



Newsletter

<http://www.midwestwoodworkers.org>
March 2013

President's Letter

Our February meeting was not well attended. Eleven inches of snow with another nine on the way seemed to be a good reason to cancel. Thanks to Ernest for his clear thinking and getting that arranged, while I was still in a stupor having gotten back from Washington, D.C. about 2:00 a.m. on Saturday (after the first snow) and then spending the waking hours of the weekend digging out.

Our schedule of presentations for February and March has now gotten completely switched around. For our March meeting, coming up on Monday the 25th, we will hold a swap meet. Please bring all of the woodworking-related items that you would be interested in selling or swapping. We will reschedule the February and March presentations based on the schedules of the speakers.

Like severe heat, big snow helps a woodworker feel better about having his or her shop located conveniently in the basement or attached garage. Hopefully it provided some of you with extra opportunities to make sawdust.

I have not been able to spend time in the shop lately myself. However, in regard to our quest of identifying good places to acquire rough cut lumber, I noticed an interesting blog on the Popular Woodworking web site entitled "Find a Sawmill Operator." Steve Shanesy, one of the editors of Popular Woodworking Magazine, provided some search tips for those occasions when you might need someone to saw up a log for you. Of course, local sawmills can also be a source for purchasing lumber that the mill cut, hauled and milled.

His basic tip centered around the makers of the Wood-Mizer portable sawmills, and the website that they maintain. At www.woodmizer.com you will find lots of information on buying saw mills and related products. But you can also find a list of wood-mizer mills located in your state, and you can go directly to that list by clicking here: <http://www.woodmizer.com/us/ResourceCenter/FindaCustomSawyer.aspx>. Their list for Missouri shows mills as close as Fulton and Hallsville.

Another interesting piece on their website provides some things to think about when hiring a sawmill to cut your log(s): <http://www.woodmizer.com/us/Portals/1/pdf/HiringASawyer.pdf>

Finally, they have a short "Getting Started Guide to Sawing." The guide talks about cutting logs on a mill, and contains a lot of log and sawyer vocabulary so that you can intelligently discuss what you want the mill to do with your log. I was unable to copy the link, but if you go to the Hiring a Sawyer article above, you can link to this one from there.

Finally, one of the posted comments to the blog mentioned that the Department of Natural Resources in many states compiles a list of sawmills in the state. Well after a little research, and some help from a friend, I determined that in Missouri DNR does not maintain such a list, but the Department of Conservation does.

I found the MDC (Missouri Department of Conservation) list by googling “sawmills in Missouri.” The list is on the mdconline site and is entitled Missouri Mill Information. The list shows 468 entries. But it seems that in some cases there are multiple listings for various aspects of what may be the same overall enterprise, such as Yoder Hardwoods, Yoder Sawing, and Yoder Sawmill.

You can search this list by any of the four categories of information that it furnishes for each listing. Those are the name of the mill, the county from which the mill purchases wood (not the county the mill is located in), the species of wood that the mill purchases, and the products produced by the mill.

Searching for Boone County, the list shows twenty entries for mills in and around Boone County. However, as you look at the products produced by each mill, it appears that many just produce pallet lumber or ties, posts and/or stakes. But many also produce “lumber,” which is presumably what we are all looking for. It is nice that the list also contains the species of lumber that the mill deals in.

From those resources we should be able to find good sources of lumber, although there will be a certain amount of work to narrow it down to the ones that actually have stuff we want, and the ones whose lumber is of a quality and price we are happy with.

I continue to have the goal of compiling a list of vetted sources of wood, and I have accumulated a small list at this point. Perhaps the preceding resources will help lead to more quality entries. Please let me know if you find mills that you are especially happy with.

As the cold days of winter wane, I hope that they have provided you with good opportunities to ply your hobby. Be safe and have fun. Hope to see you at the MWA meeting coming right up on the 25th.

Joe Gorman

From WOOD Magazine

Weekend with WOOD

May 17-19, 2013—Spend a weekend in *WOOD* Magazine’s Des Moines, IA shops and headquarters with top woodworkers, such as Marc Adams, Gary Rogowski, and Zane Powell as well as WOOD Editors, Jim Heavey, Kevin Boyle, and John Olson. Along with your classes, tuition includes a swag bag worth over \$200 and mid-day meals on Friday and Saturday. In order to keep class sizes small, attendance is extremely limited. Learn more at <http://www.weekendwithwood.com>

January 2013 MWA Meetings

Officers’ meeting

Meeting held January 28, 2013

Present Terry Selby, Dale Andrews, Clyde Rea, Ernest Hildebrand, Yvonne Robert, Joe Gorman, Tom Stauder and Karl Haak

1. We discussed future programs
2. We discussed the spring picnic

Business Meeting Minutes

Meeting held January 28, 2013

Meeting held at Boone County Millworks

7:00 pm

Joe Gorman president

26 members and 2 guests

Minutes read

Treasurer’s report showed that MWA had balance of \$5641.67 and MWWT had a balance of \$1180.49 for a total of \$6822.16

Darren Laup told about an intarsia show to be held in Iowa. Contact him for details

Ernest announced a toy workshop on January 31st the at Pet shop

He also said there would be a turners’ workshop at his house on February 6th.

The program on Feb. 25th will be by Jim Smith a toy maker from Russellville.

The March program will be by Jacob Adams, an industrial arts teacher from Jefferson City
 Carla McFarland gave a very interesting program on how she uses miniature tools to carve and decorate gourds.
 She showed a lot of her work and told how she uses various finishes. There were a lot of questions for her.
 Terry had scrap wood and toy body stock.

Show and tell

1. Tom Stauder showed a bench he made and the jigs he used to glue up the miters
2. Terry Selby showed a model of a 1930 Packard he made
3. Olin Hatfield showed pictures of gourds he decorated
4. Darren Laupp showed a wine bottle holder he made
5. Mike Gentsch showed a sewing tool he turned a handle for

The raffle was a gift certificate from Cracker Barrel was won by Ernest Hildebrand

The raffle bought in \$56.00

Two door prizes were won by Terry Selby and Lou Eggerding

We received thank you letters for the toys from:

1. Rainbow House
2. Ronald McDonald House
3. Herb and Kristin Mona for children of Versailles El Salvador
4. Salvation Army
5. Nora Stewart Nursery
6. Womens and Children's Hospital
7. Shepard's Basket Food Pantry
8. P.E.T.

We gave a total of 2005 cars.

**Tentative Schedule of Events
 Midwest Woodworkers' Association
 2013**

Date	Day	Time	Event	Location
March 25, 2013	Monday	7:00 PM	MWA Meeting	Boone County Millwork
April 22, 2013	Monday	7:00 PM	MWA Meeting	Boone County Millwork
May TBA	Saturday	TBA	Club Picnic	TBA
June 24, 2013	Monday	7:00 PM	MWA Meeting	Boone County Millwork
July 22, 2013	Monday	7:00 PM	MWA Meeting	Boone County Millwork

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