



Newsletter

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President's Letter

Greetings Woodworkers,

Our August Meeting -- Our August meeting was held at Boone County Millworks, where we watched three shows from Season 7 of The Woodsmith. The episodes included Small Shop Solutions, Drill Press Upgrades, and Router Extravaganza.

Personally, I learned a great deal from those three videos, and will borrow them to watch the same three again to make more notes about some of the ideas that I specifically want to adopt.

They demonstrated and discussed a Flush Trim Jig that I thought was awesome. There are a gazillion applications, such as applying Formica on the edge of a countertop, or making shelves out of something like plywood or particle board where you apply front edge trim. I want to borrow the CD both to see this described again, and also the CD has plans for this and other described jigs.

I liked the storage bin they made that rolls up to and around a floor standing drill press, turning totally wasted space into storage. I also really liked the wide table they had built for the drill press, to provide support for drilling longer pieces.

There were many other useful suggestions. I recommend borrowing and viewing the CD, if you did not see the programs on TV when they aired originally.

As a benefit of MWA membership, Terry Selby holds many such programs and CDs with pointers for many tools and operations, in our storage bin at Boone County Millworks. All are available for members to take out on loan.

Our September Meeting -- Mike and Nancy Gentsch have generously offered to have MWA members and friends out to their farm on Saturday, September 26, 2015 for some sawing and log handling demonstrations, including their band saw mill. I will repeat here the note that went out earlier this month.

This meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday September 26th. In addition to a lot of educational opportunity, it will include a pot-luck lunch. Mike and Nancy are providing pulled pork, buns and beverages (diet and regular cola, water and coffee). Please bring a dish such as a vegetable, side, dessert, chips etc. (baked beans are already spoken for!).

This would be a good meeting to bring a “significant other,” or a friend, or both. All are welcome, but **we need a head count** to have an idea of how large a crowd we are cooking and planning for. Please send me a return email to let me know if you can come, and how many will be in your party. If you have not already responded, but would like to come, please send me an email right away.

As stated in the last MWA Newsletter, the log handling and sawing demonstrations will include, among other things: A demo with their sawmill. It's a manual mill called EZ-Boardwalk 40. It will saw a 16 foot log 40" in diameter. It's made by Amish Mennonites in Emden, MO. Nice well built mill for the money. We have a tractor mounted log winch which we can also demo. We can discuss our tree farm philosophy and what our goals are.

You can see the barn we built and how we store cut lumber and handle logs. We also have a tractor mounted hitch to move logs, the log arch for the 4 wheeler and the log winch. We also have a homemade hydraulic wood splitter that we use to get our winter wood in. We heat the house with wood and have for 37 years. We can discuss the best woods for heat and the ones easy to split.

DIRECTIONS: Mike and Nancy are located about ten miles east of Columbia. Take WW east of Columbia (Highway 63) about 10 miles. Directly after crossing the Callaway County line (the bridge over Big Cedar Creek) there will be two sharp curves, turn right on the second one on County Road 350, then left on 351 and follow about 2 miles to the farm. Mike and Nancy will set out signs pointing the way. Another route would be to take I-70 to the Millersburg exit, then south on Route J, right on WW for about a mile and then left on the first curve.

Our October Meeting -- For our October meeting the MWA will have a booth at the Pumpkin Festival in Hartsburg on Saturday and Sunday, October 10th and 11th in Hartsburg. It is really fun to help children choose their car parts and build their own car. Many parents tell us every year that their child(ren) really look forward to it. The food available at the festival is also nice experience that most of us do not get the rest of the year.

If you are able to help at the MWA booth, please send me an email letting me know when you can be there. Thank you.

Program Ideas -- All future program ideas are welcome.

Other Matters -- I hope you all have had chances to make sawdust recently. I have been building a Welping Bed for our Izzy to have her Golden Doodle litter in early October. Among the many wonderful things this is allowing me to do, I have plugged in the unused Porter Cable plunge router that I purchased from the guy who sold me my table saw five years ago. Neither he nor I had even removed the twisty wire that comes with new machines to hold the cord in a nice neat bundle!!! As you can tell, my professional woodworking progress is slow – but it's a lot of fun.

I hope to see you at Mike and Nancy's on Saturday the 26th at 10:00. Please let me know as soon as possible if you can come, and how many will be in your party. Thank you.

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

Joe Gorman

August 2015 MWA Meetings

Officers' Meeting

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

We started planning for Christmas dinner. Harrold is getting a date for the church

We discussed applying for a Stafford Foundation grant

Business Meeting

August 24, 2015; 7:00 pm

Meeting held at Boone County Millworks

Joe Gorman, president

14 members and 1 guest present

Minutes were read

Treasurers report showed that woodworkers had a balance of \$2449.50 and the turners had a balance of \$1815.79 for a total of \$4265.29

Ernest announced a toy car workshop on August 27th at the PET shop and a turners' workshop on September 3rd at his house

Terry had scrapwood

The September meeting will be a trip to Mike and Nancy Gentzch's saw mill and lumber operation. Directions will be in next newsletter

Show and tell

1. Olin Hatfield showed turned balls and a turned bowl

Our program was viewing three WoodSmith dvds

The door prize was dust masks and was won by Paul Andrews

The raffle was a \$40.00 gift card and was won by Bob Youngquist. The raffle bought in \$48.00

Inspiration for Furniture Makers

We are just back from a trip to North Carolina and had the opportunity to visit a number of galleries. The most impressive was the Grovewood Gallery in Asheville, NC. They have an excellent website (www.grovewood.com) and you can see photos of a number of handmade pieces of solid wood furniture.



Wooden bowl and spheres turned by Olin Hatfield.

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