



Newsletter

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President's Letter

Greetings Woodworkers,

Our October Meeting --- Our October meeting was fun. We had a record turn-out for a meeting where members shared in assembling finished cars to be delivered to children's agencies for the holidays. I don't know if the record turnout was because of, or in spite of, last month's Newsletter describing the upcoming meeting as "The agenda for this meeting is a secret. But I can give you some hints. It will involve improvements in manual dexterity skills, along with exercises in building. Importantly, it will also include even more opportunity than usual for camaraderie and sharing with your fellow woodworkers." All who showed up can testify that all of those promises were kept. It is truly enjoyable to spend an hour or two in Santa's workshop with all of your fellow woodworkers, sharing stories, tools, wheels and axle pegs. So many attended that we ran out of tools! And the total productivity for the evening was truly amazing. Thank you to all who attended that meeting.

Our November Meeting --- Our November meeting is coming right up this Monday, November 24th. It will be held at Boone County Millworks at 7:00. I am happy to fully disclose the nature of the program this Monday. Our very own Ernest Hilderbrand and Tom Stauder will be demonstrating the use of a router and a jig for flattening boards that are too large to fit through a planer. Such pieces include sections sawed out of large tree trunks. Tom will also demonstrate the use of a router and jig for making decorative butterfly patches in a board that has a natural crack or fissure. This promises to be a great exercise in creative problem solving and jig building in wood working. That will be very interesting in itself, as well as being a practical skill lesson for anyone who might toy with such large projects, or butterfly repair techniques, on their own.

Other Stuff --- I hope you have all had opportunities to work wood. I have stolen a few moments to piddle in the shop, but have had very little time. I did get to try out a new dust mask and goggles, both of which Highland Woodworking assured me would prevent goggles from fogging up. While I have used them only a couple of times, they met expectations. The "fog free safety glasses" (item no. 485097) simply slip on over your prescription glasses. They consist entirely of see-through plastic, with no blockage to vision. They sell for \$9.99. The "Elipse P100 Dust Mask" (item no. 117301) is simple but effective and sells for \$29.99. While I have not tested them enough yet, I can hardly describe the feeling of euphoria I got while laying on my back under base cabinets, looking straight up into falling sawdust as I drilled pilot holes and screwed in screws, and having a totally unfoggy 180 degree view the whole time!

On another product note, Bob Youngquist (with my consent) provided Klingspor once again with everyone's personal contact info, because they require that in order to renew our 10% club discount. When that subject was discussed at a prior MWA meeting no one appeared to object, but if anyone would prefer that we not give out their info for this kind of thing, please let me know (I don't believe I have received a single email, from Klingspor or anyone else, as a result of providing my info).

Speaking of Klingspor, I was looking for the Fine Woodworking 2014 Tool Guide issue while on my way to the euphemism to sit on the throne, when instead I found the 2013 issue. A quick leaf-through hit upon an article comparing sanding disks (the very 5" disks for random orbital sanders that I reported previously

purchasing from Klingspor on our club 10% discount). They compared eight different disks from six different manufacturers. The study included things that you and I don't normally want to do, like measuring and comparing how fast the different disks removed wood, how much wood they could remove over the life of the disk, and how good the finish was that they left behind. Fine Woodworking rated the 5" hook-and-loop Klingspor disks, incorporating alumina oxide abrasive and a stearate coating to reduce loading and extend life, as both "Best Overall Performance" (tied with the Norton 3X disk) AND as "Best Value." In comparing prices when buying only 1 to 5 disks, they reported the Klingspor price at \$0.50 per disk. By contrast, Grizzly was \$1.09.

The bottom line is that your 10% club discount is off of a price that is already great, for a product that can't be beat! But be careful to order on line and first get your magic participant number for Klingspor. Its not hard, but you have to follow the steps. If you don't have that info, just contact Bob Youngquist or me. About random orbital sanders themselves, the author maintained that "For any type of wood or grain, it can convert a surface from machine-milled to finish-ready, without requiring a lot of skill." What's not to like?

That's all for now. I hope to see you this Monday at Boone County Millworks for a creative wood working problem solving experience offered by Ernest and Tom. Please be safe in the shop, and have a lot of fun working wood.

Joe Gorman

October MWA Meetings

Officers' meeting

Meeting held October 27th, 2014

Present: Terry Selby, Ernest Hildebrand, Joe Gorman, Dale Andrews ,Harrold Ankeny, and Karl Haak

We discussed future programs

We discussed the Christmas dinner and set tentative dates of December 8th or 15th; more on this later

Business Meeting

Meeting held October 27th; meeting held at Boone County Millworks; 7:00 pm

Joe Gorman, president

18 members present

Minutes were read

Treasurer's report showed the wood workers had a balance of \$5044.25 and the turners had a balance of \$1534.49 f0a total of \$6578.74

Ernest said there would be no toy workshop this month as we got a lot of cars done at the meeting. He said there would be a turners' workshop at his house on November 6th.

Terry had scrap wood and toy car stock

There was no show and tell

The Christmas dinner has been tentatively set for December 8th or 15th; more on this later

For a program we assembled toy cars and got a lot of them done

The door prize was a woodburner and was won by Scott Sager

The raffle was a \$40.00 gift cerfucate and was won by Olin Hatfield

The raffle bought in \$54.00

From Klingspor's Woodworking Shop

January 29, 2015

In the past, your club has shown interest in our woodworking club and guild program. Our records show that we have not received an updated club listing. In order to maintain our database, we ask that you send us an updated list including new enrollments as well as past members who have not renewed their membership. We need an updated listing every year.

An updated list will ensure your new members are able to take advantage of discounts and special offers. Members who have not renewed their membership will not be extended the discount; however will continue to receive our catalogue. **Also if we do not get the updated listing within 60 days after this letter is sent then your members will be removed from the discount program. The club list must contain the member's name, address, telephone number, and email address if applicable.** Please remind your members that club member names are not sold. Members can also order online. They just need to call 800-228-0000 and set up a user name and password with one of our customer service representatives or create one themselves online. Please let members know that they will need to login before ordering in order for the discount to work. If not then they will not get the discount. We also have a Club Listing on our website. If you would like for your Club to be listed please let me know and there will be a link added to go to your site from ours.

This program is a great way to help woodworkers across the country save money on products that are already being purchased and also to help promote our great sanding products to your club members. Listed below are some examples of what we have to offer your woodworking members:

- **10% discount on all non-powered merchandise in our catalogues**
- ****Discounts do not apply to items already discounted in catalog****
- **regular mailings of our most up-to-date catalogs**
- **monthly newsletter via email**
- **donations for raffles (twice a year) You have to request them.**
- **expert advice on sanding and woodworking applications**

Clubs that are already participating in our program:

North Carolina Woodturners Association- we actually house their monthly meetings in our retail store in Hickory, NC.

- **Greater New York Woodcarvers** – Little Neck, NY
- **Front Range Woodturners-** Denver, CO
- **Berrien County Woodworkers Guild** – Benton Arbor, MI
- **Greenville Woodworkers Guild** – Greenville, SC
- **Lower Columbia Woodcarvers** – Longview, WA
- **Valley Woodworkers of West Virginia** – Hurricane, WV

Please feel free to contact me anytime with questions or concerns. My number is 1-800-228-0000 ext. 3711, fax me at 1-800-872-2005, or email me at pbarden@woodworkingshop.com.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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