



## *Newsletter*

<http://www.midwestwoodworkers.org>

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### **President's Letter**

**Norm Anderson**

Greetings Woodworkers:

I understand we had a great turn out for the November meeting and did a super job of Auto manufacturing. I was unable to attend for several frivolous reasons, but mostly I didn't want to risk my reputation as a non-working member! For all of you who did attend and build cars "I salute you" and thank you. I have heard it was a great and productive time.

December Meeting: ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER: Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>  
American Legion Post 202  
3669 Legion Ln, Columbia MO 65201  
(on the south side of WW just east a bit from Highway 63)

We will meet with the Coyote Hill children for dinner and gifts. This year we will also have our Rubber Band Dragster Contest. "THE RACE IS ON"

MWA will provide a Ham dinner with rolls and drinks, but members have the responsibility to bring a wonderful side dish and/or desert (enough to feed at least twice the number in your party). Kids will like all the normal sides from potato dishes (hot and cold), pasta dishes, beans green or shelled, rice dishes, vegetable dishes, and deserts. I am getting hungry just thinking about all the great food that will be there. We like to have spouses there and lots of show and tell items. We will be ordering the ham soon and would like a rough head count (prefer to err on the high side so we are not short of food).

PLEASE E-MAIL: ASAP - How many will be in your group to attend

January 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting is currently planned to be a woodturning demonstration at Boone County Millworks

A few puns to groan on.

1. The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
2. I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian ..
3. She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.
4. A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.
5. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
6. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
7. A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart
8. Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
9. A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.
10. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
11. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
12. Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other: 'You stay here; I'll go on a head.
13. I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.
14. A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab center said: 'Keep off the Grass.'
15. The midget fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
16. The soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
17. A backward poet writes inverse.
18. In a democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.
19. When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.
20. If you jumped off the bridge in Paris, you'd be in Seine.
21. A vulture boards an airplane, carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at him and says, 'I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger.'
22. Two fish swim into a concrete wall. One turns to the other and says 'Dam!'
23. Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.
24. Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, 'I've lost my electron.' The other says 'Are you sure?' The first replies, 'Yes, I'm positive.'
25. Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? His goal: transcendental medication.
26. There was the person who sent ten puns to friends, with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in ten did.

### **November MWA Meeting**

The monthly meeting of the Midwest Woodworkers' Association was held at 6:30 PM on November 26, 2017 at the Boone County Millwork Shop, Vice President Don Bristow presided. Seventeen members were present. Since this was a work session, there was no business meeting. The evening was spent assembling toy cars for the Christmas Toy Project.

## Dragster Contest

# MWA DRAGSTER CONTEST



### DRAGSTER CONTEST RULES

- 1: DRAGSTER BODIES MADE OF WOOD. May be multiple wood species or laminated. Plywood construction is permitted. Use of metal bodies, wheels, axles, bearings and flywheels is prohibited. Screws, brads, nails, hardware, dowels and glue for construction permitted. Metal trim for accent and appearance is permitted on a limited basis.
- 2: ALL WHEELS AND AXLES MADE OF WOOD. Wheels may use rubber or rubber band tires for traction but must be on a wood wheel. Number of wheels needs to be more than 1 but it is your option 4 wheels -3 wheels - 2 wheels or - more. Wax, silicon or other lubricants to reduce friction is permitted so long as moving components (ie: axles and bushings) are wood on wood.
- 3: POWERED BY RUBBER BAND OR RUBBER BANDS. May use multiple bands for power as desired. May use rubber band to power rear wheels or front wheels, but not both. Multiple wooden flywheels and/or pulleys and use of string pull permitted. May use Rubber band to power or a propeller or turbine, but cannot combine air thrust and wheel propulsion on same machine. All components on machine at start must remain attached at finish line. Creative engineering is encouraged.
- 4: MAXIMUM SIZE: **21" long – 5 ½" wide – 4 ½" tall**. Some will be smaller maybe 10"x3x3" but your choice of design up to max size.
- 5: MUST BE HOMEBUILT. May be unfinished wood, your favorite stain and finish or painted and decaled.
- 6: CAN ENTER A MAXIMUM OF 5 DRAGSTERS. YOU MUST RACE ALL CARS YOU ENTER.

### JUDGING CATEGORIES AND PRIZES

- 1: MOST ATTRACTIVE STYLING
- 2: MOST CREATIVE DESIGN
- 3: BEST ENGINEERING
- 4: BEST FINNISH

### THE RACE

DRAGSTERS WILL BE WOUND UP AND RELEASED ON THE FLOOR TRACTION MAT. THE CAR WITH THE LONGEST DISTANCE TRAVELED WILL BE RULED THE WINNER. PERIOD. PRIZES FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> -2<sup>ND</sup> -3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE WINNERS



OTHER DESIGNS I FOUND ON LINE, BUT NOT THE BEST YET!





### **Christmas Toy Project**

On December 6, 2017, MWA members delivered 1100 toy cars and trucks to various children's service agencies around Columbia, Boone County, and the world. Thanks to Mike, Harrold, Ernest, and Jim for making the deliveries and thanks to the Conley Road Hy Vee Store for donating the paper bags. With the start of the new year, it is time to begin preparations for 2018. Be on the lookout for clean 2x scraps and good deals on bandsaw blades. Plans for car bodies are available on the club's website or make up your own. Anything looks like a car if you put wheels on it. In addition, the club has stock for cars (2x4 and 2x6) cut at a millwork shop and it is available from Terry at the Boone County Millwork shop. Stock is cut into 2 inch sections, holes drilled for axel pegs (15/64"), sanded and edges rounded. You can make a lot of car bodies in a short time and a bandsaw is not needed.

