



Newsletter

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President's Letter

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A Note from Dean;

Next Monday, June 28th, is our next meeting back at Sawdust Studios with in person meetings. I felt so good to see so many members there last month, but I understand there were some technical issues with zoom during the meeting. I will continue to work on making the zoom portion have more consistent audio and video, but I have to admit, it is difficult for me to host and focus on whether the streaming is working correctly.

I had to return a tool I had borrowed from Tom Stauder earlier today and truly enjoyed seeing Tom's projects, workshop, and his plethora of very cool tools. By the time I left his house I had a very bad case of tool envy. But seeing all of Tom's tools and equipment also made me think about last month's meeting when Dave showed us his wooden hinge jig, which is way cool and I can't wait to get one myself.

With all of that running around in my mind, and being at a loss for coming up with any presentation ideas, I decided this month's presentation would be a group effort. I want each of you to think about showing and demoing to the group the craziest tool/jig purchase you have made, whether it was expensive, silly, so cheap you HAD to buy it, or just for one project. My shop is full of these types of tools and I'm already running through a list of items I'm going to be bringing to show.

But in honor of Rich, we should also include gadgets that you spent hours making just because you didn't want to spend the money, or because you just love the process of making your own stuff. I get so much joy in seeing the cool and inventive tools and jigs Rich has made that I had to include this category.

After visiting with Tom, I drove to Cardwell's Lumber in Jefferson City to select some wood for a coffee table I'm building for my son and future daughter-in-law. When I drove in the parking lot, I was certain I was going to buy quartersawn white oak for this piece of "heirloom" furniture. But then I discovered that cherry is half the price of quartersawn white oak, and I immediately decided that the coffee table would look awesome built out of cherry wood.

While I was visiting with Mike, at Cardwell's Lumber, I convinced him to be our presenter for the September meeting. He will be giving a demo on the new Shaper Origin handheld CNC router, which they represent in this area. I've seen several presentations, including one on Fine Woodworking's platform, and they look really cool, but I would have to talk to my wife for ten years before she would let me buy one. But maybe I'll bring her to the presentation and see if Mike can convince her.

Once again, a big thank you to Sawdust Studios for hosting and I look forward to seeing everyone next Monday.

Kindest regards,

Dean

MWA Christmas Toy Project

MWA members held a couple of toy car painting sessions over the past weeks. At this point, there are probably a sufficient number of car bodies for the year but if it looks like we will run short after the Pumpkin Festival in October, we can paint some more. The wooden wheel supplier shipped us a good supply of 1 inch diameter wheels by mistake (we use one and a quarter inch wheels) which don't work well on cars cut from 2 inch stock but they do work well on car bodies cut from 3/4 inch stock. The major difference is that the holes for axle pegs have to be drilled close (1/4 inch) from the bottom of the body so the wheels touch the ground after assembly. If you want to design some smaller cars using 3/4 inch stock, they would work well. The axle pegs have to be cut off so they don't meet in the middle, however. If you want a supply of smaller wheels and pegs, let me know and I will get them to you.



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