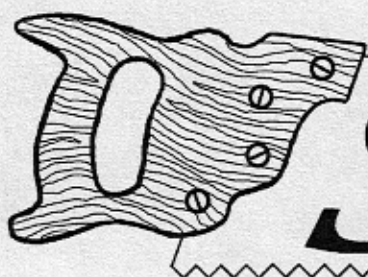


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The 2009 IMSA Saw Festival in Santa Cruz – Another Winner!

Each year's Saw Festival is both wonderful and unique – but the 2009 Festival was special in a variety of ways!

This was a different Saw Festival experience for me personally, due to several unique circumstances. A little over a year ago I found out I had a type of lymphatic cancer, - one of the few types that IS successfully treatable! (So far, so good!) At the time of the Festival I was having a series of chemotherapy treatments, so I was feeling

somewhat compromised and vulnerable (as well as bald), but luckily, my treatments went well and my energy was OK, and I wasn't in pain or suffering – which happens to many people.

But besides that, I was forced by circumstances to miss all the FUN on Saturday – the first time I have missed a day at the Saw Festival for decades! I was very disappointed and sad to miss out on Saturday's festivities - but from the photos I saw and the reports from those at the



Some of the 2009 Santa Cruz Jam saw players play along with Craig Paice from England on guitar, and IMSA Vice President Art Peterson on accordion.

Photo by Ralph McCaskey

