

# WOOD CHIPS



Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association

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## SAWDUST FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER – APRIL 2010

### I NEED YOUR HELP

LAKE COUNTY FAIR – AUGUST 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. (will be here before we know it)

- We need members to be in our booth and greet the fair goers. You don't need to do any demonstration, just volunteer to spend 2 hours or more in our booth to answer questions. We really need to have at least 2 and preferably 4 members at all times. You will get FREE ADMISSION and FREE DRINKS.
- We also need a number of projects for display in the locked cases across the aisle from our booth. Sign-up list for items you will show will start soon.
- I also need help on Thursday evening August 5<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 pm to set-up the booth, for an hour or two. On Monday evening August 9<sup>th</sup> around 9:00 pm, we will start the tear-down of the booth and could use some extra help.

### COMMITTEES NEEDING MEMBERS

- PROGRAM – John Hunter and the officers have been working to bring you some interesting programs. However, we really need a couple of members to take on job of setting up the programs. The Exec board will continue to work with this committee. 3 of the months are already set with Christmas party, Jigs, & Toys for Kids.
- SUMMER PICNIC & CHRISTMAS PARTY– We could use another couple of members to help with the planning and purchasing of supplies. (You can get an advance from the club for buying supplies)
- DISPLAY – We have one member and could use a second. We usually do one or two library displays each year. You would gather the items from members for the display, work with the library as to dates and where, set-up and take-down the display.

Please lend a hand on one of the committees and the Lake County Fair.

WHEN YOU GET INVOLVED IT BECOMES MUCH MORE YOUR CLUB.  
GIVE IT A TRY!!

# Trip to Ohio - Warther Carving Museum

Saturday June 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday June 27<sup>th</sup>

Plan to join your fellow members on a visit/tour of the Ernest Warther Carving Museum on Sunday morning June 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. The club is NOT getting a bus. (Ask a long time member about the Wisconsin Bus trip). We do encourage members to form your own car pool to share the ride and cost. The museum is located in Dover, Ohio which 20 miles South of Canton, Ohio.

I have checked area motel rates and summer rates for a nice motel are around the same price. I will be staying at the Comfort Inn - Hall of Fame. Phone number is 330-492-1331. I would recommend getting an internet reservation, which is quoted as a cheaper rate. Senior citizen 2 double beds start at \$85.00 plus tax.

Another possible motel is the Best Western North Canton 330-497-8799 which started at \$69.00 plus tax for 2 double beds.

Canton is the home of the Professional Football Hall of Fame. Even if you're not a big fan of football, this is a very interesting place, filled with history of a sport that is truly an American Sport.

An hour or so to the North (around 50 miles) is Cleveland, Ohio and the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. From early blues and spirituals through the 50's early rock, the 60's electric rock, the 70's hard rock and disco to modern rock it is guaranteed to bring back some memories.

Myself and some other people were talking about driving over Friday June 25<sup>th</sup> (about 5 ½ hours down the toll road) in order to see some of these other area attractions (and there are others I did not list). Some are planning to come Saturday morning.

Please let me know if you are planning to come so I can try to coordinate some of our sightseeing and especially the Sunday morning at the Carving Museum – Admission is \$12.00/adult

Lou Takacs (219-465-7207- Home & 219-241-6972 – Cell)

## SHAKER OVAL BOXES

May 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting Program and May 21st Hands-on Class

The time for our Shaker Box Class is getting near. We still have 4 openings as of last meeting. This has been open to all active members and as of this April meeting I will open it to members' friends/spouses. This is same class that they teach at their shop in Charlotte, MI.

Check out ([www.shakerovalbox.com](http://www.shakerovalbox.com)) and you will see our class listed. Eric Pintar, partner in the business and instructor, will provide a program on the steps involved in making a shaker oval box for our May meeting on Thursday May 20, 2010.

The next day May 21<sup>st</sup> a full day hands-on seminar will take place where each person will make 5 progressive sized shaker boxes at my home/shop near Valparaiso. Price for the seminar (tools, materials, and instruction) is \$90.00/person and we will be collecting money at this meeting to finalize the number.

Lou Takacs

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## SHOW AND TELL



John Hunter



Bob Miller



Dick Sader



Gene Davis



Joe McDaniel



George Pluard



Norm Johnson



Bob Rinearson



Ron Benson



Max Hernick



Carl Mills



Bill Carter



Nick Kucht

Phil Malavolta also had items in the Show and Tell but are not pictured.

## **SPEAKER**

The speaker at the March membership meeting was Henry Haak from Carter Lumber. Henry repairs nail guns and gave an excellent talk on the good and bad points of various brands along with tips on how to keep them operational.



## **DUES ARE DUE FOR 2010/2011**

Please bring a **CHECK** for your \$25.00 dues (\$35.00 for a couple) to the April or May meeting. CASH IS A PROBLEM WITH CHANGE AND RECORD OF WHO PAID!  
THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR COOPERATION

## **SHOP VISIT**

Skip and Claudia Brazil hosted a shop visit in March. A great shop and good food.





## **NIWA 2X4 CHALLENGE**

This year's 2x4 Challenge will take place at the May meeting. Pick up a 2x4 and join in the fun.

### **The Rules and Regulations**

1. Each participant in the 2x4 Challenge must be a member of Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association.
2. An eligible entry is an item completed before the April 24, 08 meeting and has not been submitted whole or in part into any prior NIWA 2x4 challenge.
3. Each participant can submit one entry. The entry remains the property of the participant.
4. The entry must be made from a single, standard dimension 8-foot length of wood (2x4) Any species of wood is acceptable.
5. The entry may be fastened using any glue and finished using any wood finish.
6. In addition to glue, participants may use other standard fasteners. (screws, nails)
7. The entry can also include one other material for decorative purposes or for a usage that cannot be replicated with wood. The material should not be the primary focus of the entry nor should it be used to make the piece larger by replacing components that could normally be made of wood.
8. Each participant has up to 10 minutes to present and assemble the entry, describing project details including the nature of the project and construction challenges.
9. There will be 3 prizes awarded in the same manner as our famous, monthly Show and Tell Program.

### **ITEMS FOR SALE**

**If you have any wood working related items that you wish to sell through the newsletter please contact Lalo Gonzalez [LaLogon@sbcglobal.net](mailto:LaLogon@sbcglobal.net) or John Hunter [john.b.hunter@verizon.net](mailto:john.b.hunter@verizon.net) Include a description and the price you are selling them for, also how you may be contacted.**

# THE MIDWEST SCROLL SAW TRADE SHOW

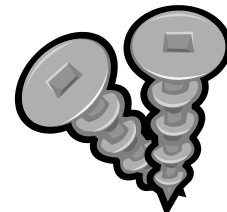
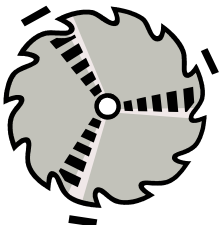
Richland Center, Wisconsin

Aug 6 & 7, 2010

The Midwest Trade Show will be held in Richland Center on Aug. 6&7. *They are also looking for a few people to teach classes, wood burning and carving.* Anyone that can teach these or any other classes contact Dirk Boleman direct. Time is short and teaching slots need to be filled ASAP: **Dirk Boleman** email him at [dirkdraws@centurytel.net](mailto:dirkdraws@centurytel.net)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 22	Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7 PM
May 1	Club Breakfast at Old Country Buffet 9 AM
May 18	Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 6:30 PM
May 20	Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake (2 x 4 Challenge) 7 PM
May 21	Shaker Box Class at Lou Takacs's shop
June 5	Club Breakfast at Old Country Buffet 9 AM
June 15	Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 6:30 PM
June 24	Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7 PM
June 26	Field Trip to the Werther Carving Museum near Dover Ohio
July 3	Club Breakfast at Old Country Buffet 9 AM
July 5	Executive Board Meeting at Lake County Library 6 PM
July 20	Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 6:30 PM
July 22	Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake (Four Corner Demo) 7 PM
August 6-9	Club Lake County Fair Booth 10 AM – 10 PM
August 7	Club Breakfast at Old Country Buffet 9 AM
August 17	Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 6:30 PM
August 26	Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7 PM
August 29	Club Picnic at Hidden Lake 12 Noon
September 4	Club Breakfast at Old Country Buffet 9 AM
September 21	Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 6:30 PM
September 23	Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7 PM
October 2	Club Breakfast at Old Country Buffet 9 AM
October 4	Executive Board Meeting at Lake County Library 6 PM
October 19	Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 6:30 PM
October 28	Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7 PM
November 6	Club Breakfast at Old Country Buffet 9 AM
November 16	Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 6:30 PM
November 18	Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake (Toy Program & Elections) 7 PM
December 4	Club Breakfast at Old Country Buffet 9 AM
December 16	Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake (Christmas Party & Awards Banquet) 7 PM
December 21	Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 6:30 PM



## HUMOR

A city couple purchased a cottage in a rural area; the husband was doing some repairs and sent his wife to the lumber yard to buy some nails.

She decided that she would try to act like the local residents so as not to draw attention to herself, so just casually browsed while the clerk waited on another customer.

"I'll take that big bastard," he said.

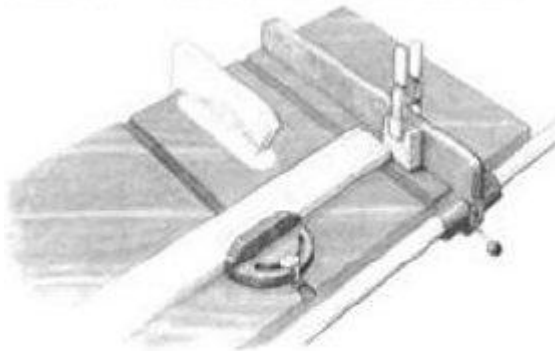
The clerk smiled and handed him a file, "Is there anything else besides this bastard you need?"

"No that is all." the customer replied.

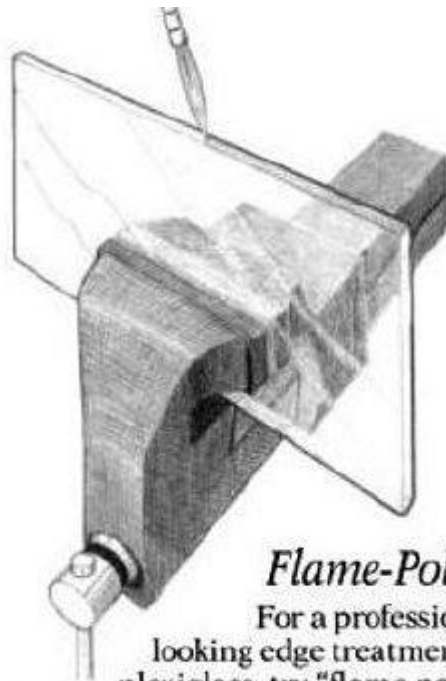
When the customer leaves she walks up to the counter and points to the 2" nails,

"Give me two pounds of those sons a bitches."

*Never* use a rip fence by itself as a stop block for cutting equal length parts with a miter-gauge. Always



use a gauge block, positioned well before the blade, so the cut-off piece poses no danger of becoming jammed between the saw blade and the rip fence.



### *Flame-Polish*

For a professional-looking edge treatment on plexiglass, try "flame-polishing." First sand out saw marks, then lick the edges lightly with a propane torch. The scratches disappear and the edge takes on a glossy finish. Practice on scrap to get a feel for the process.

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