

WOOD CHIPS



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President's Ramblings

Greetings Fellow Woodworkers, Wow the temperature has finally made a change in the right direction. The days are getting longer. The birds are back and the Milwaukee Wood show has happened. It must be spring! The wife and I spent a wonderful weekend at the Wood Show. I got to sit in on three of Marc Adams seminars. One on cabinet making, one on draws and doors, and one on fundamentals of woodworking. I was able to pick up some pointers and was left wanting to take more classes at his school.

Another sure sign spring is here, woodcarvers are coming out. The Duneland Woodcarving show is coming this April 11th and 12th. We can always use help with setup, take down and manning the booth, please show your support and volunteer where you can. I hope to see everyone at the show.

Dick Sader and Ron Benson along with Chuck Norman have made the arrangements for the club to continue to meet at American Legion Post #54 in Hobart. We will have our toy program and Christmas part at their facility. Our picnic will still be at Hidden Lake Park in Merrillville. A big THANK YOU to Dick, Ron and Chuck for all your work to secure a new location.

We will need a few strong backs, well some hands to help move the library and coffee cabinets to the American Legion. The date is to be determined at the March meeting. Thank you Gene Davis for letting the club store our library at your place. It shouldn't be too much longer.

This month's program will be a safety video! I hope we can all pick up some good tips to bring back to our shops. April will be the 2x4 challenge. I have found a few sights on the internet for novel ideas. Jeff Snellgrove is helping with the program committee. He needs some contacts to arrange for programs. I will be passing on what little information I have but if anyone has ideas and contacts please contact Jeff or myself.

In closing, Enjoy this weather and don't let your tools rust!

Your President,

Kevin Sturgeon

From The Treasurer

Fellow woodworkers, your yearly dues are now being accepted in advance of the May dead line. Pay early to earn an achievement award point. Dues are still only \$25.00.

Club raffle tickets are now on sale. They are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Last year was a good year with sales. Let's make this year better. This fundraiser helps run our club and toy making.

Ron Benson

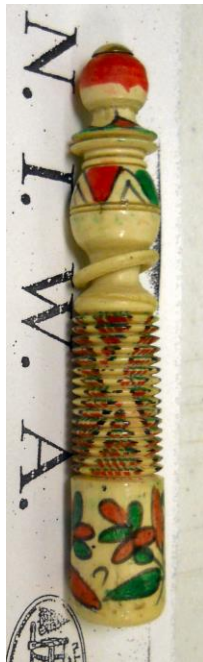
SHOW AND TELL



Jeff Snellgrove



John Hunter



Fred Bogwill



Max Hernick

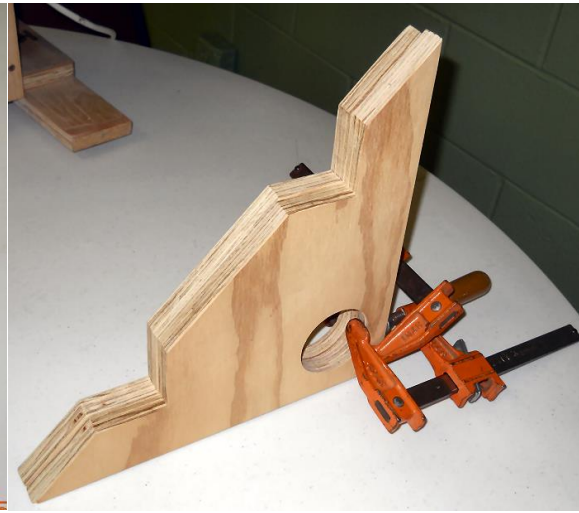


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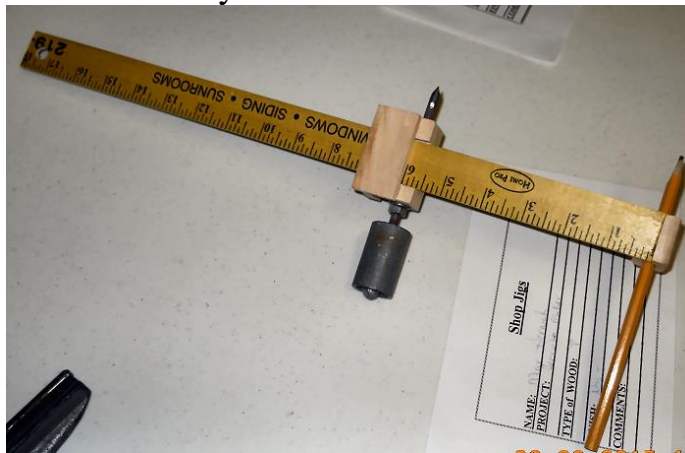
SHOP JIGS



Denny McCool



Kevin Klebs



Max Hernick



John Hunter



Jeff Snellgrove

ITEMS FOR SALE

Older Delta 13 X 5-6" Planer Knives. Professionaly Sharpened set of 3. Four sets available ready to install. \$30.00 each set.

Delta Light Duty Shaper excellent condition, minimum use, mounted, new professional HTC mobile base, number of new cutters, ring guard optional, ¾ HP motor \$400

I have 4 different diameters of Ni-Chrome wire. If anyone can use some give me a call. No charge.

Alan Kalos
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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

2015

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

April 10th Setup Club Booth for Duneland Caver's Show

April 11th & 12th Club Booth at Duneland Caver's Show

April 6th Executive Board Meeting 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage

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

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

2 x 4 Challenge

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

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

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

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

July 13th Executive Board Meeting 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage

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

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

August 6th Set Up Club Booth at Lake County Fair 9 PM

August 7th – 10th Club Booth at Lake County Fair 10 AM – 10 PM

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

August 22nd Club Picnic at Hidden Lake Park 12 Noon

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

September 15th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
September 24th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
October 5th Executive Board Meeting at 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage
October 20th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
October 22nd Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
November 17th Committees Meeting at 7:00 PM
November 19th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM Toy
Program
December 15th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
December 17th Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 6:00 PM
Christmas Party, Installation and Awards

Bob Flexner's Finishing Tips

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

White Water Marks

Water marks on tabletops caused by sweaty glasses or sitting water can usually be removed, though not without some risk of damaging the finish.



Removing Water Ring

Professionals have access to an aerosol product called “blush remover” that restores the color to lacquer finishes. Blush remover doesn’t work well on shellac, water base or catalyzed finishes. If you use a blush remover, be sure to spray just a fine mist on the water ring. Don’t make the surface wet, and for sure, don’t touch the surface until it dries, which can take a while.

Other than using a blush remover, you can try coating the mark overnight with an oily substance such as mayonnaise or cooking oil. Sometimes, this will cause the mark to fade somewhat, but usually not much.

The method that works on all finishes, except high-performance finishes such as conversion varnish, is to abrade off the watermark. The whiteness is almost always right at the surface of the finish, so it doesn't take much rubbing. The trick is to avoid changing the sheen (gloss or satin) of the finish more than necessary. So your choice of abrasive is important.

Every situation is different. Here are some suggestions for abrasives to try, from finest (and least dulling) to coarsest: toothpaste and your finger; a very fine, usually white, nylon abrasive pad; and #0000 steel wool. You can reduce the size of the scratches (and therefore the dulling) of the nylon pad and steel wool by using a wax or oil lubricant.

If you can't get the sheen of the rubbed area to blend in with the surrounding surface, you may have to rub out the entire tabletop.

Be aware that heat marks also show up white but are usually more difficult to remove (though the methods are the same). The damage may go deeper into the finish.

Black rings are in the wood and can't be removed without removing the finish first.

Adjustable Planer Tables



My portable planer works great for planing lumber to final thickness. The problem is, the short infeed and outfeed tables make it difficult to support long workpieces. So I built the extended infeed/outfeed tables for my planer shown in the photo above. There is a table on each side of the planer that can be easily adjusted to match the height of the planer table. The added support at both ends keeps the workpiece from dipping and virtually eliminates snipe.

Best of all, it doesn't take long to build. All you need is some $\frac{3}{4}$ " plywood, carriage bolts, and nuts and washers from the hardware store.

Base

The base of the table is simply a piece of plywood made to fit on your supporting table or workbench. You'll want it to be wide enough to mount your portable planer to the base.

Next, drill four counterbored $\frac{3}{8}$ "-dia. holes at each end of the base. Be sure to position them so they remain outside the path the workpiece needs to travel as it enters and leaves the planer. These holes will accept the carriage bolts used to support and adjust the infeed and outfeed tables.

Extension Tables

The infeed and outfeed tables are made by cutting two smaller pieces of plywood and drilling holes that correspond to the holes in the base (see detail 'b' below). Then it's just a matter of adding the bolts, washers, and nuts, as you see in detail 'a' below.

Now, mount your planer in the center of the base. Position it so that the tables on your portable planer are spaced evenly in the opening between the adjustable infeed and outfeed tables at each end.

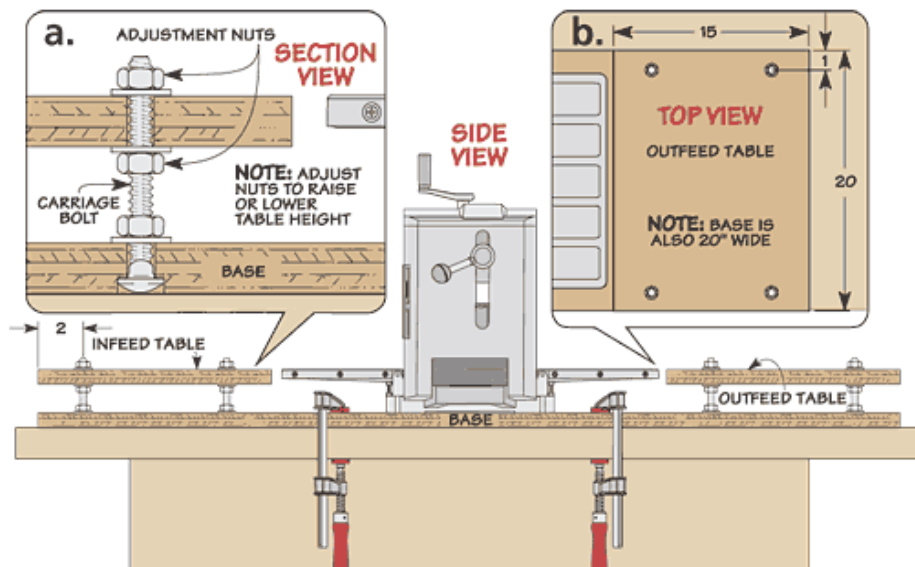


Table Adjustment

Finally, you'll need to adjust the height of the infeed and outfeed tables to match the height of the planer tables. This is done by either raising or lowering the adjustment nuts at the corners of each extension table until the tables are flush.

Now, planing long stock has become a lot easier. The workpiece feeds flat and level, and I worry less about snipe at the ends of each piece.

Good Woodworking,

Phil Huber

Online Editor, *ShopNotes*