



Newsletter

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President's Letter

June 2014 President's Note

Greetings Woodworkers,

Our May meeting, the picnic in Albert Oakland Park, was extremely pleasant and successful. The children and staff from Coyote Hill had a very good time, were grateful for MWA providing them yet again with an enjoyable adventure away from home and a meal, and they said thank you repeatedly. For MWA members and guests who were able to attend, the temperature was pleasant, the visit was relaxed, and the company was unbeatable. My condolences to those who were unable to share in the treat.

Mark your calendars for next year's picnic, on Saturday, May 30th. What? You don't have your 2015 calendar yet? Fear not, for we shall remind you when the time draws near. Also, we had tried for a couple of years running to reserve the Happy Hollow Shelter at Stephens Park for the picnic, but it is so popular that we were unable to. On the advice of a helpful individual at Parks and Recreation, I made the reservation for next year immediately following this year's picnic – and it worked!!! So next year the picnic will be at the very pleasant, and playground friendly, Happy Hollow Shelter. But be advised that, especially since they have now built us restrooms very close to the Albert Oakland Shelter no. 2, a number of members who were polled at this year's picnic opined that it really doesn't get any better than Shelter no. 2 – so we may be back for 2016 (too soon to mark your calendar).

Our next meeting is coming right up this Monday, June 22nd. It is another road trip, and I apologize for providing such late notice. We have worked out the details for a visit to Good's Millwork in Versailles, Missouri. They are an excellent millwork shop. In fact, they are so good that Boone County Millworks orders things from Goods!

Their address is 17717 Hwy K, Versailles, MO 65084. Their phone number is 866-378-2580. You can see some of their fine work (and a little of their equipment) on their web site at www.goodsmillwork.com.

We will again meet at Boone County Millworks, and park in the front lot, to car pool to the site. We need to try leave by 5:50. We told them we would arrive about 7:00. Google estimates of the fastest route show the trip

time as 1 hour and thirteen minutes. Again, if you are running late and would like to still go with someone, you can call my cell phone at 573-356-7681, and we will do our best.

Normally June is the meeting at which we elect officers of the MWA for the coming year. Because this June meeting is a road trip, we will need to put that off until July. In the meantime, you are welcome to let me know what offices you would like to run for (jgorman@ptclabs.com) or you can simply declare at the meeting! Perhaps the most important feature that makes the MWA possible is that a lot of members pitch in to assist with various aspects of needed support. I can assure you also that you receive a lot of support and understanding in whatever position you are willing to take on. Stepping up and taking a turn makes it easier for everyone to pitch in, in turn.

I hope you have had opportunities to work wood. I am back to being chained to my desk at work, but looking forward to future opportunities.

So, please be safe in the shop, and have a lot of fun working wood. I hope to see you this Monday by 5:50, and we can enjoy each others company car pooling to an unusually interesting wood shop, pretty close to home.

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