

WOOD CHIPS



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President's Ramblings

Greetings Fellow Woodworkers, October is half way past us, and it's time to start winterizing my workshop. It is also time to consider running for office. At the October meeting we will be having the nominations for the 2016 officers. The election will take place at the November meeting. We will need the Nominating Committee to submit names for the each position.

Message from Santa: At the October meeting we need to get a count of toys and gifts we will be providing. Also a list of names of Charitable organizations with contacts and address of the organization you would like to see get these items. It will be your responsibility to get the items delivered to your organization(s). November's meeting is when these toys are passed out and time is running short. Please help where you can and thanks to all members who have and are helping make a merrier Christmas for some needy children.

Field Trip to Elmer Phelps's Saw Mill was September, 26th. It was a great afternoon spent with Elmer at his workshop, couldn't have asked for better weather. He put on a demo with his band saw mill. If you have not been to his place before it is worth the trip. There are deals to be made on some dyed lumber. Jeff and I came away with some great lumber.

Program for October is Shop Safety with Josh Magner of the Hobart Fire Dept. Also is the Brats Fest. We will have some brats and chips at this meeting, soft drinks can be purchased in the social quarters.

Christmas Party is coming up on December 17th, 2015 (a week before our normal meeting) at 6 PM and we will have a sign-up sheet for our members and guest. The dinner will be buffet style with the club providing the meat and drinks. Members are asked to bring a dish to share. We always have wonderful selection of foods.

Ron Benson asked me to please mention about the Knights Of Columbus Wine and Brew Tasting coming up in November. Saturday, November 14, 2015 6-9PM at Nativity Church in Portage, IN.

Cost \$30 single \$50 couple in advance, \$35 at the door. I will have some fliers at the meeting. If you need more information contact Ron Benson.

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

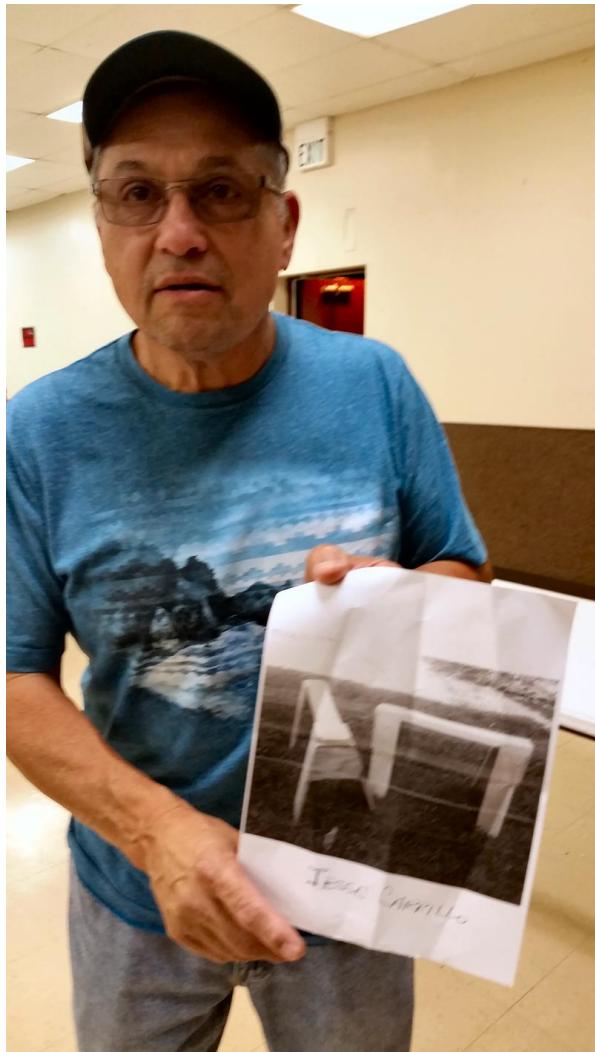
Your President

Kevin Sturgeon

SHOW AND TELL



Norm Johnson



Jessie Carrillo

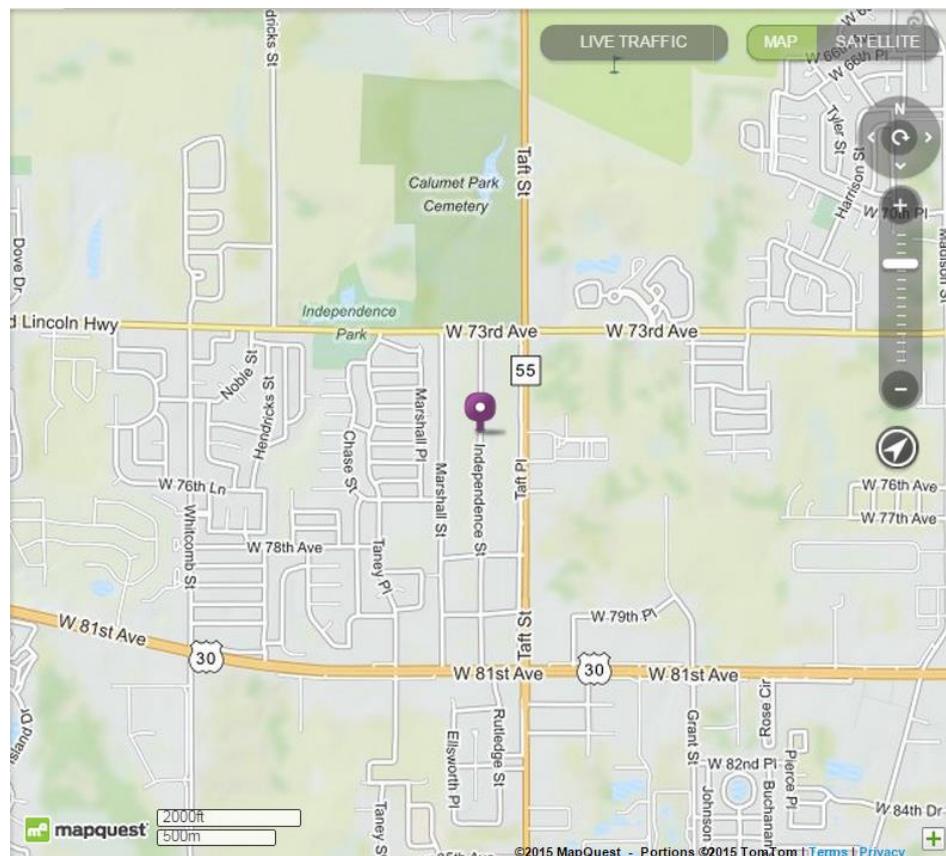
ELMER PHELPS SAWMILL FIELD TRIP





SHOP VISIT

Norm Johnson is hosting a Shop Visit at his shop on Saturday October 24 from 9 AM – Noon. His address is; 7526 Independence St. Merrillville, IN 46410. You can see a Mapquest map at; <http://www.mapquest.com/?version=1.0&hk=10-oFqJnYQw>



ITEMS FOR SALE

1. New in Box: Rockler Retractable Caster set for 8 different stands. Cat. #49-363
\$20.00
 - a. 4" Jointer
 - b. 10" Bandsaw
 - c. 6" Belt Sander
 - d. 6" Delux Jointer
 - e. f. g. 16" & 24" Scroll Saws
 - h. 14" Bandsaw
2. Shopsmith Pulley Guard # 505 862 New in Box \$10.00
3. 8' long safety planks most are straight grain Douglas fir – minimal knots – dry-good for scaffolding or projects 2" x 10" \$5.00 each
4. Excellent condition 12 1/2 " Portable Planner Model # 22-560 with all paper items also extra set of 2 planner knives Delta # 22-562. This planner has a head lock against movement. \$100.00 OBO
5. Ryobi # SC-162 16" Scroll Saw Excellent condition. \$30.00
6. Can anyone use? Solid maple 4" x 4" x 63" long block if not will cut up for fire wood. Also 4" x 6" x 22" Maple block. Been in dry storage 25+ years stop at shop and see.

Contact Alan Kalos 219-962-4812

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**

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/>

Thin All You Want

You often see cans of solvent finishes such as varnish, polyurethane and lacquer with instructions not to thin them. Manufacturers include these instructions in order to comply with VOC laws in some areas of the country. Adding thinner could take the finish out of compliance with the local or state laws, and manufacturers might be breaking the law if they advocated thinning.

But you can't do any harm to these finishes by adding thinner. In fact, you can add all the thinner you want, even 99 percent, without causing any harm. You'll just get a thinner build with each coat, which may cause you to have to apply more coats to get the look and protection against liquids you want.

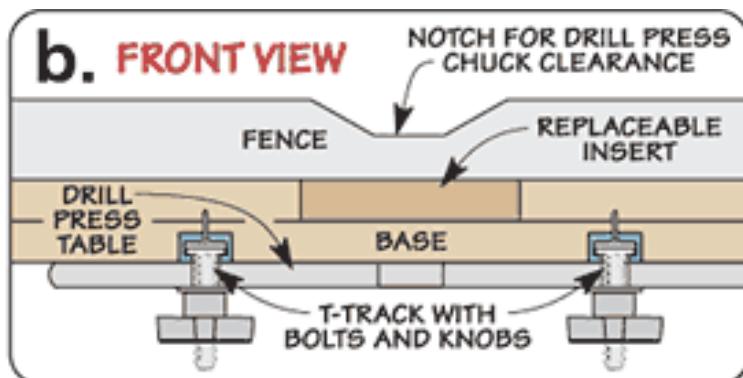
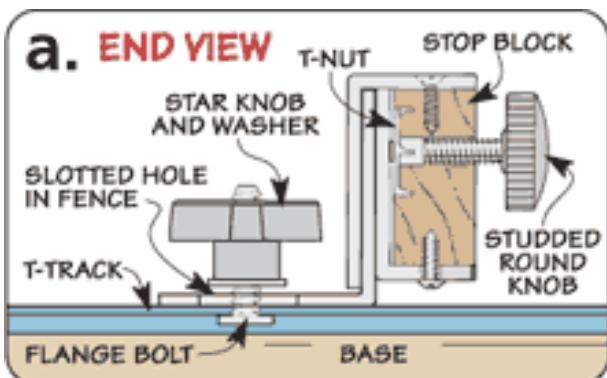
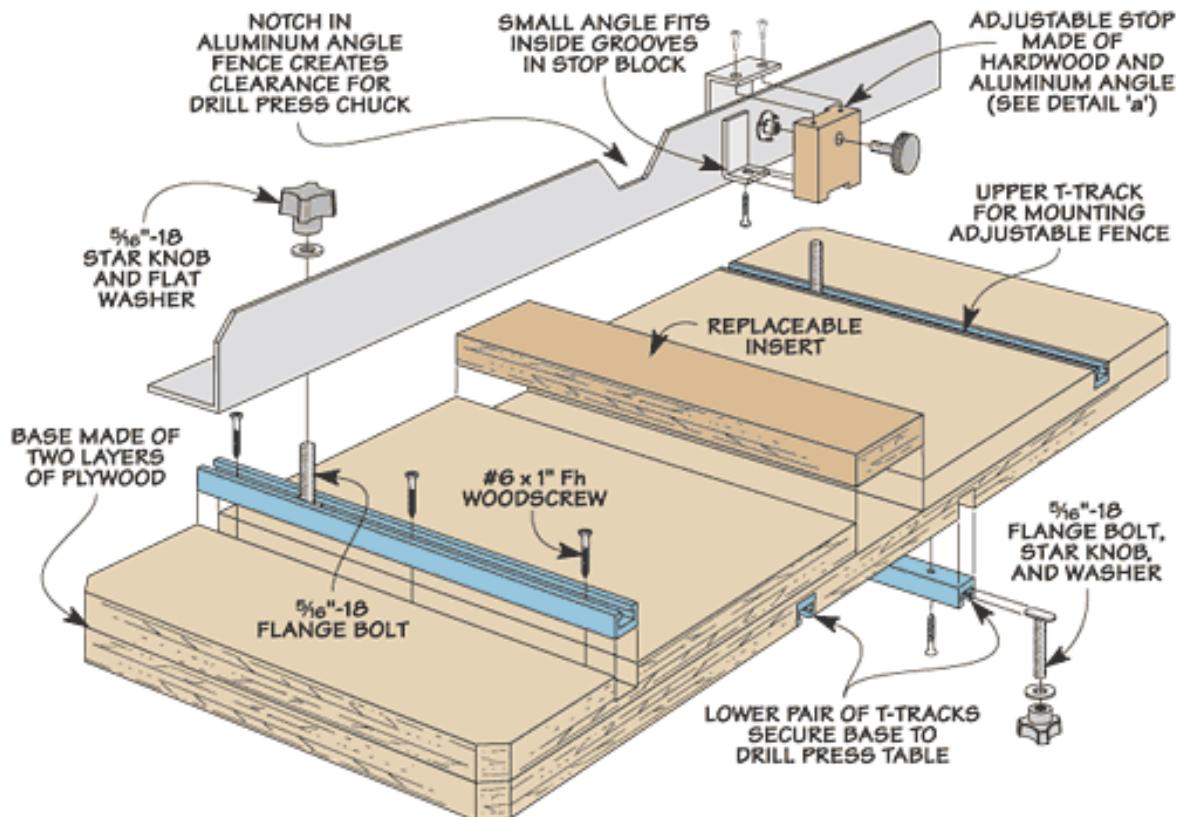
The advantage of adding thinner (five to thirty percent is usually adequate) is better leveling—that is, reduced brush marking and orange peel.

Keep in mind, however, that if you are in an area of the country with strict VOC laws, you could be taking the finish out of compliance if you add thinner.

Drill Press Table Upgrade



I wanted to add an auxiliary table and fence to my drill press. But I didn't want to spend a lot of money. So I built the simple drill press table and fence with a replaceable insert you see in the photo above. The fence is adjustable and has a sliding stop.



Table



The table is two layers of $\frac{3}{4}$ " plywood that are glued together. A dado on the top side at each end holds T-tracks for attaching the fence. Two bottom-mounted T-tracks attach the table to the drill press, as you can see in detail 'b' and the photo at right.

Fence

The fence is nothing more than a length of aluminum angle. A slotted hole at each end accepts a flange bolt from the table so you can quickly mount and adjust the fence to meet almost any drilling challenge.

Stop Block

To help position and hold the workpiece, I added a stop block to the fence. It's simply a block of wood attached to an aluminum bracket. A knob and T-nut, are used for adjusting the block and securing it in position on the fence (detail 'a').

You can find even more ways to upgrade your power tools, just go to:
<http://plansnow.com/toolstandplans.html>.

Good Woodworking,

Phil Huber
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