



# Newsletter

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## **President's Letter**

Greetings Woodworkers,

Our October Meeting -- For our October meeting the MWA had a booth at the Pumpkin Festival on Saturday and Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> in Hartsburg. It was really fun to help children choose their car parts and build their own car. Many, many parents told us that their child(ren) really look forward to making a car every year, and told us how neat the idea and process were.

This year there were a couple of changes in the festival arrangement. Instead of allowing people to drive through the festival, they established routes to get in and to get out that would get you to the huge corn and soy field parking lots. You could not drive through Hartsburg itself unless you were a vendor and arrived before 7:00 a.m.! By mid-day the lines coming to the festival became very, very long. Also, the outbuilding/hot food purveyor across from our booth changed hands. I really miss the bratburgers.

The weather was incredible (makes up for a number of wet years). I suppose that is a big reason we were so busy at the booth. We helped make a LOT of cars (maybe 1,500?). This year donations from parents totaled \$1,670.00. This compares favorably with recent years. Tom Stauder, our Treasurer, notes: "here are the amounts from the last three years:

2012: \$1,072

2013: \$ 1,336

2014: \$1,315"

Thanks to Terry Selby (the "Festival Master"), Bob Youngquist, Karl Haak, Yvon Robert, Ernest Hilderbrand, Harrold Ankeney, and Mike Gentsch for all of their help in making this outing a success.

I hope we can do it again next year.

Our November Meeting -- For our November meeting we will feature show and tell items, and will take a little time to finish up the car assembly for the cars that the MWA delivers to children's agencies for the holidays. There are not too many left to assemble this year. It promises to be a low-key evening enjoying the camaraderie of woodworkers, with ample opportunity to ask about, and discuss, woodworking questions.

Our December Meeting -- Our December meeting each year is a Holiday Dinner, put on in large part as the second yearly MWA sponsored outing for the children and staff of the Coyote Hill children's home. They

really enjoy a night out, and some of us really enjoy helping them out. It is a pot luck function which will be held on Monday evening, December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Community United Methodist Church, 3301 W. Broadway (across the street to the west of WalMart and almost across Broadway from HyVee), courtesy of Harrold Ankeney and the church. More information to follow in next month's Newsletter. Please mark your calendars.

We encourage MWA members to bring show and tell items to the Holiday Dinner that can help our guests appreciate and learn a little about woodworking. We also provide MWA-made cars so that each child can take one home. If anyone is interested in making and bringing puzzles or other child-oriented woodworking products that the children, or each house at Coyote Hill, can take home with them, that would be really nice as well.

Program Ideas -- All future program ideas are welcome.

Other Matters -- I hope you all have had chances to make sawdust recently. This month we were solicited by Joe Marshall to see if the MWA would like to rent part of his new space for his woodworking furniture business. It would be nice to have a space where we could keep certain pieces of woodworking equipment that could be used by all MWA members. If you do an internet search for Marshall Woodworks you will find Joe's Facebook page with pictures of his work (or you can go directly to <https://m.facebook.com/joemarshallwoodworking/>), and you will notice that he does some very interesting stuff. It would be nice to have him available in the same building as a resource. It just did not appear economically viable for us.

I did subsequently ask Joe Marshall if he would consider giving a tour of his space for an MWA meeting, perhaps in January. His response was that between his business and his family his schedule stays very busy. He said he would have to get back to me. --- Could just be a polite brush off. Only time will tell for sure!

I hope to see you all at 7:00 this Monday for the MWA meeting at Boone County Millworks. Until then, be safe in the shop and have fun.

Joe Gorman

### **Holiday Toy Project**

After the November MWA meeting we will have the toy cars finished and ready for delivery. I would like to deliver them during the first week in December and will need several helpers to take them to those who will share them with the children for whom they provide care. I will bag the toys for each agency and will need several MWA members to help transport them. If you are able to help, please let me know the days between December 1 and December 4 that you could be available and we will try to find a time that suits as many as possible. The cars will be at my shop at 4089 North Thompson Road. If you need directions, please let me know. Most GPS navigation systems do not recognize that street address and will take you who knows where.

Also, if you know of any additional children's service agency that could use toy cars, let me know and we will try to accommodate them.

Please email me ([youngquistr@missouri.edu](mailto:youngquistr@missouri.edu)) if you can help or call me at 573-474-6737(h) or 573-355-8235(c). If we don't answer, please leave a message. Thanks!

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