

WOOD CHIPS



Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association

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President's Corner

Spring is coming. In fact spring will be here before our March meeting. We made it. As the sun warms, we can begin to organize the shop. No, I did not say clean the shop. Although only you know if your shop needs to be *cleaned*. I said organize. This term is different to everyone. I was talking with a friend today and he said he has pencils everywhere in his shop. His wife calls his shop a mess. Yet he persists that he needs his pencils everywhere so when he has an idea, he can write it down. I looked at him puzzled wondering how high the stacks of paper were in the shop. What a fire hazard it was since his shop is heated with wood. I explored this thought with my friend. He looked at me very strangely. "Silly, not much paper in my shop. I write my ideas on a piece of wood. Later, if I don't like the idea, I burn it!" I wondered how many good ideas were burnt when his wife sought out wood for the fireplace in their house. Hmmmm. So your shop is yours and how you organize has to work for you. Keep in mind safety. This month speaker will discuss fire safety. Please attend this meeting your life may depend on it someday!

February meeting was great! Show and tell items are getting bigger and better. We will be waiting for John Hunter to demo his show and tell project! Mickey carved a pair of miniature work boots that he donated for members. Ron Benson won the boots and passed them to Nancy Distel to display on the Christmas Tree at the visitors center at the Kennedy Exit on 94. Wow! The members brought jigs in and shared how they made wood working easier. Lou Takacs brought many of his shop jigs. Chuck Norman makes the best coffee and cookies, always a treat! Always a good time!

If you have a change in address, email, phone, please update this information. Speaking of new address, Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association has a new mailing address.

PO Box 1602, Portage, IN 46368

Mark this down. New business cards will be coming soon.

April Meeting is the 2x4 challenge. There's still time to put that extra 2x4 you bought for that project you started last fall to good use. Make it useful, funny and / or clever. You could even ask Art to loan you his Famous 2x4 Stretcher if you don't have a big enough 2x4. No bags of 2x4 saw dust allowed ;)

Have fun in the shop!
Marcia Lichnerowicz

SHOW AND TELL



Chuck Norrman



Lalo Gonzalez



Lalo Gonzalez



John Hunter



Dick Sader



Bob Rinearson



Denny McCoole



Don Boswell



Mick King



Bob Miller

SHOP JIGS



Lou Takacs



Ken Woolard



Kevin Klebs



John Hunter



Kevin Klebs



John Sturk



Lou Takacs

Education Fund Raffle 2011

Last year our raffle for our Education Fund was very successful and has helped by providing funding for some of our speakers at meetings and for other club costs associated continuing education of our members.

For 2011 we will again be holding a raffle to take place at the October Meeting. The committee members for this year will be Ron Benson, Lou Takacs, and Norm Johnson.

Members are asked to consider a donation of a raffle item for this year's raffle. A sign-up sheet will be going around at the March meeting for you to list an item you will provide for the raffle. The committee will need the items by the June meeting, so the tickets and brochures showing the items can be printed for distribution at the July meeting. We also hope to advertise (as we are not allowed to sell tickets) at our club's Lake County Fair booth in August and have the information about the raffle on our website.



We have our first item, a wind-up clock with chimes assembled by Bob Miller from a kit supplied by the estate of a past member Wayne Miller (no relation).

MARCH PROGRAM

The program for the March 24th Membership Meeting will be Shop Safety, put on by fireman Chris Kender.

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 or John Hunter john.b.hunter@frontier.com Include a description and the price you are selling them for, also how you may be contacted.

Bob Flexner's Finishing Tips

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

TIP: Bury a Raised Grain

Water-based stains and finishes raise wood fibers making the wood's surface feel rough. The usual procedure recommended to avoid this grain raising is to pre-raise the grain by wetting the wood and then sanding smooth after the wood has dried.

But this is time consuming, an extra step, and it is not totally effective. A faster method is to bury, or encase, the raised grain in the first coat of water-based finish. Skip the pre-wetting step and just apply the first coat of water-based finish. Let it dry and then sand it smooth, raised grain and all.

A water-based stain will also raise the grain of the wood, but don't try sanding it smooth or you risk cutting through some of the color. Instead, go straight to the first coat of finish to bury the raised grain. Then sand this first coat smooth, still being careful not to sand through and damage the color.

FOR SALE

10" Sears Craftsman radial arm saw
Used, 40 years old
Very good condition
Good running order
Assortment of saw blades
Sturdy stand
\$75 OBO

The following two Shopsmiths will be sold as a package.
\$400 OBO

ShopSmith #1 (probably Mark V or 510)
Machine is complete
Good running order
Chisels
Belt sanding attachment
Assortment of saw blades and sanding disks
Drill chuck

ShopSmith #2 (probably Mark V or 510)
Machine is complete
Motor or drive needs repair (not sure what the problem is)



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2011

March 24th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Shop Safety
April 4th Executive Board Meeting at Portage Library 7 PM
April 19th Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
April 28th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM 2 x 4 Challenge
May 17th Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
May 26th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Freud Tools
June 1st Setup Display at Portage Library
June 15th (Wednesday) Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
June 23rd Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
July 1st Take Down Display at Portage Library
July 11th Executive Board Meeting at Portage Library 7 PM
July 19th Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
July 28th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
August 5th – 8th Lake County Fair Club Booth
August 16th Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
August 25th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
August 28th Picnic at Hidden Lake 12 Noon
September 14th (Wednesday) Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
September 22nd Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
October 3rd Executive Board Meeting at Portage Library 7 PM
October 18th Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
October 27th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Finishing Lou Takacs
November 15th Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
November 17th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Toy Program
December 20th Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
December 22nd Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 Christmas Party, Installation and Awards

HUMOR

Jesus was on his rounds through heaven one day and as he happened by the Pearly Gates he noticed that St. Peter was looking more than a bit frazzled. He suggested that Pete take a few days off, to which the former replied that there would be no one there to admit the new souls as they arrived. After much cajoling St. Peter was convinced that perhaps Jesus could handle his work for him for awhile. He took off and Jesus sat down to work.

After passing several hundred new souls through he looked up to find an elderly, happy looking gentleman standing before him.

Beginning his routine, he asked "name?". "Joseph" came the reply. "Occupation on earth?". "I worked as a carpenter". "Any children?". At this point the gentleman began to tell a story. "I had one son. In fact, my son was very famous on earth. His story has been told down through the ages and still brings joy and happiness to the hearts of millions".

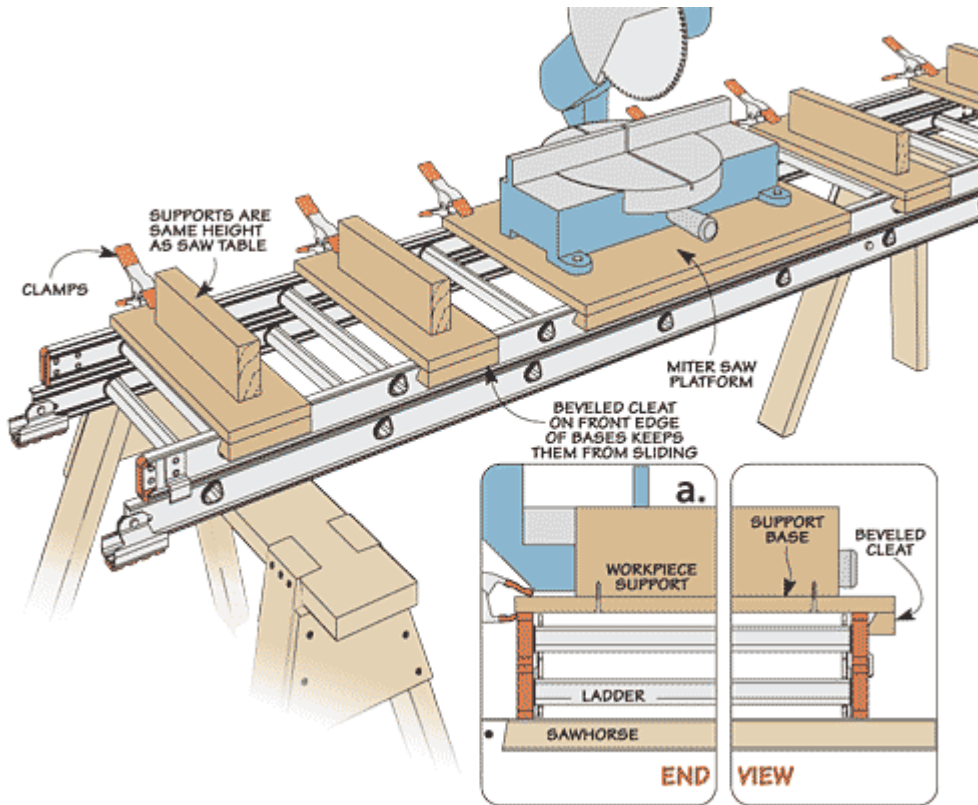
About this time Jesus looks up in amazement and says "father?" To which the old man excitedly replies "Pinocchio?".

Ladder Miter Saw Station

While recently working on an outdoor project, I needed to cut some long stock with a compound miter saw. But I didn't have a way to easily support the stock.

To solve the problem, I turned to my aluminum extension ladder. As you can see in the drawing below, I set the ladder on a pair of saw horses to form a solid base for the miter saw and some workpiece supports.

Next, I attached the miter saw to a plywood platform that gets clamped to the ladder. To support a workpiece on either side of the saw, I made several supports. Like the platform for the saw, the supports have a small plywood base. On one end of each base there is a beveled cleat to hold it in place. The uprights are nothing more than short pieces of "two-by" stock. They're ripped to match the height of the saw table so that the workpiece stays flat.



Good Woodworking,

Phil Huber
Online Editor, *ShopNotes*

NIWA 2X4 CHALLENGE

This year's 2x4 Challenge will take place at the April 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 28th 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 a prizes awarded in the same manner as our famous, monthly Show and Tell Program.

CLUB DUES FOR 2011/2012

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!

If you are going to be out of town you can mail your club dues payment. Make the check payable to Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association, mark it for Dues and mail it to:

NIWA
PO Box 1602,
Portage, IN 46368

THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR COOPERATION



TOYS FOR KIDS PROGRAM

We once again will be making toys for needy children. Each year our club has made around 1,000 toys that are given out to local organizations for children at Christmas time. Please consider making and donating some toys this year. Plans are available and can be picked up at club meetings. The club also supplies wooden wheels and axles.

We want you to be aware of some safety precautions before you build any *Toys for Kids*.

Do not use very old paint that may contain lead.

Do not use any wheels smaller than 1 1/2 inch diameter. (choking)

Do not make any toys that are pulled by a string or rope. (strangulation)

Make sure that all attached parts are very secure. (choking)

Do not leave any sharp or pointed edges.

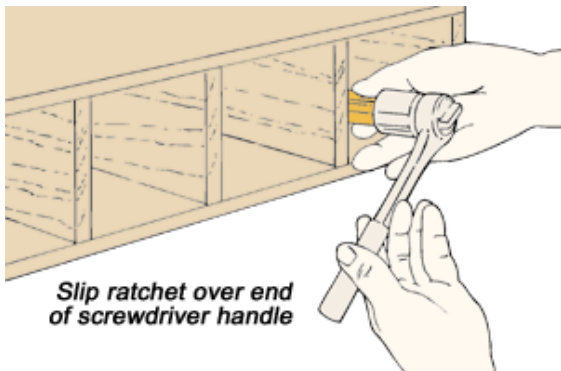
In other words, we want to produce toys that are safe to play with.

It is more efficient to make a hard template rather than using paper patterns if you will be making more than three of a kind toys.

Please keep in mind that we need toys for girls as well as boys. You can meet this need simply by using different colored paint.

You can access some of the plans on our club website at <http://niwoodworkers.org/ToyPlans.htm>

Screwdriver Extension



Recently, I was trying to screw a storage cabinet in place and ran into a small problem. There wasn't enough room to get both my hand and the screwdriver inside the cabinet opening at the same time.

Since I didn't have a long screwdriver with me, I rummaged through my toolbox for inspiration. What I found was a socket that fit snug over the end of my screwdriver handle (a twelve-point socket works best). Then I used my ratchet to tighten the screws, as you can see in the drawing above.

Good Woodworking,

Ted Raife
Online Editor, *Woodsmith*

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