



Newsletter

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November 2013

President's Letter

Greetings Woodworkers,

Well, the Pumpkin Festival seems like a long time ago now. But it happened after the October newsletter (which was sent out early in anticipation of the festival). The weather was wonderful, and a good time was had by all. We took in \$1335.85 in donations at the Pumpkin Fest (that will purchase a lot of axles and wheels). Thank you very much to all who helped make the car making and woodworking experiences at the Pumpkin Festival possible.

Our October meeting was nice, and had a good turnout. We enjoyed a presentation from Ron Phillips, Associate Professor and Director of Graduate Studies at the University of Missouri. Ron established, and is in charge of, the Design Workshop (wood and metal) for students to use in building furniture and other items. Many of us are intimately familiar with the wonders of the politics of working in large organizations, including Universities. It was interesting to hear this saga played out in the context of woodworking and furniture design. Ron also told many stories that we could all empathize with, such as the tribulations of being responsible for the physical safety of many individuals all using dangerous power equipment for the first time, and all at the same time!!!

Our November meeting will be this coming Monday November 25th, starting at 7:00 p.m. at Boone County Millworks.

For our program at this meeting we are happy to note that a presentation will be given by our own Norm Anderson. Norm's program is entitled "The Angle of the Dangle." Despite the intriguing name, this program has nothing to do with anything you might be thinking! It is a very interesting program on compound angles. Please join us in being intrigued by Norm.

There is also a rumor that Norm will dazzle the attendees at the annual MWA Christmas Dinner with his hooeee. Again, no matter what you are thinking, this is even better, and is rated for family viewing. For those who have not had the pleasure of this experience, Norm's hooeee defies the powers of observation, and provides fun for all ages. If we ask him nice, perhaps we can prevail upon Norm to also bring his magic dice to the dinner. In order to know for sure if these rumors about the Christmas Dinner are true, you need to be there.

Speaking of the Christmas Dinner, it is almost that time again. Please go ahead and mark your calendar for the December "meeting," which is in mid-December. In lieu of a meeting, in December we hold the MWA Christmas dinner. This year the Christmas dinner will again be held at the community cafe at Community United Methodist Church, 3301 W. Broadway (across the street to the west of WalMart and almost across Broadway from HyVee). It is nice of the church to provide us with space, and nice of Harrold Ankeney to line it up. Our Christmas dinner will be held on Monday, December 16th. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m., and the goal is to start eating about 6:00.

For those unfamiliar, the Christmas Dinner is one of two annual events (along with the May picnic) that we sponsor as a way of doing something for the children at the Coyote Hill home. These kids are cooped up a lot, and really enjoy the chance to get out and go somewhere, as well as enjoy some different food. At the Christmas Dinner they also get to claim one of the MWA pre-made cars and take it home. Doing this as a way to give back, to children (and staff) who could use a lift, really makes it special. It also adds sort of the hectic ambiance of any event catering to many small children (like the Catholic church-basement wedding receptions I grew up with).

In my experience, the Christmas Dinner and picnic are not especially well attended by MWA members. In my own case, being intrinsically shy, I shied away from my first few MWA Christmas Dinner and picnic opportunities, at least in part because I was worried about not knowing people that well. But in reality, the events are so short, and with the need to consume food and possibly help a little with children, and then cleaning up, you really don't need to socialize much more than you would at a regular meeting. In fact, if you just came in, ate, and left, you could participate in the experience with very little risk of having to smile or say anything.

In order to accommodate our guests from Coyote Hill, we ask that members bring a dish that would serve twice as many people as the number in your group. MWA provides the entrée and drinks, and members can bring a vegetable, starch, or dessert. You are also welcome to bring woodworking show-and-tell items if you like. Your children and guests are certainly welcome as well. We hope you decide to come.

Well, I hope you have all had opportunities to work some wood. Personally, I have burned a little but not had time in the shop at all. I don't even have any wood stories to share this time. Hope your experiences are more rewarding.

I hope to see you this Monday, to enjoy Norm Anderson's presentation, as well as the usual enjoyment and camaraderie of hanging out with woodworkers, winning fancy prizes, and discussing all things wood.

Be safe in the shop, and have fun.

Joe Gorman

October MWA Meetings

Officers meeting

October 28, 2013

Meeting held at Boone County Millworks

Present: Terry Selby, Ernest Hildebrand, Joe Gorman, Dale Andrews, Yvone Robert and Karl Haak

We discussed programs

We discussed the Christmas dinner

We discussed charities for toy cars

Business Meeting Minutes

Meeting held October 28, 2013

Meeting held at Boone County Millworks

7:00 pm

Joe Gorman, President

18 members and 4 guests present

Minutes read

Treasurer's report showed the woodworkers had a balance of \$6419.46 and the turners had balance of \$1354.49

Tom said we took in \$974 at the Heritage Fest and \$1335.00 at Hartsburg

Ernest announced a toy work shop on Oct. 30th at the PET shop. We need as many volunteers as possible.

He also said there would be turners; workshop at his house on Nov. 7th.

Terry had scrap wood and toy car stock to give away

Show and tell

1. Ernest showed bowls he turned
2. Tom showed a urn he turned in two pieces
3. Dale showed pens and yoyos
4. Olin showed bowls turned pens, a bottle stopper and a carving made of cottonwood bark

Ron Phillips gave a presentation on how he started a furniture design lab at M.U. He told how he a ranged financing and the problems he had with administration

The door prize was a bottle of glue and was won by Tod Fudge

The raffle was a \$40.00 gift certificate from home depot and was won by Don Bristow

The raffle bought in \$54.00

Shop Tip

From my friend Sherman Anderson, who makes hundreds of toy tops with a springpole lathe at the Ozark Folk Center State Park in Mountain View, Arkansas (he's also an Easy Wood Tool dealer), put a bit of anti-seize compound on your headstock and chuck threads to make removal easier after turning. Now I don't need that big strap wrench hanging on my lathe.

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