

WOOD CHIPS



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President's Ramblings

Greetings Fellow Woodworkers, I have been recovering from surgeries and this February has been slow getting anything done in the work shop. I hope everyone is doing well . Winter should be coming to an end soon and with that this month's program is **SHOP JIGS !** It is time to dust off your favorite shop made Jig to share at this meeting. Be prepared to give a small talk on how it has helped you in the shop. Remember April is the 2x4 challenge! It is time to start working on your 2x4 project for 2019. It's always great to see what ideas you have been working with. Julie and I went to the Woodworking Show in Indianapolis a few weeks ago. Wow how it has changed with vendors not showing up to the event. Julie and I will be in Milwaukee for the Wood Show and hope there will be a better turn out of vendors and participants.

Upcoming events: The Woodworking Shows Milwaukee, Wisconsin 2/22 to 2/24 and Columbus, Ohio 3/8 to 3/10. More information can be found at www.thewoodworkingshows.com

Great Lakes Woodworking Festival Saturday, May 4th: 11AM – 7PM

Sunday, May 5th 11 AM -5 PM Adrian, Michigan More information can be found at www.greatlakeswoodworkingfestival.com

Scott Phillips is having an Open Shop on May 11th, 2019.

Feild Trip to Scott Phillips, Scott is having a shop open house May 11th, 2019! 901 Piqua Troy Rd., Piqua, OHIO 45356 For those who want to attend we will have a sign up sheet. Be warned that some navigational programs will take you 7 miles south of that to Troy Ohio. My shop is in Piqua. The fastest way to my shop is to take interstate. You can come across on state Route 36 but it is actually slower. So here are the details: Exit from interstate 75 N. from Dayton on County Road 25A. That is at mile marker 78. Turn left or go north northeast on County Road 25A. Towards Piqua. Turn right at the first traffic

light. That is Peterson Road. Drive across a great Miami river bridge and go to the first stop sign and turn left. That is Piqua Troy Road. Drive 2.1 miles on Piqua Troy Road and enter Piqua city limits. Once entering Piqua city limits, the very first building you come to is my woodshop. It is in the middle of nowhere. It has a green metal roof with a solar array on it! It is offset from the road 190 feet. Look for the Stonewall. And the American flag. Big sign on the front gable too!

For the Pen Turners: 2019 Chicago Pen Show, Thursday May 2, - Sunday, May 5th.

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

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

Your President

Kevin Sturgeon

From the Treasurer

Fellow wood workers; It's that time of year to pay your dues early. You can gain an achievement point also. Dues are still only \$25.00. Raffle tickets for the New Year are now ready for the taking. I will be bringing some wood cars in for anyone to finish to sell at our events. Also there are more pen kits available for anyone to make pens for the club to sell. Finished pens can be used when someone buys \$20.00 worth of raffle tickets; this is a good incentive to buy five tickets. Thank you, Ron

SHOW AND TELL



Nick Sasanos



Jon Robbins



Kevin Sturgeon



Norm Johnson



Ron Benson



Dick Sader

AWARDS





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 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

2019

February 28th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM

Shop Jigs

March 18th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

March 28th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM

April 1st Executive Board Meeting 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage

April 15th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

April 25th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM

2 x 4 Challenge

May 20th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

May 23rd Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM

June 17th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

June 27th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM

July 1st Executive Board Meeting 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage

July 13th – 14th Club Booth at the Steam Show at Lake County Fair Grounds

July 15th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

July 25th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 6:00 PM

August 1st Set Up Club Booth at Lake County Fair 9 PM

August 2nd – 5th Club Booth at Lake County Fair 10 AM – 10 PM

August 19th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

August 22nd Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM

August 24th Club Picnic at Hidden Lake Park in Merrillville

September 16th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

September 26th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00

PM Program Favorite/Least Favorite tools

October 7th Executive Board Meeting at 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage

October 21st Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

October 24th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM

November 11th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

November 21st Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00

PM Toy Program

December 16th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

Bob Flexner's Finishing Tips

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

How To Remove Stripping Sludge With A Wide Putty Knife

On large flat surfaces it's most efficient to remove the bulk of the softened or dissolved finish or paint using a wide putty knife. Scrape off the sludge into a cardboard box. No matter which type of stripper you use, keep it wet until it works its way through the coating so you can remove it easily. Don't fight it. "Let the stripper do the work."



Clear finishes on almost all old furniture and woodwork are either shellac or lacquer. These will dissolve into a "gunk." After scraping off the bulk of the finish, reapply the stripper and remove the remainder with a cloth or absorbent paper towels.

Most paints, varnishes and modern high-performance finishes hold together pretty well—that is, they don't dissolve—but they do separate from the wood. So you need to get under them with a putty knife and lift them off, as shown in the accompanying picture.

Be sure to round over the sharp edges of the putty-knife blade using a file so they don't scratch the wood.

Miter Clamping Jig

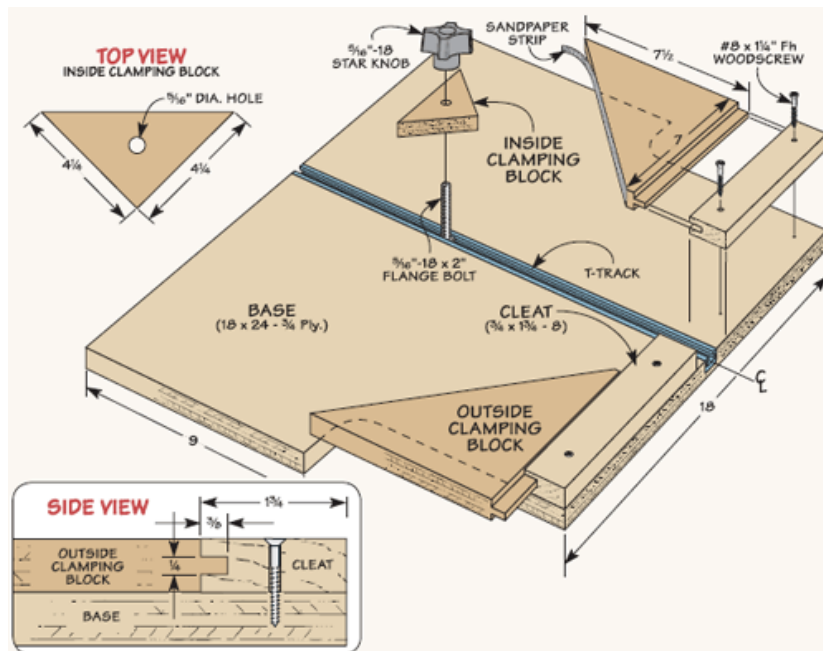
Gluing and clamping a single miter joint can be a challenge. It's often hard to get the joint lined up and then hold everything in place until the glue dries. To make this task easier, I built this clamping jig.

As shown in the drawing below, the jig consists of a large base of $\frac{3}{4}$ " plywood to support the pieces to be joined. A pair of triangularshaped blocks have a tongue at the bottom that slides in a groove in the base cleat to hold the pieces from the side. Sandpaper attached to one edge keeps the workpiece from slipping. A third triangular block travels on a T-track so it can be locked in place to secure the joint from the top. Before assembling the jig, I waxed all surfaces to prevent any glue from sticking to the parts.

To use the clamping jig, apply glue to the mitered ends. Now you can lay the two pieces on the base with the mitered edges pointing toward the bottom edge of the jig. Be sure to carefully center these pieces on the T-track.

Next, slide the inside clamping block against the workpieces and tighten the knob. Then move the outside clamping blocks into position and clamp them in place with a bar clamp. For maximum pressure, position the bar clamp near the base of the clamping blocks.

Now just let the jig hold the pieces in place until the glue dries.



Good woodworking, Phil Huber
Editor, *ShopNotes*