

WOLF'S PLUMB BOB NEWS 2009

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NEW WEB SITE www.plumbbob.de

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WOLFGANG RUECKER'S WEB SITE

www.plumbbob.de

www.senklote.eu

(BOOKMARK THESE ADDRESSES IN YOUR BROWSER!)

Dear Reader and Fellow Collectors,

Subscribers to "Wolf's Plumb Bob News" have come to know my efforts to publish a monthly periodical providing information of interest to tool collectors and specialist plumb bob collectors. Through 2007 and 2008, the newsletter has been distributed for free, delivered by email to individual subscribers.

Far beyond my initial expectations, the response has been outstanding, thanks to you all!

This rapid growth, however, came with its own set of technical difficulties in distributing the publication. Certain internet providers started to block the newsletters as "SPAM," affecting a large percentage of subscribers, Comcast customers in particular. Attempting to solve that problem has proven to be time consuming and non productive.

In January, faced with problems of delivery of Wolf's Newsletters for 2009, I dusted off an idea from my "to do list", and decided to teach myself how to build and register a web site. Somewhat more immediately successful than I expected, I have achieved a presence, that you can now see by trying either of the links provided above. For the time being, both addresses get you to the same place. I choose the 2 URLs for International (www.plumbbob.de) and German (www.senklote.eu) Plumb Bob Collectors.

Initially, my readers should understand that the organization of the website is a work in progress and would be pleased with any feedback from folks who look it over.

Most important is that

- *all the 2009 Wolf's Newsletters will be regularly posted for download on this site.*
- *For the next several months, however, as the transition is made from email to website, I will continue to deliver by both methods*
- *I anticipate that with time, the new newsletters, will be on the web site only. .*
If you will still get it as email attachment, please let me know.
I will, however, continue a policy of being in touch with you personally, with reminders to check the website for new material.
- *The feedback from subscribers has been useful, interesting and edifying, a practice I will try to nurture, as this transition happens.*

Behind the scenes, so to speak, the organization known as the **“International Plumb Bob Collectors’ Association, (IPBCA)”** will be announcing their presence on the internet, too.

My website will continue to keep you informed of news and developments within that organization.

While my site is being improved, let me give you some tips that might help you navigate the content:

- I have 8 pages for different themes and 2 for “contact and feedback”. More are planned
- You can scroll pages by clicking on the “scroll bar” on the left of the page.
- The text is in English and German, but some articles are also in other languages as French, Spanish etc.
- FLAGS indicates you in what language the TEXT or the DOWNLOAD or ARTICLE is written
- To see the picture as a larger image you can CLICK (if indicated) on the words and you will get in another window the full image.
- Sometimes you can VIEW an article by CLICKING on the marked words. A PDF file window will appear. From this window you can DOWNLOAD the file on your computer.
- With “Back to Top” you come back to the top of the page

For the present time I have named the pages as follows:

- ❖ HOME
- ❖ Einleitung DEUTSCH
- ❖ World of plumb bobs
- ❖ Plumb level / Setzwaage
- ❖ Patents / Patente
- ❖ Chalk line / Schlagschnur
- ❖ Exhibitions, displays
- ❖ Downloads
- ❖ Contact / links

❖ HOME:

- This page welcomes all readers in their language and gives information about the content, me and the international group of plumb bob collectors.
- Click for an introduction in your language (if available)
- A picture shows what 4 types of tools I collect
- The text is written in English and German.
- *If you send me an introduction or statement **IN YOUR LANGUAGE**, I will put it thereto.* (for the friends in Italy, Spain, Turkey, Greek, Netherlands...)
- THE PLUMB LINE CONTINUUM is mentioned and you can read the introduction of this work

❖ Einleitung DEUTSCH

- Welcome to the German visitors

❖ PLUMB BOBS OF THE WORLD

- For the collectors meetings in Istanbul and Paris I made a powerpoint presentation about "PLUMB BOBS OF THE WORLD". You can view this as a PDF-file
- Introduction for the presentation in German and French; The text of the article is in English.
- For first information and to have an idea what you get you can see some pages of the presentation.
- At the end is a map with the different shapes of plumb bobs in Europe with a click for a larger map. Map of other parts of the world you will find in the full article.

❖ PLUMB LEVEL / SETZWAAGE

- Introduction and some pictures of the WOLF'S PLUMB BOB NEWS 2009-01 "THE PLUMB LEVELS"

❖ PATENTS / PATENTE

- HOW YO CAN FIND PATENTS from all over the world, not only from America
- LINKS to Patent Offices
- DOWNLOAD AND VIEW of
 - the Summery and
 - the complete file with all 50 issues of the WOLF'S PATENT NEWS 2007 (350+ pages)

Remark: The English translation is not yet ready ☹

❖ CHALK LINE / SCHLAGSCHNUR

- This is a big part of my collection, so I wrote a special issue about it.
- Introduction in English and German
- OVERVIEW “INTERNATIONALCHALK LINE HISTORY” with a CLICK for a larger image
- Some pictures of this issue for first information

❖ EXHIBITIONS / DISPLAYS

- Last year I compiled a special edition with photos of collections of 20+ plumb bob collectors.
- Introduction text available in English, German and French
- You can VIEW and DOWNLOAD this article
- For first information I put some pictures on this page (click for larger image)
- More information is planned about exhibitions in Spain and Germany

❖ DOWNLOADS

- **On this page you find nearly all articles published in the last years**
- **2007:** THE COMPLETE VOLUME WOLF'S PATENT NEWS 2007
(perhaps I will put all the single issues later on this page)
- **2008:** All SINGLE ISSUES of the WOLF'S PLUMB BOB NEWS 2008 and THE COMPLETE VOLUME in German and English
- **2009:** The **current issues** of the monthly WOLF'S PLUMB BOB NEWS 2009 can be seen here

❖ CONTACT / LINKS

LINKSs to plumb bob related web sites of

- TOOL COLLECTORS CLUBS
 - MUSEUMS
 - BOOKS
 - PATENT OFFICES
 - MY TOWN
 - Etc.
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- For **CONTACT** you can use the email address
 - You can let a feedback

**If you have any REMARKS or IDEAS to improve this web site,
please let me know.**

Thanks

Wolf Ruecker