

The InterKnot

Newsletter of the International Guild of Knot Tyers-
North American Branch

Volume 1,

SEPTEMBER 2005

NAB 2005 Charleston, SC

NAB 2005 was held September 22 – 25, 2005, in Charleston, SC, at the South Carolina Aquarium. The IGKT- NAB had 60 persons in attendance.

We started the official event with a General Membership Meeting at the Aquarium. We welcomed six members of the IGKT (UK) whom had made the trip to South Carolina. Ken Yalden, President of the IGKT (UK) provided attendees with an update of things going on with our parent organization. We also had reports from various knotting groups around the USA.

There was a discussion of some problems the IGKT-NAB has had in maintaining our Web Site and "InterKnot" publication. This has been a problem for both the IGKT-NAB and the membership. The Executive Board is working on solution to both of these issues.

NAB 2005 included several classes a few were: Splicing taught by Jim Torbert, Tatting taught by Lily Morales, railing covers taught by Gordon Perry, Button Knots by Steve Coates, crosses and herringbone lanyards taught by Don Burrhus.

By pass of the of the hat, we collected enough monies to purchase a five-foot plank on the "Spirit of South Carolina"

We had a great Saturday evening at the shipyard being used for the construction of the "Spirit of South Carolina". We had a discussion about the ship; the materials used in its construction and plans for the ship once completed. The dinner menu consisted of the following; "Low Country Stew", Fish Soup, and "Beaufort Boil". The fish soup was made with Barrel Fish, which is caught at a depth of 2000 feet, by Dan Machowski. The meal also consisted of Tossed Salad, Butter & Rolls, Oysters, a Shrimp & Sausage Boil, and Boiled Potatoes and Corn. A great time was had by all!

A sincere note of thanks: I would like to thank all of those that helped make the IGKT-NAB 2005 such a success. Especially all of the work done by Dan Machowski and Skip Dickens. Lily Morales did a wonderful job of organizing the raffles. We had over 50 (probably closer to 75) raffle prizes. Skip Pennock donated many of his books on flat knot work. Bud Brewer donated many handmade marlinspikes. The most coveted of the raffle prizes was the beautiful woven bracelet made by Loren Damewood. As always, the superb organizational skills of Kay Burke and Linda Turley kept everything running smoothly. I am honored to have been able to work with all of these people in presenting to you, IGKT-NAB 2005.

Steve Coates.....

A DISCUSSION OF IGKT-NAB DUES

John Burke, President of the IGKT-NAB provided attendees with information regarding the IGKT (UK) dues increase of 5 British Pounds Sterling that take effect January 1, 2006. The IGKT-NAB has had one dues increase since its founding in 1997. That was in 1998. Since that point in time the IGKT (UK) dues for individual memberships have increased by 2 British Pounds Sterling and in January 2006 a 5 British Pound Sterling increase. These two increases will now total an increase of 7 British Pounds Sterling.

During the year 2005, when the US Dollar hit a low point in the exchange rate, the IGKT-NAB was sending an amount greater than the \$35 dues its collect to the IGKT (UK), to satisfy the 18 British Pounds Sterling membership price. The moral of the story is that IGKT-NAB dues will have to increase effective January 1, 2006. The Executive Board will have to determining what that dues increase will have to be to maintain operations.

Our Friends at R & W Enterprises

If you attended NAB 1997 & NAB 1999 you may have remembered the trip we had to R & W Enterprises in New Bedford, MA.

I know that the members that went on that trip remember a lighter wallet and bag full of rope and twine.

The IGKT-NAB has visited with R & W employees at the last couple of Wooden Boat Shows.

R & W Enterprises has a Web Site that is available. www.rwrope.com

They have moved locations and the new address is 39 Tarkiln Place, New Bedford, MA 02745 Telephone 508-995-1114 or 800-260-8599 FAX 509-995-1055

Membership Communications

Please remember that changes to any of the following are important to the operation of the IGKT-NAB. Please report any of the following changes Address, Zip Code, Area Code, Telephone Numbers.

Please send changes to IGKT-NAB, 4417 Academy Street, Dearborn Heights, MI 48125 or e-mail knottyrope@prodigy.net

KNOT YEAR 2K7

IGKT (UK) discussed preliminary plans for a big event in England during 2007. Knot Year 2007.

For those NAB members that attended Knot Year 2K2, it would be an exciting event. It would mark the 25th Year of the IGKT.

Membership Expiration Dates

The mailing label on your "InterKnot" newsletter contains your expiration date for membership in the IGKT-NAB. Any discrepancies should be communicated to the IGKT-NAB at 4417 Academy Street, Dearborn Heights, MI 48125 or e-mail knottyrope@prodigy.net.

Remember that your membership in the IGKT (UK) may use a different expiration date. If you have a question please contact the IGKT-NAB first. Please allow me a chance to review what I have on my database. I will then contact the IGKT (UK) and attempt to resolve the issue.

I have been known at times to make mistakes. If you have any questions please contact us.