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The July Picnic

by Jan Smith

The CAW annual picnic was held on Sunday, July 13th at Bridgeview Park. The festivities started with a bit of music from Tom McCue's group as they set up and tested their equipment and people arrived and the food table was set up.

The noon meal was fried chicken provided by the Club and all sorts of good dishes from the members present. No one needed to go home hungry as the food was delicious. I am not sure but I think there were approximately 40-45 people in attendance.

The day was beautiful and having the indoor facility is a great idea. If it had been as hot as some past picnics, we would have appreciated it even more. Didn't have to worry about excessive heat or bugs, etc.

After the meal, Tom McCue's group "took the stage" and entertained us with music. Tom and two friends played a variety of songs for us with a variety of different instruments. It was very enjoyable. I heard some talent scouts are planning on coming next year!

Also adding to the enjoyment of the day, Bob and Elsie Fox had their boat available for a pleasant ride on the lake on a beautiful day.

Now would be the part of the article where I would talk about Show and Tell items that were on display on the middle table. Unfortunately, it ended up being all show and no tell! We normally take time to talk about what is on display, answer questions, and discover what talented people we have in our Club.

However, this Show and Tell time probably should have taken place before the music and boat ride when everyone was still present in a group. As it was, I believe people did have a chance to take a look at the items and maybe talk to who made them. But I think it's more interesting when talked about with the whole group so everyone hears about them. Perhaps next year we should remember to do this after the meal before other activities.

It is also easier to write about the items in the newsletter when the woodworker has talked about the item because I either have it on the recorder or take notes. Now, I'm not sure of all the people who brought items to give everyone credit. There were many nice items. I believe Lon Scott had some things there. I think it was Ralph Winch who brought something in--was it a chair? And I do know that Jan Smith brought in two new musical instruments she had just finished (the first thing she has done in the shop in nearly 2 years?). One was a mountain dulcimer and the other a Strumbly. I know there were some other items there but, without hearing about them, I can't remember who or what now. Sorry!

Perhaps the people who brought items to show could bring them to the next meeting, or any future meeting, and tell us (as well as people who missed the picnic) what we saw on display.

All in all it was a beautiful day for the picnic and I think a good time was had by all.

As you can see, I didn't have enough to fill the normal 4 pages of the newsletter this time. If you have something you want to put in it, let me know, e-mail to me or hand me something at a meeting. Sometimes people have for sale items or just know of something coming up that would interest our members.

I think Chuck Frank e-mailed all members with the info. from John Anderson but I'll put it in here, too. Apparently, someone in our Club bought something from a man in Indiana and the seller has now found more items that go with it and wishes to contact the purchaser. However, he doesn't have the name or contact info. If it was you or you know who it was, let him know!

Portrait of a Woodworker-- Craig McGuire

by Don Gottschalk

We are more than happy to welcome Craig McGuire as a new member of our club and look forward to sharing his woodworking experiences with all the members.

He was born on January 16, 1972 and grew up in this area. He attended Springfield High School and graduated there before starting at Lincoln Land Community College. He then started with the Department of Defense as a crew member on a Blackhawk Helicopter group and has now become a crew chief with that group. He has served there for the past seven years. In that time he has served in Iraq for one year and is now preparing to go back to Iraq in February for another year.

He has been married to his wife, Tracy, for the past twelve years and so far they have no children.

He started in woodworking about five or six years ago and has slowly built up a complete shop. His first machine tool was a table saw and he has had that for several years. He plans to buy a radial arm saw next to go with all the other machines he has purchased. He got into woodworking with Gary Smith who also introduced him to our club. He joined our club this past spring.

Getting into the woodworking itself, he has several projects that are his favorites. One of those is building boxes that will take crosses made by a friend of his for inlay. He also likes to build cabinets for his house. He built a corner cabinet that is now in the bathroom of his house and his wife really likes it. His next project will be a corner night stand for his bedroom. His favorite thing to build is unique projects in cabinetry.

We would like to welcome Craig to our club and sincerely hope he gets what he wants from our club programs.

Sawdust for Brains August Thoughts

by Mike McGrath

Summer continues to roll along. Thanks to **Ralph Winch** for a wonderful demonstration of his new **Wood Mizer**. Ralph has a wide variety of wood available. Give him a call for your needs.

Reminder: The meeting this month will be on **Wednesday, August 6th at MCL**. A program on veneers will be presented by Dan Harris. Dinner at 5:30, program at 6:30pm. If you have veneer projects or wood you would like to identify, be sure to bring it for Show and Tell.

Note: This has been changed due to an emergency in the presenter's family. The Aug. 6th meeting might be a video or a discussion about "new toys" you may have acquired. There will also be a discussion about the possible woodworkers seminar CAW is considering holding, who would attend, who would be presenters, etc.

We will be **nominating a President-Elect** at the next meeting. Be thinking who you want to serve for next year. It really is a rewarding job.

We are always looking for new presenters or topics for our meetings. The **September meeting** will be a **demonstration of the Porter Cable Omni Jig**. We are looking for topics for October and November. We are thinking about ideas for the December meeting. **Will MCL be big enough for the members and their spouses?**

Upcoming August Meeting

Our next meeting will be on **Wed., Aug. 6th** at our MCL location. We moved this meeting to Wed. this month so that the presenter could be here on veneers, but he had a family emergency and had to cancel recently. **We might have a video or a discussion on “new toys” members may have acquired. Also, there will be a discussion on the woodworkers seminar CAW is considering holding. Bring your ideas!**

Officer’s Meeting

The Officer’s meeting will be held at Gene Shutt’s house on Mon., Aug. 11th at 7pm. (I assume this because it is usually the Monday following the monthly meeting.) Any interested member may join them if they have something to bring up.

Upcoming Meetings

Wed., Sept. 3rd--There will be a demonstration of the Porter Cable Omni Jig.

October and November?????

We are always looking for ideas for meetings, presenters, topics, etc. Give us your ideas!!!

Open Shops

We still have openings for August and November. Could announce date and time and details at the Aug. 6th meeting if you are interested.

September--Roland Folse

October--Jim Neuses

December--Dan Schmoker

When you know date and details let me know and will put it in newsletter.

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