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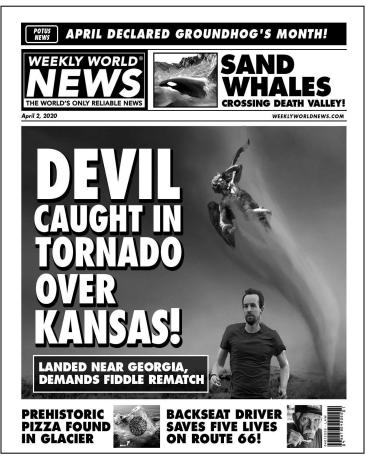
President's Letter Norm Anderson

Greetings Woodworkers:

I hope everyone is using this time at home to complete some awesome projects. Maybe there is a silver lining to all this virus restrictions that it will give us a little more time in the shop to do woodworking. I listen to the radio and they are suggesting exercise and yoga to pass the time at home and have discussed sewing (face masks) and even knitting but I have not heard mention of woodworking. I think we need to call the 6 o'clock news and complain that the woodworkers are being left out!

There is plenty of news out there but not enough good news. Check out the latest news with no mention of Virus! Yes: this article is "Fake News" but, in light of the completely unbelievable reality we are facing today it seems rather mundane in comparison. We are at the mercy of an invisible enemy and just need to get past it with a minimum of victims. We need to get past it so the economy gets back on track with jobs and prosperity. We can only follow along with the madness of a world in turmoil. The world may change, but it won't end. I for one plan to work on projects in the shop when I am not working from home selling equipment. I do hope all of you remain well and get some quality time in your workshops.

This can also be a time to work on a MWA member



profile. I would like all members to take a few photos of themselves (preferable in your shop) and write a short bio of your woodworking experience and some of your projects. We will try to post these on our MWA site so don't include your address or information that should share in the bios. We will need an email address to send the bio information to and then someone to assemble on a computer document

(preferable in Word) the list with member information and photos. YES: We need someone to assemble a virtual book of this information. Are there any volunteers?

THE APRIL MEETING IS CANCELLED DUE TO THE CORONA VIRUS.

Due to circumstances concerning the corona virus we have made the decision to cancel our April meeting. Hopefully we will be back on schedule in May or June not only for our group but for the nation and the rest of the world. Please stay safe and make some incredible wood projects.

FUTURE MEETINGS

To Be Determined: Tour of Joseph Eultgen's shop near Ashland. TBD: Dean Gregory presentation on shaker boxes CANCELLED: Annual Picnic TBD: A tour of Sawdust Studios

TBD: A virtual Show and tell with Wayne Lavern using a computer to project pictures of your larger show and tell items on a big screen.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

ROGER PAGE: a long time MWA member is moving and will need to sell some equipment which includes a Shopsmith Mark5. I have a Shopsmith that is much older than Rogers and use it a lot. His Shopsmith model 520 has a base power unit that performs 5 major tasks in wood working.

1: Table saw with a very wide table and the motor has plenty of power for ripping thick stock.

2: Lathe with a 34" spindle and a 151/2' swing. With variable speed.3: Drill press for woodworking with a tilting table variable speed, a very long quill travel and your table saw fence fits it for great repeatability.

4: Horizontal boring which is great for repeatable drilling. Basically, a drill press on its side and very accurate.

5: Sanding disc 12" with a tilting table and the same fence and safety miter gage used on the saw with precision unmatched. I use mine to sand parts to exact dimension.

The change over from saw to sander or horizontal drilling takes less than $\frac{1}{2}$ minute. I would recommend his unit to any new woodworker at the price he is listing it because you will have a whole shop full of tool in a small area around 3' x 6' and will be very happy. Go to: Shopsmith.com for a virtual presentation on the Shopsmith machinery.

Here is a complete list with lots of clamp and other tools I have looked them over and they are well cared for and in like new condition.

ShopSmith with several accessories, lathe tool sharpening fixture, speed reducer, sanding discs, drill bits, easy mobility, with shelf & drawer. \$450.00

Router table w/Milwaukee router, several bits, a few jigs, large storage drawer. \$150.00

(new): PowerMate (mobile vertical) 12 gallon air compressor, w/2 hoses & accessories. \$30.00

(new): JDS model 2000, air filtration sys. 120v, hardware incl. for hanging. \$40.00

My grandad always said "as one door closes, another opens", lovely man, terrible cabinet maker.







(new): Mobile clamp rack (approx. 4'h x 2'w), could be a lumber rack. \$20.00

Hand power tools(some may be on original list):
Craftsman corded drill, 5.5amp, heavy duty, some bits. \$15.00(new price)
Craftsman rotary tool, with many accessories, manual. \$15.00(may be new
Craftsman reciprocating saw, 2 range var. speed, several blades. \$15.00(new
MilesCraft router combination guide (51" max. circle cap.), w/manual. \$15.00
Thermo Grip Glue Gun, with glue sticks, \$5.00 (new on list)
"Pony" bar clamps, asst. sizes, 12-30" lengths, 7-8 total. \$1& \$2.00/offer for all.(new on list)
"Bessey" parallel jaw clamps, two 56" & two 40" used very little. \$20.00ea./\$75.00 for all.(new)
"Adjustable" brand U-type screw clamps, two 4" & two 6" sizes. make offer. (new on list)
Several 10-20ft. extension cords,120 &(240v cords w/male plug &mtr. conn.ends. Offer ea./set(new)
"htc" brand Mobile roller stand. \$10.00 (new on list).

Small hardwood(ash) mobile cabinet w/drawer & lower shelf area. \$15.00(new on list) Mechanical: Nice set of 1/2" drive Craftsman socket wrench set w/std.& long ratchets & ext. \$40.00/offer(new)

Note: I marked the addl. items as new on list-OR-just new to save space. I have SO many little "hand

tool" items/misc. hardware that will probably end up at Good Will that I can't list. Thanks!

Things for the Socially Distant to do?

Are you bored enough to start watching golf on TV? I haven't reached that point but I will admit to watching part of an old Super Bowl game. While it won't be of interest to everyone, I found a YouTube channel from Engles' Coach Shop located near Yellowstone Park in Montana. This craftsman makes and repairs wooden wheels for stagecoaches, carriages, and farm wagons. Those of you who have been to Death Valley have seen the borax wagons pulled by 20 mule teams. Those of you who are old enough will remember Ronald Reagon's black and white TV show "Death Valley Days". Mr. Engles has videos showing building and driving replica borax freight wagons and the tank wagon. Even if you're not interested in seeing how to build a huge wagon, it's worth your time to see how forty mules turn a corner. In a couple of other videos that might be of interest, he shows some serious steam bending: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b9UPihp04xY

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p0xj7OujbwU

In addition to woodworking, he also is a pretty good blacksmith and demonstrates among other things putting iron tires onto the wooden wheels. If you are feeling bad about the clutter in your shop, watching one of his videos will make you feel like you are neat and well-organized and you will have some serious tool envy.

If watching videos is not your cup of tea, being a hermit might be an ideal time to visit your scrap lumber pile and get a head start on making toys for Christmas. It's been too wet to run the rototiller so I have been working down the scrap pile and using up some of the donated wheels.



Cut out some car bodies and I will bring you the wheels when we can get together again. And don't forget Norm's challenge to design and build a toilet paper holder:



Just don't go to the store and expect to find any rolls to put on it. Someone else bought them all. **Woodworking Resources**

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