

Newsletter

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November 2017

President's Letter
Norm Anderson

Greetings Woodworkers:

I hope you have had some time to work on projects and created some lasting legacy in your shop. A big THANK YOU to all who worked our booth at the Hartsburg Pumpkin Festival. It is really a lot of fun seeing the faces on the kids who get to build their own car and drive it off the final assembly line.

The October meeting was a little different with several presentations by various members on their sharpening systems. Ernest had his Baldor grinder with the CBN (Cubic Boron Nitride) wheels, Joe Feldman had his Worksharp, but prefers diamond stone and a Veritus jig, Joe Gorman had a slab of granite with some fine grit and the Veritus jig as well as a Veritus powered sharpening system, I showed my Sorby belt system, other belt systems were discussed using a portable belt sander, but the showstopper was Mike Gentzch with a drywall sander equipped with various grits of sandpaper (it should have won a prize for being the least expensive and the most portable and according to Mike it could sharpen a splitting mall good enough to split a whisker or whittle on a toothpick. We had some show and tell and a few more designs for the Rubber Band Dragster contest. Time is moving fast and the December contest will soon approach (as they say time flies like an arrow and fruit flies like a banana!). Time to get out in the shop and create a speed demon of a dragster.

The NOVEMBER MEETING – November 27 (Monday) 6:30 PM. will be at Boone County Millworks 2112 Vandiver Dr. Columbia, Mo. We will have a car building experience. Production of Cars is lagging Sales so we need to ramp up production with a second shift. There are car bodies of various colors and wheels and axles that need final assembly to be ready to deliver before Christmas. We can get-er-done and have some fun at the same time. We will meet at the regular time 6:30 and build enough cars for all the kids all over the world to drive on Christmas day and into the following years. Sale price remains the same as before - FREE, but the value to the kids who receive a handmade wooden car is priceless. I hope you can make it and enjoy the fun of assembly and discussing woodworking and show and tell with other members. We will have a drawing and a raffle. More Hooouee available on request only.

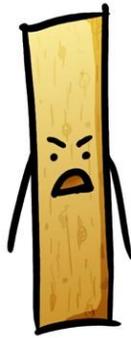
Upcoming events: December; Christmas party, January; Woodturning, February; shop tour.

PLEASE GIVE SOME ADVICE ON WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE FOR A PRESENTATION. We have lots of open dates, but we also have lots of talent in our group and/or the budget can find someone that could present on most anything you want to know about. Like I say: This is your club and programing is ultimately up to you!

Now for a little questionnaire: What is your favorite wood? Do you like the strong grain lines and color contrast of Walnut, the subtle character and changes over time of a fine piece of Cherry, the rays and strength of White Oak, the smooth finish of hard Maple, the fragrant aroma of fresh pine or Cedar??? Inquiring minds want to know. I have preferred White Oak and Cherry, but have some nice work with Walnut (despite it an allergy to my eyes and nose), but with the cooler weather my favorite wood has changed from Cherry or White Oak to FIREWOOD (most any species).

Thoughts from the Woodshop

- * If you attempt to rob a bank you won't have any trouble with rent/food bills for the next 10 years, whether or not you are successful.
- * Do twins ever realize that one of them is unplanned?
- * What if my dog only brings back my ball because he thinks I like throwing it?
- * If poison expires, is it more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous?
- * Which letter is silent in the word "Scent," the S or the C?
- * Why is the letter W, in English, called double U? Shouldn't it be called double V?
- * Maybe oxygen is slowly killing you and It just takes 75-100 years to fully work.
- * Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty.
- * The word "swims" upside-down is still "swims".
- * Intentionally losing a game of rock, paper, scissors is just as hard as trying to win.
- * 100 years ago everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars. Today everyone has cars and only the rich own horses.
- * Your future self is watching you right now through memories.
- * The doctors that told Stephen Hawking he had two years to live in 1953 are probably dead.
- * If you replace "W" with "T" in "What, Where and When", you get the answer to each of them.
- * Many animals probably need glasses, but nobody knows it.
- * If you rip a hole in a net, there are actually fewer holes in it than there were before.
- * If 2/2/22 falls on a Tuesday, we'll just call it "2's Day". (It does fall on a Tuesday).



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I really wish
something fun
wood come along.

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October 2017 MWA Meetings

Officers' Meeting

Present: Norm Anderson, Terry Selby, Joe Gorman, Karl Haak, Bob Youngquist, Ernest Hilderbrand

We discussed the dragster project and meeting program ideas.

Business Meeting

Meeting held October 23, 2017 at Norm Anderson's shop at 6:30 pm

Norm Anderson presided

20 members and 2 guests present

Norm had a soup supper prepared and showed us his shop

We discussed whether to include Tom Hutchinson's stripper recipe on the newsletter and decided to decline because of the caustic chemicals involved.

We decided to check on hats with the MWA logo; Karl Haak will check with a vendor in Moberly.

There was unanimous approval to offer Cardwell Hardwoods a small advertisement in the MWA newsletter.

The treasurer's report showed the woodworkers had a balance of \$5480 and the turners had a balance of \$1870. The toy booth at the Hartsburg Pumpkin Festival took in about \$1500.

The program consisted of demonstrations of sharpening systems used by members. Ernest Hilderbrand, Joe Gorman, Mike Gentsch, Norm Anderson, and Joe Feldman showed their systems. Now we have no excuse to use dull tools.

There was an exceptional turnout of items for show and tell. Apologies to any that were missed; some were:

1. Tom Hutchinson showed cutting boards
2. Darren Laupp showed intarsia projects
3. Bob Youngquist showed a dragster and turned bird houses
4. Norm Anderson showed several Christmas decorations he made
5. Mike Gentsch showed a scraper he made
6. Ralph Newport showed several ornaments he made and were painted by his wife

We need to have this turnout at every meeting to show the talents of our members!

The door prize was a gift certificate and was won by Rex Cone

The program for the November meeting will be assembly of toy cars for the Christmas Toy Project.

Christmas Toy Project

Members have been working all year gathering 2x scraps and cutting, sanding, and painting car bodies for the Christmas Toy Project. We worked at the Hartsburg Pumpkin Festival to let children (and some not children) assemble their own cars in exchange for donations to buy paint, wheels and axel pegs. We have approximately 600(±) cars left to assemble for distribution to various children's service organizations before Christmas. We will need some volunteers to help distribute finished cars early in December.

We could use some more help from members for next year's Toy Project. If you have 2x scrap, can cut and sand car bodies or help paint one evening a month at the PET shop, please join us. Holes for axel pegs should be drilled with 15/64", 7/32", or wire size #1 bits. Please do not use a 1/4" bit as the hole will be too large for the pegs. Patterns for cars are on the club's website or feel free to design your own. Remember, anything looks like a car if you put wheels on it.

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