

Newsletter

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President's Letter

Greetings Woodworkers,

This note is a little bit long. Hang in there for the good news about this month's meeting at Norm Anderson's coming right up this Monday.

As I embark upon my third term as President of the MWA, I just want to thank all of the members for the opportunity to hang out with you all, and learn things about woodworking. It continues to feel weird that the President of the MWA does fairly little woodworking, as I continue to work toward having a basically equipped shop once I get to the point in life where I have more time to devote to woodworking. But just being on the periphery, occasionally dabbling, and learning, feels really good.

MWA Participation --- At our July meeting we held our annual election of officers. No member was nominated for any position! All existing officers agreed to continue their term (although, for future reference, no one will mind if others develop an interest in trying this out). So the officers for the coming year (in order of office, but not importance—all members are important) are:

President	Joe Gorman
Vice-President	Don Bristow
Treasurer	Tom Stauder
Secretary	Karl Haak

All of these officers deserve our heartfelt thanks for their willingness to take this on and help all of us have a Midwest Woodworkers Association to enjoy.

Many others are similarly deserving of thanks. As I mentioned in my first President's note, the thing that makes the MWA work is a core of dedicated members who all pitch in and bear a laboring oar. While now, as then, I hesitate to name names for fear of unintentionally leaving some out, in my now extended experience a few individuals stand out.

- Ernest Hilderbrand is past president, MWA Program Manager, and sponsor of the monthly turning and learning session in his garage
- Bob Youngquist is Director of Communications and is responsible for getting out this MWA Newsletter every month, along with occasional notices
- Terry Selby is a Space Planner, responsible for our meeting place, and he plays a primary role in obtaining, setting up and operating booths at fairs, and cooking at picnics, and he lined up our June tour of Good's Millworks
- Dale Andrews is Director of New Member Initiation, and actively participates, he is also responsible for the new member pocket knives (see Dale if you didn't get one)
- Harrold Ankeney is a Space Planner, responsible for the Christmas Dinner location and for the use of the PET facility every month, he made an Adirondak presentation, and he actively participates in the MWA

- Mike Gentsch is past president and is always helpful no matter what the need, whether it is putting on presentations himself or finding July's speaker, or working on projects

Many others help out as needed, come to PET, attend booths, and put on presentations, but the names I singled out are the ones that I notice the most. On behalf of the MWA, I extend our most sincere thank you for the efforts of all who actively participate in the MWA.

Charitable Focus on Children --- There is another item related to the operation of the MWA. We have historically maintained a charitable focus on children. That is expressed in part by the annual picnic and Christmas Dinner that we put on primarily for the benefit of the children and staff at the Coyote Hill home.

We have also had a continuous project of cutting out wooden car bodies, and painting up bodies, wheels and axle pegs. We use these in two ways.

We have had a booth at both the Heritage Festival in Columbia in September and the Pumpkin Festival in Hartsburg in October, at which we have children come up and "make" a wooden car by picking out the body style, body color, and wheel and axle colors they prefer, and then pounding the axle pegs through wheels into body holes under supervision (with a little gluing help). Hopefully they get a sense of accomplishment, a sense of self-confidence, and a sense of do-it-yourself fun involving woodworking. In any event, many seem to enjoy it very much, and come back year after year. It is one of the few active participation opportunities for children, in very family oriented festivals that feature a lot of food, and craft and historical features that tend to be more passive and more adult.

We also fully assemble cars, which we distribute over the holidays to agencies that work with children. Unlike the festivals, this effort does not provide children with a sense of accomplishment. But it does impart a sense of fun without electronics, and fun through simple wooden toys and, as one of our presenters pointed out, wooden toys provide ample opportunity for the use and development of creativity, as a child develops make-believe scenarios that the toys fit into. In the case of toy cars the scenarios could be race car driving, or taking a vacation trip, or driving to work or to the store (like mom and dad), or many other possibilities. More importantly, these cars provide a gift for children who may not be receiving very much over the holidays. They provide joy, and hopefully contribute to a sense of self-worth and a little more happiness with their lot in life. Somebody cares.

To make the car things happen, it requires some significant amount of donated time to cut out car bodies in your own shop, and join with members at the PET facility on the Thursday following our meeting to paint up bodies, wheels and pegs. Due to a lack of participation in this effort by members lately, we have had to cancel our involvement in the Heritage Festival this year.

I mention all of this in case you were not aware that our efforts are waning and it is affecting our ability to perform. Not everyone espouses this charitable mission, and it is clearly a matter of choice. Some choose to give back in this way, and others legitimately prefer to be involved in the Midwest Woodworkers just for the woodworking. There is a fairly select band of individuals that has kept this effort going.

It makes me sad that we had to cancel the Heritage Festival. As I have mentioned before, the festivals have become my favorite part of the MWA year. Yet I have very little time to contribute to the car preparation activities myself. If you have been sitting on the sidelines, but would like to step up and contribute more time to this work, we would love to support you in that effort.

Our July Meeting --- Our July meeting was good, and it was well attended. We must have a lot of hunters in the group, or folk wanting to make money selling beautiful animal calls. Brent Winningear of Crow's Fork Game Calls (see his site on Facebook) showed us how he makes his gorgeous calls. He brought a lathe in order to demonstrate the technique. He discussed various woods.

He covered all aspects of the calls. Brent demonstrated the calls as well. He spent some time discussing small adjustments in reeds that can make a big difference in the sound, and he demonstrated the differences in sound. We also learned how he finishes his calls. It was a very complete demonstration, thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thank you very much to Brent for taking the time to demonstrate how he makes calls.

Our August Meeting --- This one is special. You won't want to miss it. And this one starts a little earlier than usual, at 6:00 p.m.

Conspicuously absent from the list of special credits at the beginning of this Note was the name of Norm Anderson. Norm renewed his active interest in the MWA a little over a year ago. During that time he has volunteered to entertain the troops at the Heritage Festival with his hooeee, he similarly entertained the troops at the Christmas Dinner, and performed magic, and also brought home-made jigsaw puzzles that kids could work and take home, and he is about to embark on his second MWA presentation. I just didn't want to swell his head by talking about him two different times in the same President's Note. But we very much appreciate all of his efforts.

This Monday's meeting at Norm's shop will be special---it will be unlike anything I have seen in the history of my experience with the MWA. Having a presentation in your home shop is a wonderful contribution to the MWA in and of itself, but not unique. In addition to a shop tour and woodworking presentation, Norm wants very much to feed us a

meal. He has, and will show off, his SPORG. Pictures of this unusual contraption are incorporated in this note. In Norm's own words:

"I am planning to smoke a pork loin (and other items) as well as roast some stuffed pepper from the garden on my new SPORG so come early and come hungry I will have plenty of food. The shop tour will feature a work in progress with crude woodworking and old school metalwork. I would like everyone to show up around 6:00 for some food and plan the main presentation on the Roubo bookstand at the usual 7:00 time."

For the presentation, Norm will talk us through the making of a Roubo bookstand like the one that he made. One of the intriguing aspects is that it is a folding bookstand, made from a single piece of wood. Roubo, himself, was a famous 18th century French woodworker. He is famous because he wrote a treatise on woodworking that is still cited by woodworkers. Norm has put together an excellent reference page on Roubo and the bookstand that is an attachment to this newsletter. It also contains links to related material. Another intriguing aspect of the bookstand is that Roubo completed it without power tools. Norm will show us how to cheat, and take advantage of more modern tools in our shop.

Norm's address is 905 W. Colchester Rd., Columbia, MO 65202. He mentioned that his driveway can hold ten or more vehicles, but they may all be required to enter and leave under a FILO inventory system (first in, last out). If you are not the last one in, you could be there for the duration. It was the same way when I parked cars on the St. Louis wharf for guests coming to take the afternoon or evening Mississippi River cruise on the Admiral. Little old ladies would sometimes ask how they were going to get out from the middle of this sea of vehicles if they want to leave early. I pointed out that unless they were excellent swimmers there was no opportunity to leave early!

Because of this concern, Norm suggested that folks might want to consider car pooling. If you would like to carpool—talk amongst yourselves! Or you can call me at 356-7681 if you want to ride in my minivan from Boone County Millworks at 5:45 (we will spontaneously coordinate additional transporters from there if necessary). Norm has also provided an attached map, or you can use your preferred Google or Mapquest tool.

We also have a special treat for the raffle item at Monday's meeting at Norm's. MWA member Steve Baumgartner is donating one of his world-famous "Baumgartner Boone County Cured Hams." Do you detect (should I say "smell"?) a food theme to the upcoming meeting? Thank you Steve, that is thoughtful and much appreciated.

On a different note, just a quick reminder that MWA annual dues are due, if you haven't had a chance to pay up yet. Single membership in the MWA is \$20 for the whole year. Family membership is \$25. If you would like to also belong to the Wood Turners group, you can get both single memberships for one small fee of \$35. Treasurer Tom Stauder will accept cash, check or money order made out to MWA.

I hope you have had opportunities to work wood. I don't have too much to report on that front, and this Note is way long enough already.

So don't forget, this Monday's meeting is at Norm's, and we are encouraged to come at 6:00 rather than 7:00 to reap the harvest of the SPORG.

Please be safe in the shop, and have a lot of fun working wood. I hope to see you this Monday for a very interesting program as well as a feast over which we can visit a little, and also buy raffle tickets for a chance to take home Steve Baumgartner's smoked ham.

Joe Gorman

July MWA Meetings

Midwest Woodworkers' Association officers' meeting, July 28, 2014

Present: Terry Selby, Ernest Hildebrand, Joe Gorman, Dale Andrews, Tom Stauder and Karl Haak

1. We discussed programs
2. Dues are due
3. Officers need to be elected
4. We will not be doing the Heritage Festival this year as we do not have enough cars but will do the pumpkin fest

Business Meeting; Boone County Millworks; 7:00 pm.

Joe Gorman president

Minutes were read

Treasurer's report showed that wood workers had a balance of \$3530 and the turners had a balance of \$1484

There were no volunteers for officers so current officers agreed to serve again. They are President Joe Gorman, vice-president Don Bristow, treasurer Tom Stauder and secretary Karl Haak

Ernest announced a toy car workshop on July 31st at the PET shop and a turners' workshop at his house on August 7th.

Dues are due

We will not do the Heritage Festival this year as we are short on cars but will do the Pumpkin Festival

Terry had scrap wood

The August meeting will be at Norm Anderson's shop

Show and Tell

1. Tom Stauder showed an offset bat he turned

2. Don Bristow showed a jewelry box he made and an inlay

Terry Selby showed a door that was made by Goode wood works

The door prize was a torpedo level won by Mike Gentzch

Brent Winnenger gave a very interesting program on how he makes duck and game calls. He turned a call to show how he does them. He was assisted by his nephew



Brent Winnenger turns a duck call at the July MWA Meeting.

Free to a good home

A neighbor is moving and gave me about a dozen 8' pieces (some are fairly straight) of treated 2" x 4" railing. It is chamfered on both sides of the top and has a dado centered on the bottom. If anyone has a use for them, please let me know and I will make arrangements to get them to you (any or all).

Bob Youngquist

August MWA Program

André Jacob Roubo

André Jacob Roubo was a French [cabinetmaker](#) and author. The son and grandson of [master](#) cabinetmakers, he earned that designation in 1774 through the publication of his masterwork treatise on woodworking.

He wrote a highly influential complete treatise on [woodworking](#) that covers practically all the associated trades. This multi-volume work, *L'Art du Menuisier (The Art of the Joiner)*, published between 1769 and 1774 by the [Académie des Sciences](#), contains sections and illustrations on: building [carpentry](#), furniture making, and precious woodworking ([ébénisterie](#)), carriage making, and garden woodworking

The following links will lead you to the making of this bookstand and are really interesting to watch. I watched the PBS Woodwright's shop presentation and



was just mesmerized with the simplicity and beauty of this. I think Roy Underhill historic insight to Roubo's work, plus the actual building of the stand is cool. I have included a link to the Woodwright (Roy Underhill) for his history and humor. This link may only lead you to the PBS website, but if you work with the site a while and get to the 2011-2012 season you should be able to watch the entire program. I also included a link to a u-tube video set to music and very well done. Both show making this with no power tools. I don't know where the cords are for their tools, but they are mysteriously missing. I plan to show using some power tools to do most of the work.

Norm Anderson

1. [The Roubo Bookstand | The Woodwright's Shop | Watch ... - Thirteen](#)

www.thirteen.org/.../the-roubo-bookstand

as we follow the formula of an old French master. | This storied series starring Roy Underhill . or google PBS 2011-2012 season of Woodwright's shop

1. [Roubo Folding Bookstand - YouTube▶ 8:53▶ 8:53](#)

www.youtube.com/watch?v=JU-rncivcdk

YouTubeLoading...Mar 9, 2011 - Uploaded by ylimehajileAndre **Roubo Folding Bookstand** made from a single piece of Walnut. Music by Joel Clarkson: [http://www ...](http://www...)

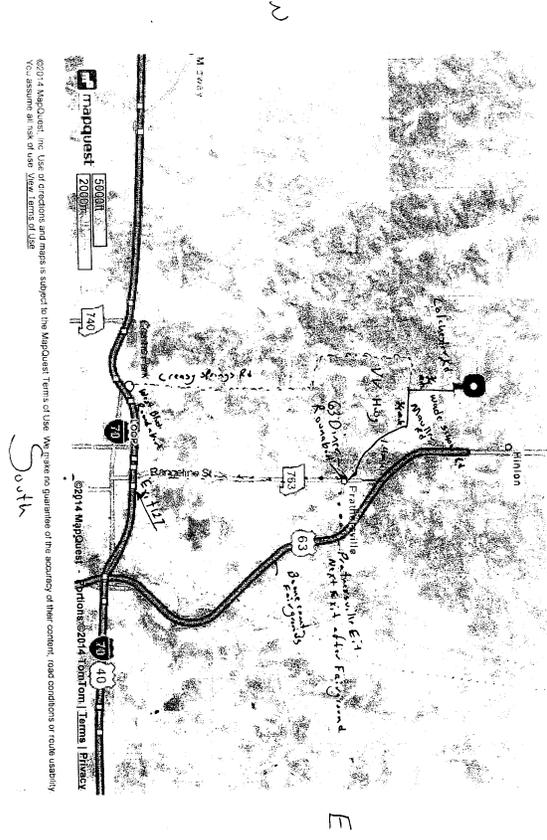
Norm's SPORG



Directions to August MWA Meeting

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 Map of:
 905 W Colchester Rd
 Columbia, MO 65202-9697

Notes
 Take Hwy 63 North to Parkersville Rd. - Right Exit North of Fairgrounds
 go west for Hwy 705 (Kangas) Roundabout by the 63 Drive.
 Go NW 1/4 mile on Hwy VV to Muller Rd.
 Go West .6 mile on Muller Rd. to 63rd wide school Rd.
 Go North on Waste School Rd to 2nd Rd on left side - Colchester Rd.
 Go West on Colchester Rd - To 3rd House on Right Side.



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