

# WOOD CHIPS



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## President's Rambling's

**Greetings Fellow Woodworkers,** I just can not believe how fast this year has gone by, August is half way over and we just finished a great show at the Lake County Fair. I wish to thank all of you that participated in making this show a success. As you all know the intent at the fair is to promote our club and bring in new members and inform the general public of our Needy Kids Program. Both points were well made. Thank you to everyone that helped set up, take down, and donated so much of their precious time to man the booth. It is always so great to see all of you there. Without you we could not have had such a great success! Jon Robins brought in his scroll saw, display shelves, racks to hang items to display and many fine pieces to display. John Hunter, Rodney Foster and I made sure all of our displays were secure until the security showed up to lockup for the night. Thank you gentlemen.

**Annual Club Picnic** is coming up on Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at Noon. Same location as before, **Hidden Lake Park in Merriville, IN.** The club will be providing Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chicken, Water and Pop. Bring a covered dish and a gift for the BINGO. So far only a handful of members have signed up for the picnic. We need to turn in your name to the park office if you want to attend or you will be charged the entrance fee. To avoid this, sign up at Thursday's meeting or contact/ email John Hunter before August 16<sup>th</sup> to be included on the list.

The 2018 Woodcarvers Summer Camp in Bremen, Indiana at Pla-Mor campgrounds will be going on starting Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Enjoy this weather and Don't let your tools rust!

You're President

Kevin Sturgeon

## SHOW AND TELL

Due to an error on my part we do not have the pictures from this month's Show and Tell. John Hunter, Here is a list of those club members that had projects:

Don Bunce – Bottle Stoppers  
Jon Robbins – Scroll saw Art  
Rodney Foster – Scroll Saw Art

Bill Schoech – Bowls & Cars  
Don Boswell – Letter Opener  
John Hunter – Squirrel Feeder

## LAKE COUNTY FAIR









## **ITEMS FOR SALE**

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

**If you are looking for a tool that another member would like to sell you can place a wanted ad in the newsletter, just contact John Hunter at [john.b.hunter@frontier.com](mailto:john.b.hunter@frontier.com)**

**Free Wood:** Lumber – various kinds & sizes. A few 1 ½” - 3” thick. Much of this is stored in the loft over the garage which is accessible by ladder.  
Many shorter thick pieces good for turning.  
Short logs 6” & up diameter.

**Free magazines:** Fine Woodworking, Wood, Woodsmith, Popular Woodworking and Woodworker’s Journal.

**Saturday September 15<sup>th</sup> 9 AM – Noon**

Jim Jones (1/2 mile North of Ridge Road, between Cline & Indy Blvd.)  
8420 Grace Street  
Highland, IN 46322  
Phone: 219-972-9326

Also have Sears Craftsman 10” Radial Arm Saw For Sale, Asking \$50.00

## 2018

August 23<sup>rd</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM

August 25<sup>th</sup> Club Picnic at Hidden Lake Park in Merrillville

September 17<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

September 27<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM  
PM Program Favorite/Least Favorite tools

October 1<sup>st</sup> Executive Board Meeting at 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage

October 15<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

October 25<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM

November 12<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

November 15<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM  
PM Toy Program

December 17<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

December 20<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 6:00 PM  
PM Christmas Party, Installation and Awards

### **Bob Flexner's Finishing Tips**

<http://www.thefinishingstore.com/>

#### **What To Do When Stain Dries Too Fast**

Unlike oil stains, water-based stains and lacquer stains dry very fast. On large or complex surfaces you may have trouble getting the excess stain wiped off before it dries. If this happens, you'll be left with streaks like those shown in the accompanying picture.



If you have this situation, try to correct it by quickly wiping the surface with more of the same stain. The fresh stain will reliquify the streaks unless the stain has dried too much. Then work faster to remove the excess or work on smaller areas at a time.

If the stain dries hard, you may have to use paint stripper to get the streaks removed. Then sand lightly and restain. You don't need to sand all the color out of the wood before restaining.

To avoid the problem to begin with, divide your project into smaller sections and work on each of these separately, or get a second person to help—one applying the stain, the other wiping off

### **Countersink Tip**

With most drawers, I don't need to worry about adding the pulls until after the pieces are glued together. But with some small drawers this can get you into trouble. The pilot holes aren't the problem — they can be drilled from the front. But when the mounting screw needs to be countersunk, the drill is often too big to fit inside the drawer. Fortunately, there's a quick solution.



First reverse the countersink cutter on the end of the drill bit, as shown in the photo. Then insert the bit through the pilot hole and chuck it in the drill. Now to countersink the hole, all you have to do is reverse the direction of the drill and gently pull back on the bit.

Good woodworking,

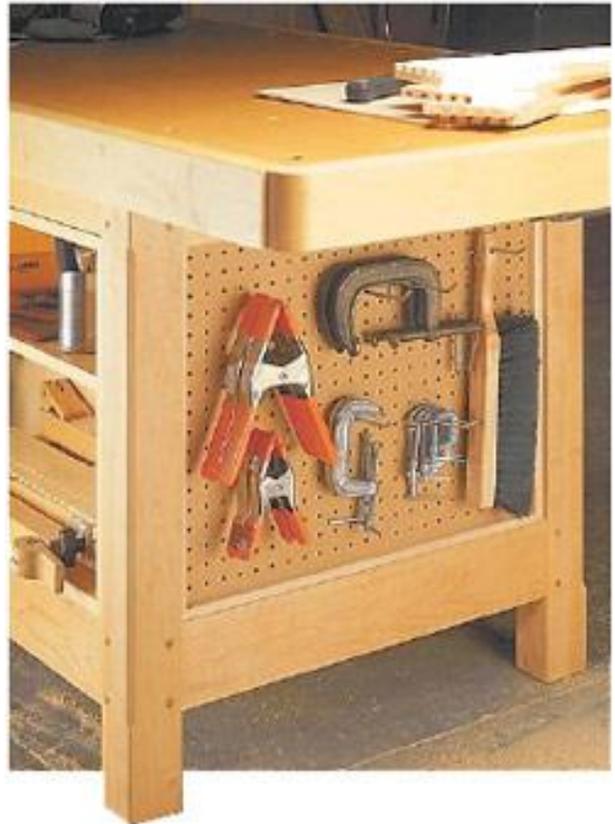
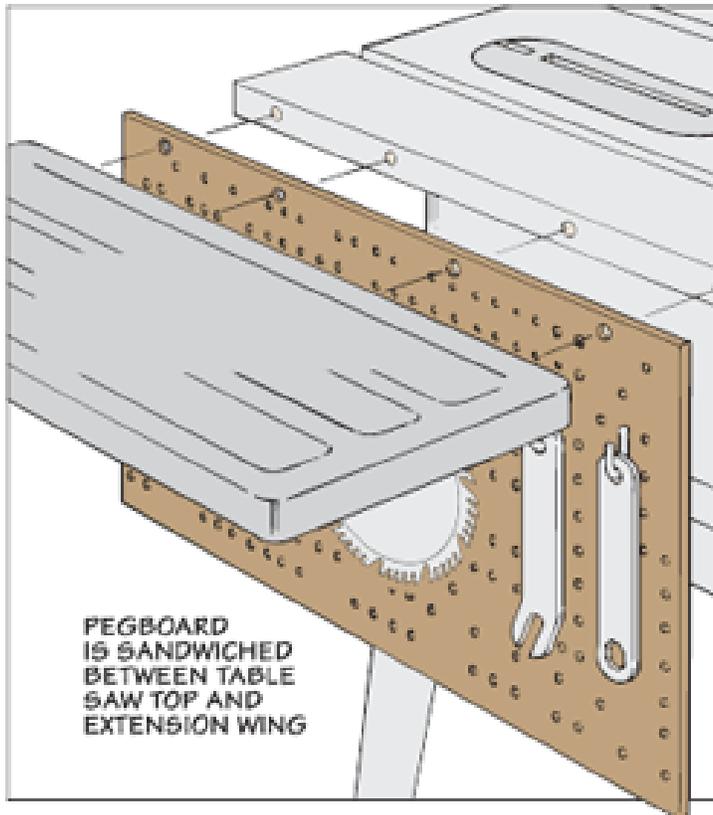
Ted Raife

Online Editor, *Woodsmith*

## Vertical Tool Hangers

With just a little ingenuity, you can add storage in unlikely places, like you see in the drawing and photo below.

A good way to add storage to your contractor's saw is to sandwich a piece of pegboard between the extension wings and the top of the table saw. The pegboard hangs below the table and provides a way to store wrenches, blades, and other saw accessories.



To add storage to your workbench, you can nail some cleats to the legs and upper and lower end rails of the bench (above right). Then place the pegboard against the cleats and tack a second set of cleats down to hold the pegboard in place.

To see other ideas for your shop, just visit [PlansNOW](http://PlansNOW.com).

Good woodworking,

Phil Huber  
Editor, *ShopNotes*