



# Newsletter

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## **President's Letter**

Greetings Woodworkers,

I hope that you all had enjoyable and meaningful holidays. We were glad to help the holidays be happy for the children and staff of the Coyote Hill childrens' home, as well as all of the childrens' agencies where we delivered wooden toy cars (as reported in the December newsletter). Now it is time to jump into the new year – back to business as usual – learning about and happily practicing woodworking!

## The Woodworking Shows -- Kansas City -- this Fri, Sat + Sun January 20-22

It is time once again for the annual presentation of The Woodworking Shows in Kansas City this weekend. The show runs Friday afternoon, Saturday and Sunday. There are free seminars, paid classes, and tons of vendors with demonstrations and opportunities to see and touch the latest in woodworking tools.

The show is held at Kemper Arena in Kansas City. For address, exact times, price of admission (\$14), schedule of presentations and other information go to: [www.thewoodworkingshows.com](http://www.thewoodworkingshows.com).

Our December Meeting -- Our December meeting was our annual Holiday Dinner held at Community United Methodist Church. We enjoyed the company of children and staff from Coyote Hill. Members brought pot-luck dishes, as well as toys for the children.

A very nice time was had by all. The children went home with toys, the staff took home leftovers, and everyone got a night out and a break from their routine.

The MWA, and other helpful organizations, received a nice thank you note from Coyote Hill.

Thank you to all of the members, and their spouses and guests, who helped make this possible.

Our January Meeting -- For our January meeting coming up this Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup>, Tom Stauder will give us a presentation on joinery. When asked for a little more information about what his presentation would entail, Tom responded "Sure, just call it Joinery with Dowels, Pocket Screws, Biscuits, and Dominos."

While the exact content of the presentation continues to be shrouded in some mystery, Tom has never let us down and his presentations are always interesting and educational. It promises to be a fun and informative meeting.

Our February Meeting -- Next month also promises to be rewarding for woodworkers. Norm Anderson has invited us back to his workshop. In Norm's own words:

"I am ready for Monday, Febr. 27 at 6:30 PM.

The presentation will be on my new workbench with a straight edge cutting station much like the joint-a-bility system [from Hawk Woodworking Tools], but with a few wrinkles of my own. This is the bench I made with one of the bowling alley lanes that were available last summer. We will also have a tool presentation by Frost Supply and Milwaukee tool company. I believe it will be an interesting and entertaining meeting well worth your time. I plan to have something from the SPORG to snack on and will be there all afternoon, so if anyone wants to come early no problem. I have increased my parking area so should be no problem parking, but it may be first in last out.

PS: Hooee available upon request

Link to joint-a-bility: <http://www.hawkwoodworkingtools.com/WebsitePages/The-JointABILITY.html>

Norm Anderson  
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I have a map available for those without GPS."

Program Ideas -- All future program ideas are welcome.

That's all for this month. I hope to see you at 6:30 this Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, at Boone County Millworks to partake of the learning from the most recent iteration of Tom Stauder's insatiable curiosity, inquisitiveness, and development of incredible skills. Tom's feverish desire to learn helps fuel our own learning and enjoyment. We are glad he is willing to share the joy.

Be safe in the shop, and have fun.

Joe Gorman





Norm Anderson's new workbench made from a section of a salvaged bowling lane.

### **MWA Holiday Toy Project**

The 2016 MWA Holiday Toy Project was again a success. We received record donations at our booth at the Hartsburg Pumpkin Festival and distributed over 1,000 toys to children in Columbia, Boone County, and around the world. But, we can always use more help to cut cars, paint, assemble, and staff the booth at festivals to earn the funds to buy wheels and axle pegs. Plans for cars cut from scrap 2x material are available on the club's website (<http://www.midwestwoodworkers.org/files/toycars.pdf>). Or, use your imagination to design your version of a toy. As someone on a YouTube video said, "Anything looks like a car if you put wheels on it." The club also supplies molded 2x4's and 2x6's that can be cut into 2" lengths to make cars. The critical issue when making toy cars is to drill properly sized holes for the 1/4" axle pegs. They need a tight friction fit and must be slightly smaller than the diameter of the peg. A 15/64" bit seems to work well and a 7/32" is a tight fit. A wire size #1 bit works as well; Mennard's now carries bits in wire sizes.

Don't feel that you have to confine your creative urges to toy cars. Tops, games, and puzzles are great for distribution to hospitals and day care facilities before Christmas 2017.

We meet to paint car bodies at 7:00 PM on the Thursday evening following the regular MWA meeting at the PET shop on Heriford Street. Please feel free to join us to paint the cars or just come by and hang out for a while. If you can't make it to the PET shop, bring your car bodies to the monthly MWA meeting and we will get them to the PET shop for painting.

### **MWA Facebook Group**

If you are a Facebook user, take a minute to check out the Midwest Woodworkers' Association Facebook Group. The monthly newsletter is posted there and members can post photos of their projects.

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