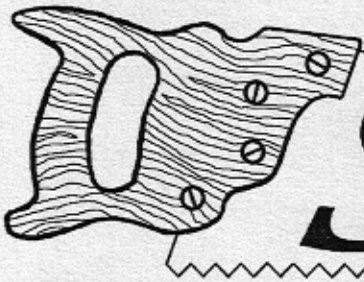


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25 saw players at the 2006 Chorus of Saws!

(Photo by Ralph McCaskey)

The 2006 Musical Saw Festival

This year's Musical Saw Festival was again a lot of fun for everyone attending! Since the people attending ARE the Festival - each year is different. I was surprised that the number of audience members was so much smaller - especially in Santa Cruz, where the sidewalks are usually packed around the statue of Tom Scribner. The number of saw players was smaller too, but it seemed to me that everyone enjoyed themselves and we all had a good time. I think the reason for fewer people was because of the high cost of

transportation, security concerns, and the general state of the U.S. economy at that time.

However, there was plenty of enthusiasm among the attendees, and we had a younger group of saw players than usual. It seems like our efforts to inspire younger people (teens, 20's and 30's) is paying off, and there were some very good players among them (including the 2nd & 3rd placewinners at the Saw-Off contest). Although the potluck jam Saturday night was smaller, the actual Saw Festival on Sunday was well attended, and we had

