



# Newsletter

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## President's Letter

Greetings Woodworkers,

October Meeting -- For our October meeting, we met at the Boone County Millworks and assembled toy cars for distribution to children's organizations this holiday season. We assembled approximately one thousand cars. Thank you very much to all who participated in this assembly. It is another jewel in your heavenly crown—and the children will appreciate it right here on earth.

As previously reported, earlier in October we assisted youngsters in “building” their own cars at the Hartsburg Pumpkin Festival. We performed for record crowds and reaped record rewards (which bodes well for the purchase of new car wheels and axels). It was an absolutely gorgeous weekend, and a good time was had by all.

Our November Meeting -- Our November meeting will be held on Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Boone County Millworks on Vandiver. Our presenter this month is Dr. Barry J. Gainor. Dr. Gainor is a long-time Bluegrass musician, as well as a hand surgeon. He also rehabilitates classic banjos. In fact, in 2013 he wrote an article for the Journal of Hand Surgery showing the surprising similarities of the practices of that profession to the practice of banjo repair. His article is entitled “Hand Made: A Handy Pursuit—Rehabilitating Vintage Banjos.” He mentioned such similarities as the practice of making sure you measure twice and cut once!!!

Dr. Gainor also has a website entitled the Banjo Rehab Center. The web address is [www.banjorehab.com](http://www.banjorehab.com). It features a rotating array of commentary and pictures, such as the recent entry of one of his restored banjos in an art show at the Columbia Art League. Dr. Gainor's wonderful sense of humor is evident throughout his web site, in the aforementioned article, and I expect in person.

On Monday Dr. Gainor will present and discuss aspects of banjo restoration. It promises to be a very interesting and informative evening. We appreciate Dr. Gainor's willingness to visit with us, and are very much looking forward to his presentation.

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 in early December 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. I apologize for not having the exact date at hand, but will get that to you shortly.

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.

That's all for this month. I hope to see you at the MWA meeting this Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 on site at Boone County Millworks, for an interesting presentation by Dr. Barry Gainor on banjo restoration.

Until then be safe in the shop, and have fun.

Joe Gorman



2016 collection of toys ready for delivery to children's service organizations during the week after Thanksgiving

### **October 2016 MWA Meetings**

Officers' Meeting

Present: Terry Selby, Ernest Hildebrand, Joe Gorman, Don Bristow, and Karl Haak

We discussed upcoming programs and the Christmas dinner

Business Meeting

Meeting held October 24, 2016 at Boone County Millworks at 6:30 PM

Joe Gorman, president

14 members present

No business meeting, door prize, or raffle

Members spent the evening assembling a lot of toy cars

Ernest announced that we would not have a toy car workshop this month and he would have a woodturners' workshop on November 3 at his house.



Good wishes for Thanksgiving to all MWA members and their families.

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