



Newsletter

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President's Letter

Greetings Woodworkers,

Our January meeting was really nice. As advertised, we met at the shop of Don Bristow.

To say that his shop is awesome would be an understatement. He has an amount of room that many of us can only dream of. Having a large ranch style home and devoting the entire basement to woodworking (including under the garage) is just an exceptional situation. By setting up a separate HVAC system for the basement, and sealing and insulating the ceiling, it is truly an ideal arrangement that offers maximum convenience (it's in your house) without having an adverse impact on the living space. Another factor that helped in designing such a nice shop was the fact that Don did not rehab an existing structure to get to this point. He and his wife carefully planned out their new home, and the basement was designed and built to be a shop.

I was excited to see it, and to learn some lessons from Don's design. The woodwork in his home, all processed in this shop, was beautiful.

At the meeting Don also shared a number of helpful shop tips. A few other members brought and discussed helpful ideas as well. It was a very enjoyable evening. Thanks to Don and his wife for having us over for the meeting. It is a lot of work to get ready (the whole shop was spic and span) and we really appreciate them going to the trouble of bringing us in.

Our next meeting is this coming Monday, February 24th, at Boone County Millworks, at 7:00 p.m. Because no new presentation has presented itself, we are going to have our annual Swap Meet at this meeting. Please bring any tools you would like to swap (or sell). I find that you need to set a decent price on your stuff in order to move it at the swap meet. At the same time, my experience is that the prices are significantly higher than garage sale prices—because members often have a good idea of what the item is worth.

At the Swap Meet members are also invited to bring and discuss the jigs and other woodworking devices they are fond of (or are interested in selling). We did a little of that at the January meeting at Don Bristow's, but I am sure members have lots more to share. Keep in mind also that if it something that you brought and discussed six or eight years ago, many of us have never seen it and would like to. We will also have a door prize, raffle prize, and unbeatable company. Don't miss it.

Any ideas for future programs are welcome. Typically they run an hour to an hour and a half. If you have any ideas for a presentation yourself, or know anyone who might, we are always looking. We will have a night at Cardwell Hardwoods in Jefferson City coming up in a few months (for which people may want to

carpool) and I am working on new tool presentations. If you have an idea but aren't sure if it is a good one, or how exactly to do it, just ask. We are happy to work with you on it.

I hope you have all had opportunities to make sawdust. I personally have been chained to my desk at work seven days a week, but continue to look forward to woodworking opportunities.

Just as a reminder, the annual travelling Woodworking Show has already been held in the St. Louis area, but is coming right up on Friday through Sunday, February 28th to March 2nd in Kansas City. For those who are not familiar, this is an annual traveling show with lots of vendors showing the latest and greatest toys, and lots of presentations (small seminars) on various how-to topics.

For information or tickets, go to www.TheWoodworkingShows.com. According to the add in Fine Woodworking magazine, when you order tickets online you can save \$2 by using the code MAPLE.

I hope to see you this Monday for our February meeting at Boone County Millworks. Don't forget we are having a Swap Meet, so this is your chance to find a good home for stuff that you no longer use but that is too good to throw out! With the thaw this week after a relentless winter, hopefully everyone will feel like getting out. If you are able to bring your favorite jigs or work saving ideas, we would be excited to see them.

Be safe in the shop, and have fun.

Joe Gorman

January MWA Meeting

Meeting held January 27, 2014 at Don Bristow's shop

Joe Gorman, president

19 members present

Minutes were read

Treasurer's report showed that woodworkers had a balance of \$3973.00 and turners had a balance of \$1334.00.

Ernest announced a toy workshop on January 30th and a turners' workshop at his house on February 6th.

Don Bristow gave the program. He showed his shop and told how it evolved. His shop was very neat and complete. He showed some of the jigs and fixtures he uses and passed out plans for an "L" fence he uses on the table saw. His shop made most of our mouths water and dream.

Show and tell

1. Tom Stauder showed a clamp to join two pieces of wood
2. Mike Gentzch showed a clamp for repairing plane handles
3. Paul Andrews showed a squirrel proof bird feeder
4. Joe Gorman showed clamps
5. Dale Andrews showed a segmented bowl he turned
6. David Morton showed a pen he turned
7. Bob Youngquist showed a jig he made to set lathe chuck jaws

Mike Gentzch discussed problems we might run into on insurance coverage for our shop and tools if we sell items.

The door prize was a picture and frame donated by Don Bristow and was won by Andrew Jayamanne
There was no raffle.

Cold Weather Diversions

These past few weeks have been too cold to do much in the shop, glue won't bond, finish won't dry, and toes and fingers get numb. So, I have been driven to the basement to watch woodworking videos on YouTube. There are hundreds (if not thousands), some are good and some aren't but you can always click on the "back" button. Here are a few good ones and a few bad ones:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2IYZYQWdvio>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JIF9IEuTyqA>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IVvFQop_Zc4

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AkMWLOq2xRk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k9SopmwU4iw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ac4jLTvXL3M&list=UUh48-qjFjHhHCDPuuPZg4VQ&feature=c4-overview> (if you think your shop is a mess, you should see this one)

Rosie the Channel 8 Weathergirl promises a warmer week so let's hope she's right.

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