

# WOOD CHIPS



## Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association

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### President's Desk

Hello Woodworker Friends, in my last note I was getting ready to go to the Carvers Summer Camp in Bremen Indiana. Great time! That was 4 days, carving seminars, evenings of entertainment, stories at the camp fires and fine food. There were also fun things to do for the non carvers. No one was left out. There were even programs for children. The weather held out until the last day. That made an interesting camp take down...but it's all a fine memory and anticipation for next year. Now let's look forward to our road trip to the Sindelar Fine Tool Museum in Michigan on September 24, 2011. Sounds like a good time for all! There is still time to sign up to go!

Time is running out for making ornaments for our Christmas tree at the welcome center. (Kennedy Ave. and 94). Make as many as you can they can be returned when the tree comes down. See Nancy Distel.

Be careful heating your shop. Check the chimneys make sure you have good ventilation; a fire extinguisher is a must, a plan for escape in case there is a fire. WORK SAFE and not fatigued. By all means let someone know when you go out in the shop. Besides knowing you are there they can bring out a cup of coffee now and then ;)

Many thanks to our August speaker Chris Solberg. She talked about the importance of properly building Blue Bird Houses. These birdhouses were made in such a way that they encouraged blue birds nesting. Some birdhouses allowed you to check if the blue birds were nesting. She identified what a blue bird's nest looked like. There were several different birdhouse styles. This was a Great Program. Thanks again Chris!

Thank you to Claudia. Always willing and able to help, she took minutes at the August meeting.

Programs....If you have an idea for a speaker or demonstration please let the Executive board know. We are working on the 2012 schedule. Keep in mind speakers own schedules fill up fast. Sometimes there is as much as a year waiting.

Get well to all our members that have been under the weather and hope to see you at a meeting. We miss YOU!

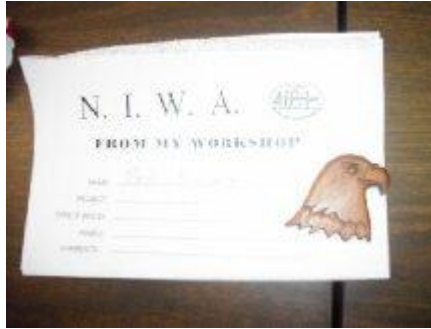
Have fun in the shop!

Marcia Lichnerowicz

# SHOW AND TELL



Jim Jones



Bob Rinearson



Denny McCoole



Max Hernick



Max Hernick



Jesse Day



Marcie Lichnerowicz



Mick King



Lou Takacs



Kevin Klebs

## SOME ADDITIONAL MEETING PHOTOS





## **TOYS FOR KIDS**

We are fast approaching our November deadline for making toys for kids. As a club this project has always been in the forefront and presents each of us the opportunity to give to our community and make it a little better. We would like to reach our goal of 1,000 toys again this year. As of this date our members have committed to make 700. Even though we are short of our goal we still have time to reach it.

We will be giving each member the opportunity to contribute names of organizations that you would like to see receive these toys. Please submit those names beginning the September meeting. Thank you for your participation again this year. We are counting on you.

Claudia Brazil

## **THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER**

This month's speaker is Dick Partin, Dick is a Master Woodworker and antique tool collector (mainly planes).

His topic will be PLANES:

- \* He will bring some different types of planes and explain their uses
- \* He will talk about the ways to properly sharpen plan irons.
- \* How to set up a plane for the job you are wanting it to do for you.
- \* He will talk a bit about the tool museum in Michigan.

## FIELD TRIP

Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup>! The club will have a field trip to Sindelar Fine Tool Museum <http://www.sindelartoolmuseum.com/> near Edwardsburg, Michigan. (Just north of South Bend).

Since we have a number of members from the Highland/Munster/Hammond area I would suggest that those from that area meet at the Highland Welcome Center on the Kennedy Expressway at 8:00 AM. They can carpool from there and take I90 to Chesterton Exit South to Indian Boundary Rd (first major intersection)

All other members wishing to attend will meet at 8:30 AM behind Speedway in K-Mart parking lot. This Speedway is South of the interstate at the first major intersection (Indian Boundary Rd) and is on the East side of Hwy 49. Members can decide who to car pool with at this location and leave those cars not making the trip. (This is a safe location). The group will travel South on Highway 49 to the Toll Road entrance and head East to South Bend. We will exit at the first South Bend exit which is US 31. We will take US 31 North to US 12 and go East on US 12 to Edwardsburg, MI. At Section St. we will turn right (South) and drive to the museum entrance. The Sindelar Museum is located at 69953 Section St., Edwardsburg, MI.

The cost, since we are going as a group, will be \$10.00/person and each person will receive a Free \$10.00 value calendar for the wall in their shop. I have a copy and this is a very nicely done calendar. I talked to John Sindelar and I'll finalize with him, after the Sept meeting, on the number attending, so he can arrange a private tour for our group.

Signup at the September meetings for this field trip.

Lou Takacs

## 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](mailto:LaLogon@sbcglobal.net) or John Hunter [john.b.hunter@frontier.com](mailto:john.b.hunter@frontier.com) Include a description and the price you are selling them for, also how you may be contacted.**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 2011

- September 22<sup>nd</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake Speaker Dick Partin on Planes 7:00 PM
- October 3<sup>rd</sup> Executive Board Meeting at Portage Library 7 PM
- October 18<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
- October 27<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Finishing Lou Takacs
- November 15<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
- November 17<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Toy Program
- December 20<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
- December 22<sup>nd</sup> Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 Christmas Party, Installation and Awards

## RAFFLE PRIZES



Watch  
Donated by;  
Leon Kozlowski



Bowl  
Donated by;  
Denny McCool



Chair  
Donated by;  
Jesse Day



Clock  
Donated by;  
Bob Miller



Falcon  
Donated by;  
Norm Johnson



Pens  
Donated by;  
Jesse Carillo and Ron Benson



Shaker Box  
Donated by;  
Lou Takacs

Our raffle is going well; if anyone needs any additional tickets please contact either Norm Johnson or Ron Benson. The drawing will take place at the Membership meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Winners need not be present.

### **Bob Flexner's Finishing Tips**

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

## **TIP: Wiping Varnish, An Easy Finish with Good Durability**

Wiping varnish is a term I coined about 20 years ago to categorize (so we could understand what we were dealing with) a number of finishes that were each represented by manufacturers as unique, when in reality they were all simply oil-based varnish or polyurethane thinned about half with mineral spirits.

You can make your own, of course, or buy a commercial brand such as Wipe-On Poly, Waterlox, Seal-a-Cell, Profin or any product labeled "tung oil" that contains "petroleum distillate." (Real tung oil is labeled 100% tung oil and never contains thinner.)

Just like full strength varnish and polyurethane, wiping varnish cures hard, and it is water resistant if three or four coats are applied.

To apply wiping varnish, brush or wipe it on the wood and wipe off all or most of the excess. You can also brush and leave the wiping varnish for a faster build, but brush it out thin on vertical surfaces to avoid runs.

Allow overnight drying between coats. Before applying each additional coat, sand lightly with 320- or 400-grit sandpaper to remove dust nibs. Apply as many coats as you want to give you the look and protection you desire.

## Router Table Gauge



Adjusting the fence on my router table can be a bit of a guessing game. When I need to move it only a small amount, it's very easy to overshoot

the mark. To gain some needed accuracy, I built a simple gauge to hold a dial indicator, as you can see in the photo.

The holder is nothing more than a piece of  $\frac{3}{4}$ "-thick hardwood with a notch cut in it. The notch allows it to be clamped to the front of the router table over the bit. Now I can easily see how much I need to move the fence for a perfect cut.

Good Woodworking,

Phil Huber  
Online Editor, *ShopNotes*

## HUMOR

### Dear Old Dad

For their Thanksgiving 2009 edition, the Woodworker's Journal Ezine staff asked readers to "talk turkey" and tell others the worst woodworking advice they had ever received. This was the first place winner:

"My dad told me, "Eric, you need a hobby. Something to relax you. Something that isn't too expensive, or too obsessing. Why don't you try woodworking?" I realize now, 10 years later, as a frustrated woodworker, hundreds of books and magazines later, thousands of dollars in tools and wood, and only a couple of high school grade projects later, that clearly, my dad hates me."