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COLLINS WOODWORKERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

## Meeting Notice:

- Our April meeting will be Tuesday the 17th at 5:00 in the Main Plant Cafeteria.
- Bill Barvinek will make a second attempt to discuss his router table that he has added to the wing of his table saw.
- Please bring anything that you used a router to make.
- Door Prizes!! We are bringing back door prizes! Gift cards to a couple of our favorite shops. One random drawing and one for anyone bringing in a project!!



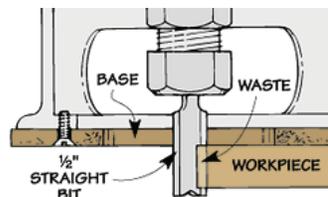
## Bill Barvinek,

Ain't technology great? There was a time when you needed to break the tripod holding your flip charts. Later a slide projector bulb could undo a great presentation. Today all you need is a CD that won't read.

Bill made a good attempt. He had his presentation prepared

## April Project:

Almost all of us have at least one router. They aren't all that expensive and they can be used in lots



## May Project

Next meeting it's time to pull the plug. We have a couple of hand-tool aficionados in the group so it's time to let them show off a little. We won't invite Norm.

There is very little that you can do with a power tool that you can't also do with a hand tool, and there are a lot of things that are easier with a hand tool. Lots of people have tried using a hand plane or panel saw and given up assuming that they need to

## The Perfect Router Table v 2.0

and brought in the fence. We had to scramble to find him a projector and a laptop but when it was all set his CD with his presentation wouldn't work.

We are going to give Bill another shot at this one. Maybe one (or maybe several) of us can forget to bring the projec-

tor and laptop this time.

I still want to see what he has to say because it looks like a really nice design.



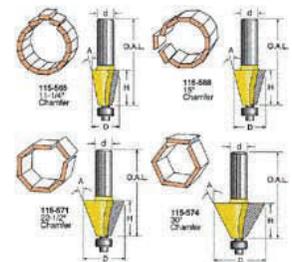
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of situations.

We really have only three hard limits: The money you spend on tooling, your imagination, and the possibly rational fear of sharp metal rotating at 25,000 RPM.

So bring in anything that you have used a router to build. Edge treat-

ments, joinery, inlay, Whatever you have.



## Hand tools

So break out your hand tools, turn off the electricity and get to work. Bring the results to the meeting in May!!

Here are a couple of links to make you drool....

<http://www.bridgcitytools.com>

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

<http://www.lie-nielsen.com/>

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

**March Meeting: Bill Barvinek,**

Well Bill's presentation in March was kind of a bust so he has agreed to try again. Technical failures have always been with us but they are especially frustrating in situations like this.

**Upcoming projects**

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**May:** Something that you made using hand tools.

**A Trip to A Woodworker's Candy Store**

When I was a kid I always liked to go to the candy store with my weekly allowance and gaze at all the candy trying to decide what to buy.

Now that I am older I still like to take trips to the candy store but the



drooling is now over bigger things. I recently had an opportunity to visit the Grizzly tools showroom in Springfield, Missouri. But then I'm getting ahead of my story.

After thirty years my old Rockwell Delta table saw gave up the ghost and I set about to repair it. My problem was a bad bearing in the blade arbor which is part of a sealed assembly. After searching locally

**The Perfect Router Table**

Other than the presentation that didn't go, members brought a lot of bird houses. I was impressed by the variety of designs. There is still time to build and hang bird houses this spring.

**April: Anything that you made using a router**

**June:** Bring in a frame. Any frame. Maybe a picture frame, door frame?

**July:** We will hold our annual pic-

nic in July so bring anything that you would use at a picnic. Remember Dave's camp kitchen from last year?

and on the internet I was unable to find a replacement part. The part is no longer made. After telling my wife that it appeared I would be unable to repair it she suggested that I look for a new table saw. You can imagine how hard she had to twist

my arm to get me to agree. After spending considerable time looking at magazines, reading reviews and surfing the internet I settled on the newest 10 inch contractors table saw that Grizzly had to offer. But

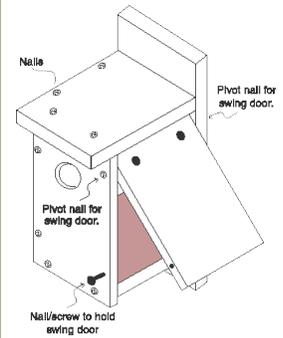
before buying one I wanted to see what they looked like and if they were well built.

A friend of mine had been talking about taking a trip down to Grizzly some weekend to pick up a few things and so with a little bit of prodding he said let's

**Lee Johnson**

do it. We packed up the wives, hooked up his trailer and were off on Friday night after they got off work. We drove as far as Lebanon, Missouri that night and then on to Springfield on Saturday morning. We were there before the doors to the showroom opened. While waiting for them to open we could see all the tools that were on display in the showroom through the windows and started to drool just like "kids" in a candy store. As you can see from the pictures they have almost anything in the way of power tools that any woodworker, or metal worker for that matter, could want.

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When the doors opened we hurried inside and I looked for the model table saw that I wanted. I couldn't find it, but that wasn't surprising because they must have had two dozen of them set up on the floor. We then cornered a sales person and asked where we might find it. After consulting the computer he informed me that it had been back ordered and that they were not getting any in until February. That was disappointing in that I still had several Christmas



present projects to finish before the holidays. Our salesman was very helpful and after several minutes of consulting the computer he said that he had a demo model of the top of the line earlier model that he might be able to make me a deal on. The saw was never powered up and was used for a looking model only. He took me into the back room where the saw was and showed me all the things about it comparing them to the one that I was interested in. It had all the features I was interested in and then some. After several minutes of discussion and a couple of trips to talk to the manager we settled on a price. I must say I felt they made me a good deal.

Our salesman then set about helping my friend who was in the market for an oscillating drum sander. Our salesman spent several minutes understanding what my friend was going to use it for and then suggested some of the ones they had that he thought would work well for him. He invited us into their shop adjacent to the showroom where they build various types of woodworking projects so my friend could try out the sander that he recommended. He also spent

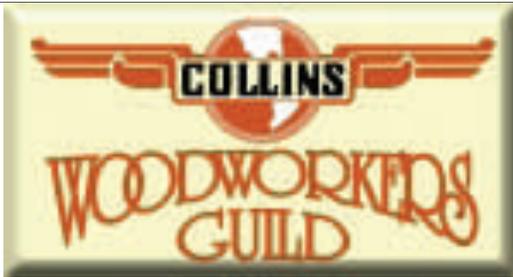
time showing us the latest project that they were working on. They were making a dozen display cabinets out of an exotic orange wood (I don't remember the name of it) for the



owner of the company who collects and builds guitars. They were really doing a nice job, but then who wouldn't with all of the neat tools they had to work with.

Now the next problem was figuring out how to get my new saw home. As it was all put together and the weather was drizzly we had to think a little bit about how to get it home. The Grizzly people wrapped the saw in several layers of shrink wrap and loaded it's 350 pounds on our trailer with a fork lift. We covered it with a large tarp and tied it down to the trailer very securely. The saw made it back to Iowa in one piece and in spite of the drizzly weather didn't have a drop of water on it.

Was the trip worth it? I sure felt so and I also enjoyed drooling in one of the neatest woodworkers “candy stores” that I've ever visited. The saw is working great for me and I can't say enough about the polite and un-hurried way we were treated while we were there. I think the salesman we had spent at least two hours with us answering questions and showing us around. If you ever get to Springfield be sure you visit their showroom and shop area. But be sure and bring lots of your allowance money.



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