

WOOD CHIPS



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SAWDUST FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As I mentioned last month we have arranged for (www.shakerovalbox.com) Eric Pintar, partner in the business and instructor, to provide a full day hands-on seminar on Friday May 21st. 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 will be limited to the first 15 people who sign-up and pay. As of March 8th we have 7 people paid. This is open to all active members and if we don't have enough members by the April meeting I will open it to members' friends/spouses. I encourage you to take this opportunity to learn about bending of wood, joinery without any glue, & accurate fit-up of components.

I told those present at the last meeting that we now have over 30 committees, which is great. Some of these are for once a year events like our audit committee, but the good thing is we have people willing to get active in OUR club. I encourage all members to participate in show and tell, sign-up to help at the Lake County Fair for a couple of hours, or just see me and we can see where your interests are for one of the committees.

We had some great discussion at the last meeting on dust collection and heating your shop. We also had a couple visitors from a new turning group out of the South Holland area, and they were impressed with the club's many activities and participation. We had a number of very good shop jigs shown and discussed, which shows some real thought into doing a job safely and accurately. I always learn something at one of our meetings.

I won't be able to attend the March meeting as I'm going to be out of town with a previous family commitment. I know that Dick Sader will do a great job of running the meeting.

Lou Takacs (maker of quality sawdust)

SHOW AND TELL & SHOP JIGS

Unfortunately the pictures of the Show and Tell and the Shop Jigs were lost so we have no photos. The following is a list of those that participated.

Show and Tell

Skip Brazil – Cradle

Lou Takacs – Remodel of house back entry

Jim Schuster – Window Valances

Shop Jigs

Max Hernick – Radial Arm Saw Stop

Bill Carter – Picture Hanger

Jim Jones – Table Saw Cove Jig

Max Hernick – Scrollsawed Round
John Hunter – Kitchen Stool
Leon Kozlowski – Shoe Horn & Back Scratcher
Dick Sader – Scroll Saw Project
Norm Johnson – Scroll Saw Cross
Hilario Gonzalez – Queen Size Bed
Phil Malavolta - Turning

Bob Rinearson – Pen Making Jig
Kevin Klebs – Dado Jig
Jim Schuster – Wood Filler ID
Art Willing – Coping Sled & Router Push Stick
John Hunter – Gauge Block
Hilario Gonzalez – Jig

MURPHY'S LAWS OF WOODWORKING

Murphy's Law states if anything can go wrong it will. I am convinced that axiom applies to woodworking. Here are ten examples I've experienced.

1. The more expensive the wood the more you will waste.
2. When you drop a piece with freshly applied glue, it will land glue side down on a pile of dust and shavings.
3. Every scrap piece will be ½" short of being useful.
4. During glue up, nothing lines up as well as it did during the dry fit.
5. For every hour you spend woodworking, you will spend two hours cleaning up.
6. The phone only rings when you are gluing or applying finish.
7. You always spot the area you forgot to varnish immediately after cleaning your brush.
8. When you install butt hinges, at least one brass screw will break.
9. A dropped tool always lands where it will do the most harm.
10. Staining highlights the grain, as well as the blotches, scratches and glue spots.

Edwin Hackleman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 25	Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7 PM
March 27	Shop Visit at Skip & Claudia Brazil's Shop
April 3	Club Breakfast at Old Country Buffet 9 AM
April 5	Executive Board Meeting at Lake County Library 6 PM
April 20	Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 6:30 PM
April 22	Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake (2 x 4 Challenge) 7 PM
April 24	Shop Visit at Jim Schusters 1-4 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 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

Old Jake had cut firewood by hand with a Swede saw for a living going on 50 years; he averaged about four cords a day. His son was home from college and watching him work remarked, "You could probably cut 10 times as much if you bought yourself a chainsaw."

"Not interested in those new fangled things," Jake responded.

His son returned to college and Jake began to think that maybe the young guy was right, his old body seemed to ache more and more at the end of the day, He went into town and bought a brand new top of the line chainsaw.

The first couple days were not very productive, he only cut one cord each day, by the third day he had cut 3 cords but was dead tired. "This is not working," he thought to himself, "My son said I should be able to cut 10 cords a day, I'm taking this stupid thing back."

The next day he was in the hardware store complaining to the sales clerk about his lack of production.

"Blade seems a little dull, but not that bad, lets start it up," the clerk muttered as he pulled the starting cord.

"What the hell is that noise?" Jake hollered.

CLUB DUES

Reminder: Club dues are due in April and May. Please bring a check for \$25.00 for a member or \$35.00 per couple.

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