



May 9th, 2009 General Club Meeting at Zube Park Hosted by Houston Area Live Steamers

A nice, sunny day greeted us at 1:00 PM on Saturday May 9th. We did have a warm one, with some humidity, but nothing dampened the interest of about 25 club members.



The general meeting took place in the large gazebo sitting by the large turntable area. All around we could see the signs of the tracks and sheds that make up the HALS compound. As always, there was plenty of conversations to get immersed in, but John Hoff got everything going anyway.



Once under way, Tom Moore discussed his long (maybe painful) journey to create a comprehensive list of "Screw Thread Dimensions". He also presented a copy of his work to all those present in a nice bound booklet! For a new guy like me, this booklet is invaluable, and sure to have a place right above my mill and lathe.



Tom offered the usual disclaimers - use at your own risk, and if you can't find a thread you want, well, too bad - I put in the ones I used!

Thanks Tom - for the presentation and the booklet. For anyone not there, check with the librarian to get a copy before they run out.



John Hoff took some time to talk about a recent visit to NASA for a GSA auction, and discussed how you too can sign up to get into the site to see upcoming auctions, and he went through a couple that he participated in.



"Show-and-tell" soon ensued with several members showing off their work. I did not take good notes on each presenter, but we saw Dick Kostelnicek's power supply with a HUGE heat-sink that he made, Hohn Hoff's cut off valve (version 1 and version 2!), a PC board done with CNC and Dip-Trace program with an output to DXF, and finally some iron sights for rifles and the measuring tools built to hold gauges to verify the height. Over all, a very informative session!



I was not smart enough to bring my camera, but three of our members did, so please give them the credit for these nice pictures from our day at the park: Dick Kostelnicek, Jan Rowland, and Gayle H.



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