainer"**.

**Bring a chair.**

## Treasurers Report 8/13/2017- Bill Petremont.

At the 2018 August Board meeting at Bill's House- Bill presented the following treasury report: Balance- \$4,390. With \$515 recently deposited. No outstanding bills.

**New Members-** Both Bruce Perry and Bill Petremont are great recruiters and have added 13 new members. **WOW...- talk about super salesmen-** Welcome new members. Thanks GUYS.

## **President's Message-Barry Doohan.**

### **PROJECTS-**

**1. Brochures-** Brochures are available through Bill- Be a new member recruiter for the club.

### **2. ATTIC T-Shirts- ONLY \$15**

We have ordered 100 "good quality" shirts in Black. Sizes range from M-XL sizes. Purchase price has been kept down to encourage your purchase. *Shirts will be sold at the meeting only-no mail out.* ATTIC sweat shirts are also available at \$25.



### **3. Facebook & Website-** Both are up and running.

**Craig Jensen, Director and Andy Sistrand** are assisting with our platform on the website as well as social media and (Mike B.) emailing list. Please take the time to visit website. Look on the Web site to see this This Tool Chest edition published on the web site.

To insure the success of both, **as requested by membership**, Craig requests membership regular “Content and Contribution / Photos “to both internet formats.

So make it a regular stop for you. I like “likes” on Facebook...Our Facebook site will also attract new members.

### **ATTIC NEEDS- “Your Participation”**

**1. Board of Directors-** As Bill Petremont, President is transitioning into the role of ATTIC President following the Fall Meeting, he needs your help.

There are openings on the Board in addition to a slot for **Vice President**. I know you are **Busy**, however if you can extend yourself to assist in a role at the club- please contact Bill.203-415-9982  
**Looks like Board members Andy and Lou will be our Tool Chest editors.**

**Bill also needs a Membership, and Treasurer.**

### **2. Meeting Tool Talks/Demonstration-**

We are in need of member participation tool talks / discussions / demos for our meetings. Let us know your passion.

I am sure all members have the knowledge and ability to speak or demonstrate to the group briefly on many aspects of old tool subjects-such as:

- Talk on a CT based tool manufacturer
- Tool use technique
- CT based tool maker
- Your personal tool collection
- A tool refurbish project
- Your personal tool collection focus ( theme)
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Your talk/demo can be a short 5-10 minute presentation, or longer, if desired. We want you to be comfortable with the participation. Always appreciated. Please contact me (Barry), with a presentation idea. . **How about your expertise**- please share with the club through a short demo or talk. ***Bring in a TOOL....***

### **3. What's it (anyway?)**

***Bring in your -- what's It Tool.*** Look over your collection and bring in a tool that you would like to share. Have questions re. a tool you have- bring it in – ***what's below your tool bench or in an old box? See Bruce Perry***

**4. Tool Displays-** This also has been a featured part of our meetings in the past, possibly on an area of tool making by species or state areas.

**5. Want Ads-** Any interest in providing membership ads again to the newsletter. Bill is looking into ads for several tool auction houses.

**6. 2019 Spring Meeting- Tentative-Collinsville Historical Society (Tentative) Board Member Rick Bowen looking into.**

**Harry Audley Tool Museum-** Harry and Pat will make his extensive tool museum available to members for a personal tour. **Give**

**Harry / Pat a call** to see about arrangements to view his tool collection. 203-371-0103.

## **Future Tool Events (from Bill P.)**

**9/7-9- Dublin Gas and Engine Show - Dublin New Hampshire**

**9/14-15- Donnelly Tool Auction- Nashua, NH**

**9/28-30- CAMA Steam Engine Show- Kent, CT**

**10/20-21- Jacktown-Blue Mountain Steam and Engine Show- Bangor, Pa**

an expert on Sargent Tools. John possessed an extensive collection of Sargent tools in the original boxes- which I saw at his home in Guilford many years ago. John also was a dedicated woodworker, and he displayed excellent skills with the completed projects that he brought for display.

We will all miss John at our meetings, his humor and his many contributions to our ATTIC over the years.

## **ATTIC Officers & Board of Director**

Barry Doohan, President, Editor-Tool Chest  
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Bill Petremont, VP, Membership Chair, Treasurer  
**Directors**

Harry Audley-Past President

Charlie Watson-Past President

Craig Jensen-Past President

Rod Griffith-Past President

Michael Brennecke- Past President

Don Riley-Past President

Bruce Perry

Len Brace

Ryan Starkey

Lou Carbone

Rick Bowen

Andy Sistrand

## **Mike Brennecke Poster**



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## **FALL MEETING**

Sunday, September 30, 9am



Tailgating sales begin at 7 am – Tools and techniques demonstrations  
Whatsit? session– Historical displays and exchanges

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As I am sure I speak for all members, John was a true gentleman and a pleasure to know and speak with at all of our meetings. John was also editor of the Tool Chest. During his last go-round as ATTIC President, he did so with the same energy he displayed as a new member so many years ago. John's career was in insurance and maintained a successful career of many years.

John displayed great insight during any discussion on tools, history, farming, what's it, manufacturing, etc. He was knowledgeable on many subjects and

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