



# Newsletter

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## President's Letter

Greetings Woodworkers,

Our December Meeting -- Our January meeting was cancelled because we did not have a program or presenter for that meeting. So December was our immediate past meeting. It was our annual Holiday Dinner; our opportunity to spread some holiday cheer to the children from the Coyote Hill home. Harrold Ankeney again facilitated use of the large cafe area at Community United Methodist Church, and we are grateful to Harrold and the church for this nice venue.

This year's potluck dinner and evening festivities were incredibly pleasant. Of special note, a number of woodworkers pitched in by making wooden gifts that the children could take home. Referring to the pictures below, Ernest Hilderbrand turned small wooden bowls for the children (and a large wooden bowl as the door prize for adults). Bob Youngquist went above and beyond even his normal generosity, and made small cars, medium (our normal size) cars, and "cup and ball" games in which the ball is tethered on a string to a small cup at the end of a handle, and the goal is to swing the ball out and land it in the cup.

We also had a new member, Mr. Ralph Newport, who made and brought fancy Tic Tac Toe boards with a built in drawer to hold the marbles that go in a depression in each square of the board. He also made some games referred to as a "pumpkin golf tee challenge" that are in the shape of a pumpkin and require "jumping" golf tees to eliminate as many as possible—similar to the game you may have seen on the dining tables at Cracker Barrel.

My sincere thank you goes out to the gentlemen who gave of their time and talent to make these gifts and make this holiday season special for children who have little. Thank you also to all of the MWA members and spouses who attended, and brought food, to make this evening possible. May God bless you all.

Our February Meeting -- For our February meeting, Norm Anderson has generously invited us again to his home shop. He has requested that our meeting be one week later than usual on **Monday, February 29<sup>th</sup>**, **and that it start at 6:30** rather than 7:00. In fact, Norm will be available at 6:00 for anyone wanting to come early and get a shop tour, or shoot the woodworking breeze.

For the program, Norm will present on a Brain Teaser Puzzle and Box Puzzle, with maybe a bit of HOOOOEEEE thrown in (if you've not seen hooooeee, I'm not sure what to tell you. You have to be there).

In honor of the fact that this meeting is on the fifth Monday in February, and of the fact that a fifth Monday in February is a very rare event, Norm proposes an additional entertainment. Norm will give a prize to the person who is able to come up with the formula to determine the year in which we will next see a fifth Monday in February!!! As Norm says, "Mathematicians – Astronomers – Woodworkers ready for solving a puzzle may participate." Sounds like fun to me (although I admit to being clueless). I am not sure how Norm plans to handle it if we have multiple winners!!!

Norm's place is at 905 W. Colchester. A map is attached. He notes that he has plenty of parking, but that some may want to car pool. It promises to be a lot of fun.

Our March Meeting -- Robbie Doerhoff, of the Missouri Department of Conservation, kindly volunteered to make a presentation regarding the bad insects and diseases that travel in wood and kill trees, including the Thousand Cankers disease in Walnut which we have discussed a little previously. He assures me that most members will learn a lot about tree pests and wood movement laws. Robbie states that his

presentation will include lots of PowerPoint slides. He will also bring samples and specimens for folk to examine up close (a little creepy--literally!). He points out that the Department maintains a booth at the St. Louis and Kansas City woodworking shows, and this topic always generates a lot of interest among woodworkers. Mark your calendars for the March meeting at Boone County Millworks on March 28<sup>th</sup>. I am looking forward to it.

Program Ideas -- All future program ideas are welcome.

Other Matters -- I hope you all have had chances to make sawdust recently. I have personally been deprived of that pleasure, but look forward to it all the more.

That's all for this month. I hope to see you at **6:30 on Monday, February 29<sup>th</sup>**, for a fun and educational presentation at Norm Anderson's.

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

Joe Gorman



Left: Bowls, cars and games for our guests from Coyote Hills. Right: Door prize made by Ernest Hilderbrand.



Games and cars for our guests at the MWA Christmas Dinner.

### **Directions to Norm Anderson's Shop--905 West Colchester Road, Columbia, MO**

Take Highway 63 north to Prathersville Road (next exit north of the fairgrounds)  
Go west to Highway 763 (Rangeline); roundabout by the 63 Diner  
Go northwest 1.4 miles on Highway VV to Mauler Road  
Go west 0.6 mile on Mauler Road to Wade School Road  
Go north on Wade School Road to second road on the left side (Colchester Road)  
Go west on Colchester Road to 4th house on the right side

### **Turned Toy Wooden Cars**

The following YouTube videos show an interesting idea for producing toy wooden cars on a lathe. They are quick to make and can take any shape you can imagine. As the turner in one of the videos says, "Anything looks like a car if you put wheels on it."

Denton Turners--<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=03qpS-nejel>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yFgYHi0GpRs>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fnIvj358oZE>

I tried a few of them. White wood 2 x 4's (Menard's finest) are a bit of a challenge as the far side tends to chip badly when turning air. I had some scraps of 8/4 hardwood that worked better. In any event, give it a try on those days when you want to do something but don't want to work too hard.



Toy cars turned from scrap 8/4 oak.

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