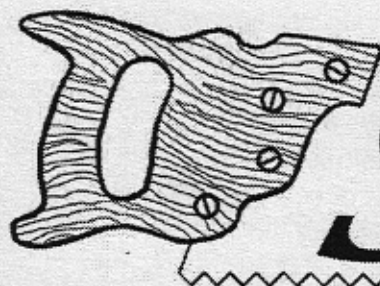


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Don't Cut Yourself Off... Come To The Saw Festival!

The annual Saw Player's Picnic & Music Festival is coming up SOON! By the time you read this there will be very little time left to make your arrangements to attend the biggest event of the year in the Musical Saw world! And it's FREE, except for a small parking fee!

The Saw Festival is a great opportunity to meet some of the best saw players from around the world! It's a chance to listen to them, learn from them, play with them and to get to know them personally a fine, friendly and FUN bunch of men & women (and occasionally boys & girls too)!

If you can, arrange your schedule to meet us at 1:00 PM on Saturday, July 19th, 2003 at the Tom Scribner statue - the world's only life-size bronze sculpture of a saw player - created by Marghe McMahon-Lessard and dedicated November 12, 1978. The statue is on a wide sidewalk area called Pacific Mall, in front of Bookshop Santa Cruz at 1520 Pacific Avenue in downtown

Santa Cruz which is on the coast about two hours south of San Francisco, California.

Usually 20 or so saw players - and other musicians and local dignitaries - gather near the statue to play together and promote the Saw Festival the next day. It's an informal gathering, and we usually play together for two or three hours before we break up to enjoy the sights and sounds of this tourist Mecca. There are many good street musicians (called "buskers" in some countries) in Santa Cruz, and there are fine beaches and an established amusement park at The Boardwalk at the beach. The weather is usually pleasant and mild at this time of year, and most people are in a festive mood.

Bring YOUR festive mood out to Roaring Camp in the small town of Felton, which is about 15-20 minutes north of Santa Cruz - where the REAL fun begins! We have been given permission to meet in the outer parking lot at Roaring Camp to have an informal pot-luck dinner and jam session - which generally lasts from about 6-10 PM and



Some of the Saw Players Massed on the Main Stage at the Saw Festival in 2000

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