



Newsletter

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December 2015

President's Letter

Greetings Woodworkers,

Our November Meeting -- For our November meeting we took a little time to finish up the car assembly for the cars that the MWA delivers to children's agencies for the holidays. There were not too many left to assemble, and as a result the meeting was short and sweet. A good time was had by all who attended.

However, the turnout for the November meeting was extremely light. By contrast, the turnout for the October meeting last year was large despite the agenda being car assembly. Perhaps the difference was that instead of boldly announcing the car assembly agenda in the preceding newsletter, we stated that:

"The agenda for this meeting is a secret. But I can give you some hints. It will involve improvements in manual dexterity skills, along with exercises in building. Importantly, it will also include even more opportunity than usual for camaraderie and sharing with your fellow woodworkers."

I firmly believe that honesty is the best policy. But perhaps sometimes being direct is not!

Our stockpile of toy cars were distributed last Wednesday to children's agencies. Elves Mike Gentsch, Harrold Ankeney and Ernest Hilderbrand delivered approximately 1,500 cars. We hope that the cars bring a lot of enjoyment.

Our December Meeting -- The December program is our annual Holiday Dinner. It is our opportunity to spread some holiday cheer to the children from the Coyote Hill home. This year we expect twenty-three children and seven adults from Coyote Hill as guests. Your own children and guests are certainly welcome as well. We give the Coyote Hill folk a night out, feed them, and send each child home with a wooden car, and sometimes other items. In the process we get to share a meal and each other's company. The dinner is coming right up this Monday, December 14th.

The Holiday dinner will be held once again (courtesy of Harrold Ankeney and the church) at the community cafe at Community United Methodist Church, 3301 W. Broadway (across the street to the west of WalMart and almost across Broadway from HyVee). Come around the back of the church and you will see an entrance toward the center, and the large room to the right of the entrance where the dinner is held. The doors will open at 5:00 p.m., and the goal is to start eating about 6:00. Arriving by 5:30 will allow time to get your food dish to the right location, and help with any last minute needs.

In order to accommodate our guests from Coyote Hill, we ask that members bring a dish that would serve twice as many people as the number in your group. MWA provides the entrée and drinks, and members can bring a vegetable, starch, salad or dessert. Anything that can be brought in disposable containers will facilitate sending home leftovers with our guests.

We encourage MWA members to bring show and tell items to the Holiday Dinner that can help our guests appreciate and learn a little about woodworking. We also provide MWA-made cars so that each child can take one home. If anyone is interested in making and bringing puzzles or other child-oriented woodworking products that the children, or each house at Coyote Hill, can take home with them, that would be really nice as well.

As is traditional for the MWA Holiday Dinner, there will be two categories of door prizes. One is for MWA members in attendance. This year that door prize will be a Bosch trim router. You can never have too many routers, and this one is a thing of beauty. For our guests from Coyote Hill, as well as guests accompanying MWA members, there will also be a

door prize. That door prize will be a woodworking piece made by our own Ernest Hilderbrand. All good reasons to attend the Holiday Dinner, in addition to providing a break and a treat for Coyote Hill residents and staff. In order to help repay Community United Methodist Church for allowing us to use their space, and in order to prevent this event from costing them money, there will be a donation jar available at the dinner to defray costs of providing the facilities.

Please remember that the December event is earlier in the month than our usual meeting (it's this Monday) and starts earlier, at 5:30.

Program Ideas -- All future program ideas are welcome.

Other Matters -- I hope you all have had chances to make sawdust recently. My wife and I are just finishing the raising of ten puppies to the age of getting permanent new families. That precluded other unrelated activity, but I did get to occasionally reconfigure the whelping boxes somewhat to accommodate swiftly increasing puppy size. That was fun. That's all for this month. I hope to see you at 5:30 this Monday for the Holiday Dinner, as well as the usual enjoyment and camaraderie of hanging out with woodworkers.

Be safe in the shop, and have fun.

I wish you and your friends and loved ones a blessed and merry Christmas and Hanukah, and a fulfilling, peaceful and happy new year.

Joe Gorman

November 2015 MWA Meetings

Officers' Meeting

November 23, 2015

Present: Terry Selby, Joe Gorman, Ernest Hilderbrand, Karl Haak

We discussed programs

We made plans for the Christmas dinner to be held on December 14, 2015

Business Meeting

Boone County Millworks, November 23, 2015, 7:00 PM

Joe Gorman, President

No minutes or treasurer's report

The Christmas dinner will be held on December 14, 2015 at the Community United Methodist Church on West Broadway. We will have about 23 kids and 7 adults from Coyote Hills. We plan to eat at 6:00 PM. The club will furnish meat, bread, and table service. Members are asked to bring covered dishes and extra as we will have guests. MWA members are reminded to bring Show and Tell.

The evening's program consisted of finishing the toy cars that will be distributed to children around the Columbia area as well as world-wide through the PET project.

There was no raffle or door prize.

MWA on Facebook

The monthly MWA Newsletter can be found on the MWA's Facebook group page.



Toy cars ready for delivery to children's agencies around Columbia. Thanks to the Conley Road Hy Vee for donating the paper bags.

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