



# Newsletter

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## President's Letter

Greetings Woodworkers,

In lieu of a May meeting, we held the annual MWA picnic. Many folk from Coyote Hill were in attendance. The weather could not have been better, and the children had a great time at the playground right next to the picnic shelter. The renowned barbecuing skills of Terry Selby were in evidence, as he and several helpers used Terry's own grill to cook up a storm. We also had, totally by chance, a delightful assortment of extremely good food brought by members (that the food was good was predictable—that the unplanned menu of pot luck dishes would turn out to be a well-balanced meal was lucky!).

Our June meeting is coming up on Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Our program for this meeting will be presented by Ernest Hilderbrand. Ernest will present a program on coloring two part epoxy for filling holes. The whole idea is both amazing and hopeful to me. My frustration at trying to find the right coloring pen for different repairs is long-standing. I am looking forward to learning another technique that will both act as a permanent filler and allow a close color match.

I hope you have all had chances to be working wood this summer. We would love to here about it. Also, don't forget to bring any items you like to the meeting for Show & Tell.

Because my work life continues to be absolutely crazy, I have not managed to pick up and work a single stick of wood. However, I had an interesting woodworker experience on my way back from a work conference this week. On the last leg back, from Dallas to Columbia, an interesting gentleman sat across the aisle to my left. Uncharacteristically, I did not speak to him the entire trip (I am chalking it up to the woman with a sleeping ten month old in the seat to my right, who I was trying not to disturb after the baby finally went to sleep).

Fortunately, after we landed I asked him some question trying to make conversation (good trip? home now? I can't remember exactly). But that started a conversation, and one polite small-talk question led to another. It turns out that the gentleman was coming back from Belize, where he recovers submerged old growth mahogany, which he ships up here, preps, and sells to the world!!!! What a small world!

His name is Richard Petty, he lives in Mexico, Missouri, and he is president of Greener Lumber, LLC ([www.greenerlumber.com](http://www.greenerlumber.com)). Greener Lumber harvests tropical hardwoods from Central American countries and elsewhere. Sometimes the wood has been submerged, but sometimes not. Their varieties of wood are very popular for many fancy pieces of furniture, guitars, and other uses.

When he told me about recovering submerged wood in other countries, I mentioned that it reminded me of what I had heard about Khoury Wood, recovered from bogs in New Zealand (see, e.g., [www.khouryfurniture.com](http://www.khouryfurniture.com)) (except that I was recalling that it came from Australia, and couldn't remember the name, but fortunately Rich was able to help me out!).

Rich would be happy to make a presentation to our group in the future. He suggested that it would be best using a PowerPoint Projector and a movie screen. Hopefully Rich will bring a few wood samples, but he

will have a lot more pictures. Those resources could be helpful with other presentations in the future as well. I believe that I could borrow a PowerPoint Projector from work, if MWA could either buy a portable movie screen, or someone could loan us one. It will be fun to hear about recovering submerged tropical hardwoods. I expect that Rich will have some stories to tell (even the story of how he got started is interesting!--how is that for a tease?).

I hope you have had opportunities to make sawdust. I also hope to see you this Monday to learn from Ernest, and to share any sawdust stories you care to divulge—and to just hang out.

Be safe in the shop, and have fun.

Joe Gorman

*No minutes or photos of Show and Tell from last month's meeting, so a couple of semi-amusing stories from the Internet:*

Unknown scientist Zee Idiot Jr. has claimed that the sky is made of wood.

"There's fifteen inches of carpeting above it to protect it from rain," he said in a statement last night when interviewed at his underground solid steel lab.

More intelligent scientists have been building large extendable ladders to bring back samples of the sky, but they can't find anything beyond the Statue of Liberty to lean them on.

"We can't disprove Mr. Idiot until we can bring back a sample of the sky," said scientist Mere Intelligent.

Several reporters are now asking why airplane pilots have never crashed into the sky.

"The wood is only the roof of the sky," says Mr. Idiot. "We're enclosed in it, but pilots never fly up that high. And as for rockets? It's auto-repairing wood, so it repairs every time a rocket smashes through it!"

A Meeting of Scientists was held at the Zee Idiot Sr. Memorial Conference Room - made in honour of Zee Idiot Jr's father, who claimed that the centre of the world was powered by glass - to discuss this claim.

The King of Scientists said that "I suggest that once we have a sample of non-wood sky, we purchase Mr. Zee a new suit, one with sleeves that button up at the back."

When people were confused as to why the King would want to buy Zee such a strange suit that was very hard to do up, he explained that the revelation that the sky was NOT made of wood but rather clouds and birds would prove that Zee was both wrong and insane and he would be sent to a madhouse. Mind you, such a claim with no solid proof already makes him mad, in this reporter's opinion. I thought the guy was dead anyway?

While the race is on to build a massive support for a massive ladder, Mr. Idiot is writing a new book titled Sky, Science and Wood. The book is 300 pages long with 56 chapters and will be published in September assuming that this giant ladder hasn't reached the sky by then and it's been proven that it's made of blue stuff, in which case he'll be too locked up to publish a book.

Timothy Burr, a cabinet maker from Nottingham, has invented a new form of woodworking joint. It is a straight cut interleaved joint between two flat pieces of wood, such as in the back corner of a drawer, but with an important addition.

Whereas in a normal Finger or Box Comb Joint there is a tendency for the interlocking 'fingers' of wood to pull apart, the new joint includes a rod which passes through the joint from top to bottom, pinning the pieces together.

"It has the simplicity of a Box Comb Joint but the strength of a Dovetail", he claimed. "I got the idea from watching my girlfriend interlink her fingers," said Tim, "and I could see that there wasn't anything stopping her fingers from parting. However, when I hammered a 3 inch nail down through all her fingers, everything stayed put."

His girlfriend, Theresa Freshwood, has since left him because she felt she was too young to be pinned down. She had tried to bring charges against Tim, but couldn't point him out in a line up, and felt her hands were tied. Forced to sell her second hand shop, Theresa now relies on handouts, and says that when she was struggling Tim never lifted a finger to help.

Tim thinks she should have just knuckled down, but feels he will have the last laugh. "She'll be sorry when the royalties start coming in hand over fist", he told me. "They're talking about at least six digits".

**Tentative Schedule of Events  
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2013**

Date	Day	Time	Event	Location
June 24, 2013	Monday	7:00 PM	MWA Meeting	Boone County Millwork
July 22, 2013	Monday	7:00 PM	MWA Meeting	Boone County Millwork
August 26, 2013	Monday	7:00 PM	MWA Meeting	Boone County Millwork
September 21 & 22, 2013	Saturday and Sunday	10 AM to 5 PM	Heritage Festival	Nifong Park, Columbia
September 23, 2013	Monday	7:00 PM	MWA Meeting	Boone County Millwork
October 12 & 13, 2013	Saturday and Sunday	9 Am to 5 PM	Pumpkin Festival	Hartsburg, MO
October 28, 2013	Monday	7:00 PM	MWA Meeting	Boone County Millwork
November 25, 2013	Monday	7:00 PM	MWA Meeting	Boone County Millwork
December 2013	TBA	TBA	Annual Holiday Dinner	TBA

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