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I counted 29 people who came through 10Bit on a nothing special Saturday.
Plus there were 3 more who called and asked questions at length but couldn't make it in.
Having an actual phone at the space . . . what a concept!
One of the callers was looking for space to bring in and set up his 2 electronics benches, get key access, and pay no dues. No thanks.
Another caller was hanging an indoor wind chime (what) from a 22 foot ceiling by working at it from his scalding attic.
The last caller was a woman looking to give her 75 year old father a Father's Day present. Hmmmm?

For 3 blessed hours it was just Peggy and me for Art in the AM. Both of us were returning from extended trips.
Peggy had been through hail and tornado. I totaled my truck, broke a rib, bought a car, launched a grad.

Ben, an Air Force pharmacist, and Braden, a programmer dude, came as a result of Tuesday's article in the paper. Nickel tour and gone.

Kevin and Sue worked in the studio on their jewelry. They win the award for classiest tool chest.

When Cliff came in with his motorized fishing reel, Sue helped him by wiring his motor with a rheostat, switch, and coiled cord to battery pack.
James volunteered to 3D print some pulleys for Cliff so that they can experiment with speed ratios.
I'm going to have to revise the bracket. The original acrylic bracket is cracking at the stress risers. Plywood is a better choice, with generous radii.

Greg was bent on printing a sand dollar as a surprise for Salina but, being as she came with, the surprise was not so.

The Burbank H.S. robotics club came out in force. Brian the advisor, Andres and Mom Maria, Ian and Dad Matt, Hermes,
They made excellent progress assembling the rods, printed parts, motors. Their motivation? There's a scheduled progress show-and-tell on Monday.

GnuDon brought in 11 monitors for his up-coming RaspberryPi summer camp. That's scheduled for the last weekend of May & first weekend of June.
He laser cut a cardboard draft of a case for the Pi. It's going to be way cool in acrylic.

Peter brought two friends from school, Joe and Jordan, and gave them his version of the nickel tour. They'd seen the article.

Jane and Matt Burton appeared. She's into making artistic clear spheres, like what we used to call cat-eye marbles, only larger.
He's into making sculpted stands to display the spheres, maybe with LED's. I showed Matt the poor man's 3D scanner, i.e. 123D-Catch.

KK and Micheal and KK's long distance girl friend, Jovia came late. They attempted to print the arteries of the brain from an MRI.
It looked like an angry ABS Brillo Pad but KK insisted he recognized a lesion in there somewhere.
They are designing a Malik-size 3D printer capable of higher temperature materials (300 degree C).
KK wants to drag the prosthetics makers at UTSA into the world of 3D printing.

Kris, the owner of the SunSet Inn across the street stopped in. He's a former UTSA engineering student. Cool guy.
We talked about a room for Les. $212/wk incl tax, 210-289-3135

Ryan brought his Electro Coagulation rig and tried it out on James' stinky mop water. Ryan had a friend in tow, named Matt, showed him around.

Last there was Alex. He recently completed a welding course at UTEP and has just started a job here in SA.
James met Alex at their Anime MeetUp group. They're both 23, both trolling for girls. No such luck, so they helped me finish fixing the table saw.
Then they made some sparks in the work room and tried on multicolored welding helmets.

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