

Midwest Woodworkers Association

November 2023 Newsletter



'Tis the season indeed! As we gear up for the festivities, both in the workshop and with our families, I find myself immersed in the intricate details of crafting a bread box for my father. The tambor bit set, showcased in a summer demonstration, has proven invaluable for this project. Although the instructions tout it as a perfect weekend endeavor, reality sets in, and the busyness of my weekends challenges that notion.

Speaking of challenges and precision, this month's demonstration by Mike Taylor promises to be enlightening. With a focus on advanced techniques using digital calipers and indicators, he aims to elevate our woodworking game. Personally, I can't wait to implement his insights, ensuring my tools are finely tuned for more precise and accurate cuts. It's the kind of

knowledge that sets the foundation for success in our woodworking endeavors.

As we dive into these woodworking intricacies, let's also take a moment to appreciate the spirit of the season. Whether it's the warmth of family gatherings, the excitement of football games, or the joy of putting the finishing touches on handmade gifts, there's a unique camaraderie that defines this time of year. May this month's meeting not only sharpen our woodworking skills but also deepen the bonds of our Midwest Woodworkers Association community.

Wishing you all a season filled with creativity, craftsmanship, and the joy of sharing our woodworking passion with those we hold dear.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Loyd". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John Loyd
President, Missouri Woodworkers Association

NOVEMBER NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The September meeting will be at Sawdust Studios' **new location** on the 27th starting at 6:30. Mike Taylor will be joining us to share his presentation titled **Revolutionizing Workshop Precision**

- Note, Sawdust is now at **3150 Paris Rd Columbia, MO 65202**. The new shop is spacious and will be an awesome place for us to meet.
- Bring all the stuff you are working on.
- We will raffle off an **Absolute Digital Caliper 12"** so that one lucky person can go home and start applying the techniques that Mike shares. There will also be a door prize.
- November is our last meeting in 2023 as we will not meet in December due to the holiday season.

More details on Mike's presentation:

"Revolutionizing Workshop Precision: Unveiling Advanced Techniques with Digital Calipers and Indicators for Enhanced Accuracy in Common Table Saw, Drill Press, and Router Operations"

In this presentation, discover innovative methods to maximize the potential of your workshop by harnessing the power of the "Zero" button on digital calipers and indicators. Learn how to go beyond the conventional use of zeroing out jaws and explore the multitude of applications that can significantly boost the speed and accuracy of common operations at the table saw, drill press, and router table.

I will share never-before-seen tricks and hacks that leverage the "Zero" button, focusing on its role in determining differential measurements and minimizing the need for common calculations in precision work. By implementing these techniques, you can drastically reduce the necessity for test cuts, ultimately saving valuable time and resources.

Having personally integrated these techniques into my own shop for several months, I can attest to their effectiveness. Be among the first to witness these groundbreaking methods in action, as they have never been showcased before. Elevate your workshop practices and instill a new level of accuracy that will change how you approach more precision operations.