

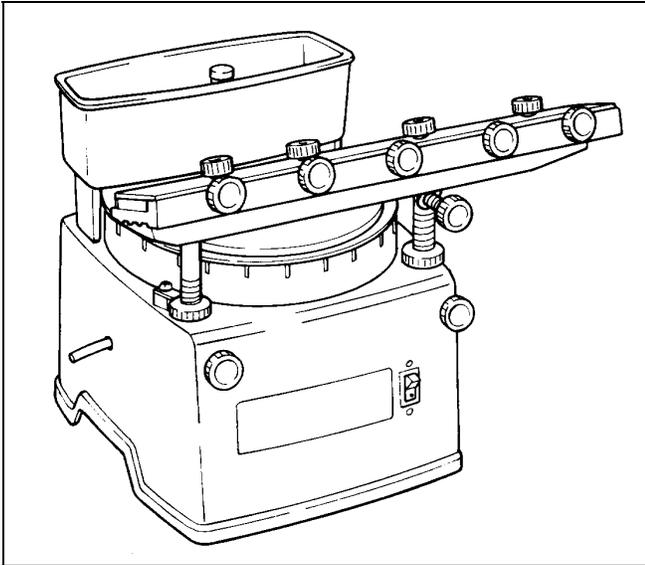
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Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 19th 5:00 p.m. at Main Plant Cafeteria



August Meeting

The August 19 meeting will be an introduction and demonstration of the Makita Power Sharpener (above) recently purchased with club funds. The Makita has a 1000 and 4000 grit waterstone and has the capability to sharpen jointer blades, planer blades and chisels with two different attachments. Emil has tried it out and is favorably impressed. If you have something you'd like sharpened, bring it in give the sharpener a try. Second topic for the meeting will be a discussion of the upcoming September election and the third topic will be a discussion of "Toys for Tots".

July Meeting

Our July meeting was held at the shop of Aaron and Alex Tjden. Aaron and Alex operate a cabinet and sign making shop under the company name Wood Graphics II and SignCrafters. Their dad, Larry Tjden, generally tries to stay out of the way (just kidding Larry) and also keeps a desk over in building 124. One of their more popular products are signs that have sandblasted relief characters and scenes. Larry

demonstrated the signmaking process including the sandblasting step. Everyone had the opportunity to try sandblasting on several signs Larry had prepared for us. The company makes custom, one-of-a-kind, signs as well as large multi-thousand orders. Aaron and Alex are considering selling hardwoods (later in the year) as a sideline so we will keep you informed when that happens. The club provided Pizza Hut pizza and Roger Thompson donated sodas for everyone. And a final note, Larry's shop may be available for hands-on, motor running, demonstrations for future meetings. Stay tuned.

September Meeting

September is the last meeting for the club year and one of the final duties will be the election of officers. We'll try to make it a little less painful by giving away at least one nice tool. We're not talking 18V bliffer driver with side mounted measuring capability but a nice little something that would everyone could put to good use in their shop. No program topic yet.

October Meeting

We have been invited to visit the Eastern Iowa Supply Co. (see article later in the newsletter). Todd Dimmer hopes to organize a night with several manufacturer reps in attendance to demonstrate their tool lines and give some discounts. Rep's attending might include Porter Cable, 3M, DeWalt, Milwaukee, and Bessey. This is all still in the planning stage so stay tuned for further info. Eastern Iowa Supply Co. has been in business a number of years but is just now trying to expand their business in the tool and industrial supply area.

Future Meetings

How about if you fill in this block. What topics would you like to see for future meetings? The executive committee has not had a lot of feedback on

what the you like and don't like. Somewhere in the newsletter is a block with points of contact for the folks who have done the organizing for the meetings you've gone to. If you have an idea, those folks are only a phone call or EMAIL away. If we don't hear from you, we may have to resort to the dreaded survey.

HOLTZFEST

We might not support the advertising claim ("one of the Midwest's premier wood shows"), but nevertheless, it's time again for Holzfest. August 15-17 is the date and the Little Amana exit on I-80 (exit 225) is the place. Hours are 7PM-9PM FRI, 9AM-6PM SAT and 10AM-6PM SUN. Highlights include chainsaw sculptors, an operating sawmill (probably a SawMizer), approximately 135 exhibits AND the Leonard Raymond Band. Over the years, tool sellers have ranged from good to poor but there are always lots of woodcraft items for sale (or to just look at).

Web Sites of Interest

If your home computer can access the Internet's World Wide Web you may find these sites worth visiting.

www.iucf.indiana.edu/~brown/w5/wwwfaq1.htm

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sunsite.unc.edu/uncpress/woodwright

The first is the Woodwright's Shop FAQ and the second is the Woodwright's Website.

www.icuf.indiana.edu/~brown/hyplan/wood.htm

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This site is a large conglomeration of "stuff" related to woodworking and is titled "WoodWorking on the World Wide Web" or W⁵ for short. There are tons of links to commercial sites and Web sites (including other clubs), a helpline, a sections on shareware and CAD software and an interesting section called "useful information".

EASTERN IA SUPPLY CO.

Dave Wetzel and I (Wayne Hanson) had a nice discussion with Todd Dimmer of Eastern Iowa Supply, Inc. Eastern Iowa Supply is at 4601 sixth Street SW (across from Hawkeye Downs) and was previously know as Eastern Iowa Drywall Supply. They still sell a bunch of drywall but have expanded into the construction and industrial supply area. The store

has on hand most of the items in the DeWalt line, the Porter Cable line and the Milwaukee line. Todd gave us the \$2 tour and we saw all varieties of 3M sanding materials, Stanley tools, painter's masking tapes, a concrete mixer, rows and rows of nuts and bolts, ladders, extension cords and even a few woodworking things (Amana router bits, Starrett tools, dust masks, hearing protectors, power tools and accessories). This isn't quite like walking into a WoodSmith Store or a WoodWorker's Store but most anyone could find something to buy. The bottom line here is that he's offered us a significant discount for all the stuff in the store (excluding building material such as drywall and insulation). Todd indicated that he would give us the wholesale price (probably more accurately the contractor's discount) which is the price he gives his best customers. The discount is available to club members that show their membership card at the time of purchase. I will bring sale flyers for DeWalt and Milwaukee which have prices better than I could find in my mailorder catalogs - around 10% better. I'll have the flyers at the August meeting for everyone's perusal. Todd will also be giving us a discount for hardwoods but we don't have any firm prices for that as of yet.

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LIBRARY

The last page of the newsletter lists the books and tools in the library. The club has been purchasing books on a regular basis and has a nice selection. We do seem to be missing the Index for the *WoodSmith* and *ShopNotes* magazines. If you know

where they are please take them back to the cabinet at the 105 #2 Entrance (Southwest corner of the building). Did everyone get the word that the Library has moved from the Employee Services to Building 105, Entrance #2? The cabinet is locked but when you show your membership card to the guard, he will give you the key. One of the advantages of this arrangement is that the Library is available 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week.

Wanted/For Sale Ads

No one has ever asked but the newsletter is always ready to include ads. The newsletter editorship is moving around a bit but if you EMAIL one of the folks in the POC box, it will end up in the newsletter.

Collins.Rec.Woodworking

The new *A&C RWEB* homepage now has an almost direct link to Collins.Rec.Woodworking. CLICK on the left column button DISCUSSION GROUPS and it will take you to a list of all the Intranet newsgroups. Rec.Woodworking is one of obvious interest for our club. The newsgroup server was broken for several months and it doesn't appear that very many people know that the newsgroups are back. The newsletter will be eventually be posted there on a regular basis. Remember - accessing this newsgroup should only be done on personal time (the usual disclaimer).

Rec.Woodworking

by Wayne Hanson

I follow the rec.woodworking on the Internet usegroup and have been following a thread (topic) called "the big stupid". The idea here is how each writer recovered from a dumb mistake during a project. What follows is my favorite.

My worst "Big Stupid" was during the construction of the Woodsmith Highchair. The plans call for the gluing up and then routing out the dish for the Highchair Tray. I decided to "improve" the glueup by using biscuits from my new Dewalt Biscuit Cutter. Well, when I went to rout out the dish portion of the tray, I managed to rout right into four of the eight biscuits, I'd put into the tray. When I noticed the biscuits, I discussed my intolerance, my family history, and the general state of the world in great length. So after another trip to the lumber store for more wood, I decided I should still use the bis-

cuits to strengthen the glue-up, but to offset the depth of the biscuits to account for the "dish" being routed. Everything was going fine, glueup was flat, minimal sanding, and the grain matched between the boards. With great care I started routing, the only problem was that I had accidentally flipped the piece upside down while admiring my workmanship. Again I routed into four biscuits. When I noticed the biscuits showing, I turned off the router and walked into the house and left the whole mess sitting there for a week. When I finally got the courage to start again, I followed the plans exactly and it worked perfectly. The two other glueups, I used for other projects. I still keep one peice of wood with the biscuit showing to remind me to think about what I'm doing and just because I have a new tool does not mean I have to use it on the project I'm working on.

(written by Rick Rasmussen, rr121249@aol.com)

Author	Title / Name / Item
Engler, Nick	The Workshop Companion, Sharpening
Engler, Nick	The Woodshop Companion, Finishing
Engler, Nick	The Woodshop Companion, Sanding and Planing
Engler, Nick	The Workshop Companion, Making Build In Cabinets
Engler, Nick	Woodworking Wisdom
Kean / Pollak	Price Guide to Antique Tools
Better Homes & Gardens	Wood--Woodcrafted Gifts You Can Make
Better Homes & Gardens	Wood--Country Woodcraft You Can Make
Better Homes & Gardens	Wood--Woodworking Tools You Can Make
Better Homes & Gardens	Wood--Small Furniture You Can Make
Better Homes & Gardens	Wood--Basic Woodworking Tips and Techniques
Better Homes & Gardens	Wood-- Classic Woodworking Woods and How to Use Them
Krenov, James	The Fine Art of Cabinet Making
Klausz, Frank	Wood Finishing With Frank Klausz (Video)
Dresdner, Michael	The Woodfinishing Video with Michael Dresdner
Dresdner, Michael	The Woodfinishing Book
Abrams, Norm	The New Yankee Workshop Router Table (Video and plans)
Wood Books	The Home Workshop Planner
Nagyszalanczy, Sandor	Fixing and Avoiding Woodworking Mistakes
Nagyszalanczy, Sandor	Woodshop Dust Control
Carpenter, Tom	Summer Furniture, Practical Designs for the Backyard
Sunset Books	Picture Framing and Wall Display
Sunset Books	Things to Make for Children
Sunset Books	How to Plan and Build Decks
Sunset Books	Woodworking Projects
Spielman, Patrick	Scroll Saw Handbook
Toplin, Jim	The Toolbox Book
Maccarone, Sal	Tuning Up Your Tools
Self	Creating Your own Woodshop
Rogowski, Gary	Router Joinery with Gary Rogowski (Video)
Roberts / Booher	Easy to Make Inlay Wood Projects Intarsia
Conover, Ernie	The Lathe Book
Pye, Chris	Woodcarving Tools, Materials, and Equipment
Bowen, Hilary	Decorative Techniques for Woodturners
Yates, Simon	An Encyclopedia of Chairs
Yates, Simon	An Encyclopedia of Desks
Yates, Simon	An Encyclopedia of Tables
Woodworkers Journal	Woodworkers Journal Magazine (11-79 to 12-82 (-9/10-81)
Fine Woodworking	Fine Woodworking on the Small Workshop
Fine Woodworking	Fine Woodworking on Planes and Chisels
Fine Woodworking	Fine Woodworking Magazine (Volume 32 - 43 & 86 - 118)
American Woodworker	American Woodworker (Volume 17 (12/90) - 53 (12/93)
Woodsmith	Woodsmith (Issues 48,49, 51-58, 68, 69, 71-91)
Woodsmith	Woodsmith (Issues 109 thru current)
Woodsmith	Shopnotes (Issues 31 thru current)
	Intro to A-Lign-It System (Video)
	A-Line-It System
	48" Straight Edge
Flexner, Bob	Finishing Facts
Shanesy, Steve	Measure Once, Cut Once