

# WOOD CHIPS



## Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association

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### PRESIDENTS' CORNER

Congratulations to the new officers for 2011. The newly elected officers are as follows and will be sworn in at the December Meeting/Party:

President - Marci Lichnerowicz

Vice President - Dick Sader

Treasurer - Charlie Morris

Secretary - John Hunter

Thanks to all for helping make our raffle a real success. I don't have the exact final number but it was over \$1100.00. This will help with the costs for our educational programs and related costs. With the proceeds from the raffle we will be able to keep the dues the same and still cover the many expenses we have during the year.

The winners were picked by random drawing and the prizes delivered to the winners. Two (2) of the winners were club members who were present at the meeting. The officers and raffle committee are looking to next year in the early summer for our next raffle. We already have a beautiful mechanical movement chiming clock as one of the prizes.

The club also has some **New committee chairpersons:**

**Webmaster** - Bob Roach is retiring and **Chris Retson** has agreed to become our new Webmaster. Bob and John Hunter will work with Chris to get him the training and passwords he will need.

**Librarian** - I want to thank **Gene Davis** for agreeing to take on this club responsibility and keep the books, and DVDs organized.

**Raffle - Norm Johnson** who worked on this committee for our recent raffle has agreed to be on the committee for 2011.

**Programs - We still need someone for this job** - The club has been without a chairperson for the last year so the officers have worked to try and get some programs. Some programs have already been lined up for 2011. We need one or two people to take on the job, with the continuing help and guidance of the officers. The position requires making a few phone calls and some emails.

Please congratulate these members for helping make our club such a great organization.

In closing I want to thank all members who have helped me this past year. Your encouragement and just volunteering to lend a hand on some program or project meant a lot to me.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all my woodworking friends.**

## **COMPANY REVIEW**

### **Riverside Tool Corp**

3504 Henke Street  
Elkhart, IN 46514  
(574) 522-6798

### **Saw Blade Sharpening Company**

I sent the following Freud saw blades for re-sharpening to this Freud-approved company:  
Freud LU91R010 – Sliding Miter/Radial Arm blade – 10” – 60 tooth for re-sharpen ONLY.  
Freud 10”- 40 tooth – Repair and Re-sharpen  
Freud Finecutter – 10”- 60 tooth – Re-sharpen Only  
Freud 10”- 60 tooth – Re-sharpen Only

All blades were returned with a protective coating over the teeth and the blades I used so far have been like-new condition.

The pricing was very reasonable for sharpening and replacement of broken carbide teeth. Service was also very quick and the people I talked with were very friendly and customer oriented. They called for my credit card number when completed and ready to ship.

I would recommend this company for ALL blade sharpening and plan to use them again in the future.

Louis Takacs

## **Christmas Party**

Our December meeting will be on Thursday, December 16, 2010 due to the Holiday period. As usual we will have a buffet dinner with the club providing the meat and drinks. Members are asked to bring a dish to share such as a vegetable, salad, or dessert. We always have a delicious assortment of foods.

After a short business meeting and awards presentations we will enjoy some delicious food. Please remember that if you signed up to bring some handmade items for gifts for our guests, just put them in gift bags. If you were not at the November meeting or forgot to sign-up to bring a gift, you are welcome to bring one or more.

SHOW AND TELL - For our Christmas Party, with all of the guests present, you are encouraged to bring some item of your handy work. Even if you brought the item to a previous meeting, please bring an item or two you would like to show off.

## **January Meeting - Tool Auction**

The January meeting will again be our silent auction. This is a great opportunity for you to bring items that you want to give away as well as auction off. Please put a starting price on your item and during the evening and at the break people can write their bid price on the sheet by your item. This is an opportunity to help out some other club members with some good deals and for you to clean out some items that you don't use any longer.

I know I've bought some things thinking I might get into a certain area of woodworking or you bought it for a particular project and now it just sits and gathers wood dust. The money you get can go to some other supplies you need for current or future projects.

## **CHRISTMAS TREE EXHIBIT**

This year the club decorated a tree at the Visitor's Welcome Center at 94 and Kennedy Ave. Nancy Distel and her committee did a wonderful job of setting it up and a special thanks to all the members that made items to decorate the tree. If you can, drop by and see it. Also you can vote for ours as the best tree by getting a ballot from the attendant there.



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

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

**TIP: Getting the Most Out of Shellac**

Unlike most other finishes, shellac in liquid form deteriorates as it ages. It doesn't dry as rapidly or as hard and it watermarks easier. The deterioration goes faster when the shellac is stored in warm conditions and slower in cool conditions.

Generally speaking, if the shellac is older than 6 months-to-a-year, you should test it for drying and watermarking before using it on critical surfaces such as tabletops.

Shellac also deteriorates in solid flake form, but this usually takes much longer and you will know there is a problem because the shellac doesn't dissolve completely in denatured alcohol. Clear or blonde shellac deteriorates much faster than orange, garnet or button shellac. Again, the deterioration is faster when the shellac flakes are stored in warm or hot conditions.

## SHOW AND TELL



Max Hernick



John Sturk



Chuck Norman



Lalo Gonzalez



Bob Rinearson



Leon Kozlowski



John Hunter



Lou Takacs



Lou Takacs

## 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@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.

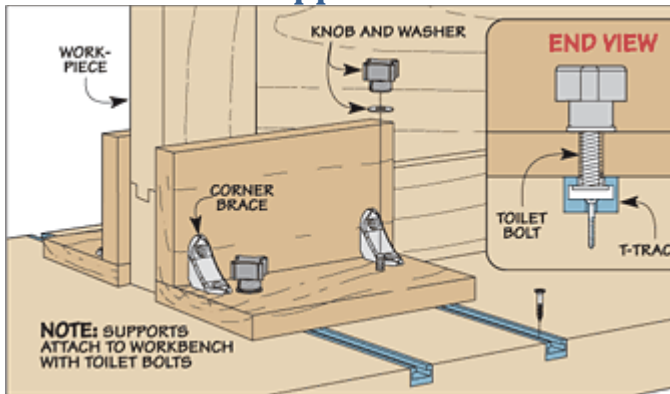
## TOYS FOR KIDS

The clubs Toys for Kids program was a great success. We made over 700 toys that went to 13 different organizations. Our Santa's Helper Toy makers were; Skip & Claudia Brazil, Gene Davis, Roger Glennon, Lalo Gonzalez, Max Hernick, John Hunter, Robert Jancich, Norm Johnson, Jim Jones, Phil Malavolta, Denny McCoole, Joe McDaniel, Charlie Morris, Chuck Norman, Bob Rinearson, Dick Sader, Frank Schmidt, Jim Schuster, John Sturk, Lou Takacs and Nancy Distel. They had some help from Santa's elves that painted many of the toys; Claudia Brazil, Nancy Distel, Art & Helen Willing.

Thanks again to all members who made and helped distribute this year's batch of toys. You helped make it a Merrier Christmas for some needy kids.



## T-Track Work Support



While building some cabinet doors, I needed a

way to hold them upright while installing the hinges. So I made the simple support assembly shown in the drawing.

The two L-shaped supports are made from a few pieces of  $\frac{3}{4}$ "-thick stock fastened together with metal corner braces. The supports are attached to some T-track in my workbench with toilet bolts, washers, and knobs.

Good Woodworking,  
Phil Huber

Online Editor, *ShopNotes*

<http://www.woodworkingtips.com/etips/2006/10/27/ws/>

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**2010**

December 16 Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake (Christmas Party & Awards Banquet) 7 PM  
December 21 Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7 PM

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**2011**

January 3<sup>rd</sup> Executive Board Meeting at Portage Library 7 PM  
January 18<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM  
January 27<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Tool Auction  
February 15<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM  
February 24<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Shop Jigs  
March 15<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM  
March 24<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM  
April 4<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting at Portage Library 7 PM  
April 19<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM  
April 28<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM  
May 17<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM  
May 26<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Freud Tools  
June 15<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM  
June 23<sup>rd</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM  
July 11<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting at Portage Library 7 PM  
July 19<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM  
July 28<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM  
August 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Lake County Fair Club Booth  
August 16<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM  
August 25<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM  
August 28<sup>th</sup> Picnic at Hidden Lake 12 Noon  
September 14<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM  
September 22<sup>nd</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM  
October 3<sup>rd</sup> Executive Board Meeting at Portage Library 7 PM  
October 18<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM  
October 27<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Finishing Lou Takacs  
November 15<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM  
November 17<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Toy Program  
December 20<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM  
December 22<sup>nd</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 Christmas Party, Installation and Awards

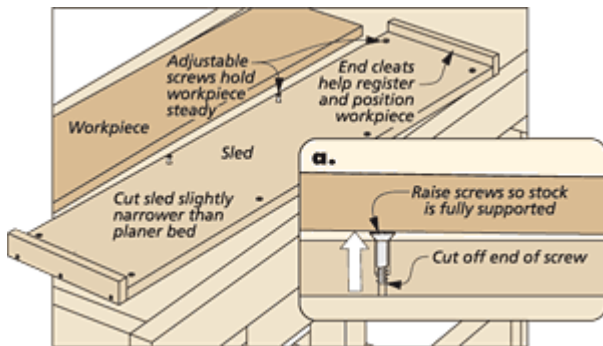
## **HUMOR**

A new helper is on the job for two hours when he is sent to the diner for coffee.  
"Will this hold six cups?" he asks the waitress holding up a large thermos jug.  
"No problem," she replies.  
"Good, give me two black, one with cream and three with cream and sugar."

## Planer Sled



Planning a straight, flat face on bowed or twisted stock can be a challenge. The problem is that the board often comes out of the planer with the same warp or twist it had when it went in. The solution I came up with is a planer sled that carries the work piece through the planer and guarantees great results (*photo at right*).



A look at the drawing at right will give you a good idea of how the sled is built and how it works. The simple principle behind the sled is that a series of adjustable screws in the base are used to support the board as it passes through the planer. This way the feed rollers of the planer can't force the bow or twist out of the board. The result is that only the "high" spots on the board will be planed away. After several passes, you'll have one face that's perfectly flat and straight. The opposite face can then be planed without the sled.

Ted Raife  
Online Editor, *Woodsmith*

<http://www.woodworkingtips.com/etips/2006/10/27/ws/>

MERRY  
CHRISTMAS

## 2010 Committee Members

President Lou Takacs  
Vice President Dick Sader  
Treasurer Charlie Morris  
Secretary John Hunter  
Achievement John Hunter  
Audit Bill Harbison  
Badges Elizabeth Carlsson  
Bargain Alerts John Hunter  
Christmas Exhibit Nancy & Merle Distel  
Christmas Party Claudia Brazil & Marcie Lichnerowicz  
Community Liaison Dick Sader  
Discounts George Hamnik  
Drawings Phil Malavolta  
Exhibits Marcie Lichnerowicz & Phil Malavolta  
Field Trips Leon Kozlowski  
Fund Raising Norm Johnson  
Hats & Shirts Fred Baginski  
Historian Art & Helen Willing  
Hospitality Charles Norman  
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Parliamentarian Joe McDaniels  
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Photographer Fred Baginski  
Picnic/Party Marcie Lichnerowicz, Claudia Brazil, Lou Takacs  
Publicity John Sturk  
Program John Hunter  
Recycling Claudia Brazil  
Shop Visits Dick Sader  
Show & Tell Denny McCool & Max Hernick  
SIG Carving Carl Mills  
SIG Scroll Saw Dick Sader  
SIG Turning Denny McCool  
Toys for Kids Bob Roach, Claudia Brazil & Skip Brazil  
Videographer Carl Mills & Max Hernick  
Website Bob Roach

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