

WOOD CHIPS



Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association

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President's Corner

Greetings Fellow Woodworkers, I missed you at the February meeting. I was assured that our VP, Kevin, did a fine job directing the meeting. Thank you Kevin!

I look out my office window I watch the birds starting to pair up. It's time to put the bird houses out. If you do not have any, we have a wide assortment of patterns in our library. You can build one very simple or build a "Mickey King or John Hunter" mansion bird house. Either way the birds will love it!

Milwaukee Wood Show was great. Several members took Marc Adams Classes. I can't wait to hear all about it. Arizona Silhouette's among others, were there AS, had a variety of pen making items. I was not able to take in any classes but I want to talk with the members that did to see get their feedback and perhaps plan a trip next year.

Mark Your Calendars April 5th & 6th time is approaching fast!!! We have 2 tables at the The Duneland Carvers Show. We are doing demos on the scroll saw and the lathe. Let's show them what we do. This is a good time to hang out with members that scroll and turn. If you scroll or turn we need you as a mentor of you don't, come out hang out at the booth and learn something new or just hang out. There will be a sign up sheet at this month's meeting or you can call me. Setup is on Friday April 4th from 4-8 PM. Takedown is after 4 PM on Sunday. I will find out a time that works for those that sign up and go for it. If you have any of the cars finished that Ron Benson passed out, please bring them to the meeting. We also will be needing display items. We are selling raffle tickets at the show. This show is a lot of fun, come and join us!

See you at the meeting!
Marcia Lichnerowicz
Your president

From the Treasurer

It is almost time for club dues, they are due in May. You can pay early and earn an activity point on the club achievement awards. Dues are still only \$25.00 per year. If you can't make a meeting and want to pay dues, please mail them to Ron Benson at; 3067 Randolph St., Portage Indiana, 46368. Your support on keeping our club going is greatly appreciated.

Our club educational raffle is now selling raffle tickets. They are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. We have some great prizes again this year. If you cannot make a meeting and would like some tickets to buy or sell, see Norm Johnson or Ron Benson or Dick Sader at a meeting night. You can also have them sent to you by mail, contact Ron Benson at the address above or call 219-762-8416. This fund raiser is a way of supporting our toy program and speakers and demo's at our meetings. Without our members, there is no club. So, support it buy attending meetings and helping with the fundraiser.

March Meeting Program

Pen Turning Techniques

Adding Graphics to You Creations Using TESTORS Decal Kit

Presented By Kevin Sturgeon



Don't forget that next month (April Meeting) is our 2 x 4 Challenge! Here is a copy of the rules.

NIWA 2x4 Challenge 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 24, 08 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. Prize will be awarded in the same manner as our famous, monthly Show and Tell Program.

SHOW AND TELL



Max Hernick



Kevin Sturgeon



Rodney Foster



Denny McCool

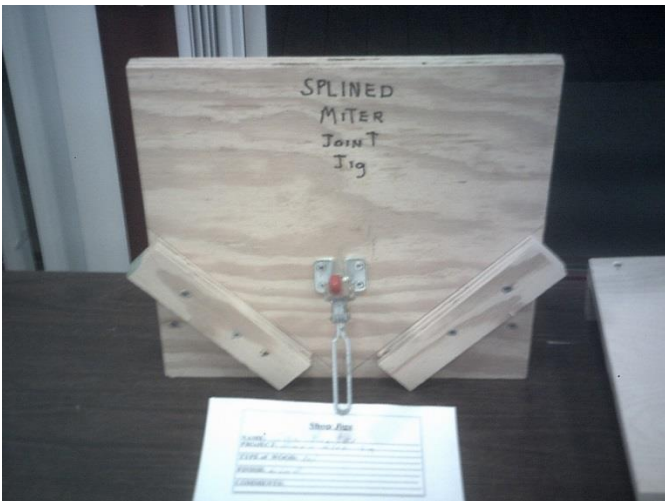


Phil Malavolta



Kevin Klebs

SHOP JIGS



John Hunter



Wally Richardson



Kevin Klebs



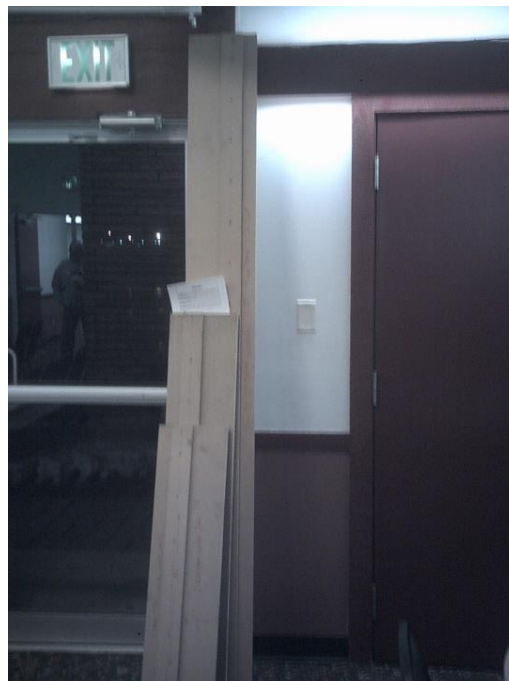
John Novak



Gene Davis



Kevin Klebs



Kevin Sturgeon

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2014

February 27th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Shop Jigs
March 18th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
March 27th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
April 4th Setup Club Booth for Duneland Caver's Show
April 5th & 6th Club Booth at Duneland Caver's Show
April 7th Executive Board Meeting 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage,
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April 15th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
April 24th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM 2 x 4 Challenge
May 20th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
May 22nd Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
June 17th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
June 26th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
July 7th Executive Board Meeting 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage,
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July 15th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
July 24th Membership Meeting at Hidden at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
July 31st Set Up Club Booth at Lake County Fair 9 PM
August 1st – 4th Club Booth at Lake County Fair 10 AM – 10 PM
August 19th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
August 28th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
August 31st Club Picnic at Hidden Lake Park 12 Noon
September 16th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
September 25th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
October 6th Executive Board Meeting at 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage,
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October 21st Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
October 23rd Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
November 18th Committees Meeting at 7:00 PM
November 20th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Toy Program

December 16th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
December 18th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 6:00 PM Christmas Party,
Installation and Awards

Bob Flexner's Finishing Tips

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

TIP: Shellac Colors

In addition to shellac in dissolved form, which you can find at most paint stores and home centers, shellac is also available in flake form for you to dissolve yourself in denatured alcohol.



Shellac Colors

One of the advantages of dissolving your own shellac is the variety of colors available. For example, in the accompanying photo, from top left to bottom right, the colors are super blonde, orange, button, garnet, extra dark and seedlac, which is unrefined shellac.

Keep in mind that the flakes shown are much thicker than the shellac will be when used as a finish. So the colors you get on the wood aren't as dark.

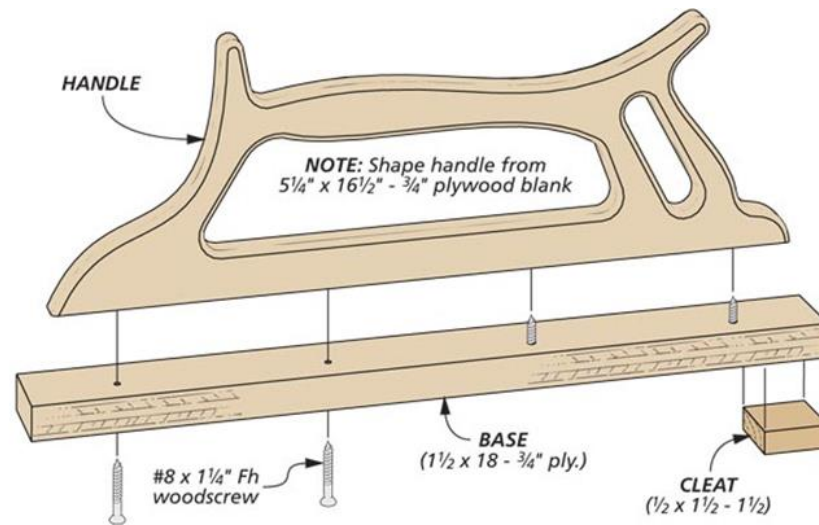
Woodsmith Tips

I've found that a push block that both pushes and holds down the workpiece on the jointer isn't easy to find. So I decided to make my own.

As you can see, the handle lets you apply downward pressure over the jointer tables. At the back, a cleat catches the end of the workpiece and pushes it across the knives.



This drawing shows how the push block is built from just three parts: a handle, a base, and a cleat. The base is attached to the handle with screws countersunk in the base. The cleat is simply glued on.



You can shape the handle using the pattern shown here. I cut the outside out first. And then I cut the out the hand grip at the back and the handle in the center. To get smooth curves, you can drill out the corners of the waste with a Forstner bit.

