



# CAPITAL AREA WOODWORKERS

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### The March Meeting

by and Jan Smith

The March meeting of CAW was held on Wed., March 5th at KICK's. I don't believe we had any visitors or guests.

There was a report from the **committee** which was working on **finding a new location** for our meetings. Reporting their findings were **Bob Fox, Mike Robertson and John Sheedy**. John spoke about the Lighthouse Family Restaurant at the Travelodge Motel. Bob looked at MCL and Maverick on Dirksen. MCL has no room charge, lots of variety of food, no minimum number of meals to guarantee, and closes at 9pm. Maverick has a private room, too. Mike looked at the idea of catering food, but we would still need a meeting place. He reported on three possibilities. **It was decided by a vote of those present that we would try MCL on Wabash (the old ChiChi's) for the next three months (April, May and June)**. Here you will go through the cafeteria line and select exactly what you want and pay for what you get. It is not a set price for the meal.

Next up for discussion was the **Tool Sale** that John Sheedy is wanting to have. He has a building at **2710 S. 13th near J and J Electric Motor Shop**. It is a 6,000 sq. ft. bldg. He wants to have the sale there on **Fri. and Sat., April 11th and 12th**. He suggested tagging your items and you wouldn't have to be present. A cashier would take care of what sold, etc. The members would get 100% of the money for their things. Maybe a 10% consignment charge for the public to sell items. It was suggested that we spend some treasury money for advertising. Possibly the Jacksonville Club would be invited also. A committee to work on making this a reality was formed

and made up of: Dick Metcalf, Dan Schmoker, Mike McGrath, John Sheedy and (forgive me if I got the wrong name) Dave Kalaskie. See the article elsewhere in this newsletter for details.

**Don Gottschalk** gave out samples of **Gorilla Glue** that were sent to him, probably because he was on someone's list from when he was President.

The **SketchUp workshop** to be presented by Frank Thornton in April was discussed.

**Frank Tureskis** showed a **face mask** he recently acquired and thought if members were interested we could get a good deal on them. He says they don't steam your glasses and are easy to stuff in your pocket. He also had brochures on the masks.

### The Program: John Wood and Boat Building Class in Maine

**Our program was presented by fellow member John Wood**. He was in Maine and took pictures at a **two week long course on boat building**. He showed us a slide presentation on the building of a Chippewa boat using 3/8" plywood. It was a very interesting presentation and quite a few questions were generated. Unfortunately, it was a bit hard to hear from where I sat and my recorder did not pick up most of the details well. I apologize for this because it was interesting. (Also, when the editor doesn't get the article written up quickly after the meeting, she can't remember details she might not need the recorder for!) Thank you, John!!!

## Show and Tell

**Jim Neuses** brought in a **step stool** made for the Lincoln Memorial Gardens silent auction. It was made from shingle oak harvested at Lincoln Memorial Gardens. He used Minwax stain and finish.

**Frank Thornton** showed a **Craftsman style lamp** made from white oak with a mica shade. The shade has a variety of compound angles. Amazing! There was a fumed finish. Very nice job, Frank.

**Mike Robertson** showed us four of the famous **kaleidoscopes** he created. They were made from walnut, maple, cherry and a combination of maple and purpleheart. The finish was a French polish.

**Dan Schmoker** brought in **two pieces of wood** cut the same day. They were osage orange and sasafra. There was a big difference in the feel.

In the 50/50 drawing, I believe Jim McCormick took home \$18. And I didn't catch who was the winner of the meal drawing, sorry.

## Note from Gene and Jean Shutt

I received an e-mail from Jean asking for a note to be put in the newsletter so that people wouldn't think Gene is being "unfriendly." If Gene doesn't recognize the voice, he might not know who is speaking to him. Jean's e-mail follows:

"I just wanted to tell the Club that Gene has lost the center vision in both of his eyes due to Macular Degeneration. He cannot see faces good, read or see the computer. His peripheral vision is still good so he can see to get around. So, if he does not recognize you, it is because he cannot see faces good. This is why I have been coming to Woodworker's with him."

--Jean Shutt

## ATTENTION

CAPITAL AREA WOODWORKERS

## HUGE--HUGE CONSIGNMENT SALE

WOODWORKING TOOLS AND  
RELATED ITEMS

**Location--2710 S. 13th St.  
April 11th and 12th, 2008  
8:00am--4:00pm**

**Bring your tools (items) that you want to sell to the above location at the following times:**

**Sat. April 5th--10am to 4pm**

**Mon-Thurs., April 7, 8, 9, 10--3pm to 6pm**

**Call: John Sheedy at 415-7461 if you need further info. or if you need help in transporting your item(s). This sale is free to members. The success of this sale depends upon the participation of the membership, so bring those unused tools (items) that someone urgently needs and use the money that you earn to take home things that you urgently need. There should be something for everyone.**

## SketchUp Workshop

A SketchUp Workshop will be held on **Saturday, April 26th from 10am to Noon at the Chatham Public Library (600 East Spruce)**. It will be led by Frank Thornton. You will need a laptop with SketchUp already loaded to participate. If you don't have a laptop, see if you can find a friend to share with. **Space is limited to the first 20 people.** Please **let Chuck Frank know at** ([caw.woodworker@sbcglobal.net](mailto:caw.woodworker@sbcglobal.net)) if you plan to attend.

## Sawdust for Brains

by Mike McGrath

### Portrait of a Woodworker-- Clay Crocker

by Don Gottschalk

Clay is a new member of our club, joining only two months ago. He was born in Fredericksburg, VA in June of 1967. He attended a grade school in Heartwood, VA and then went to high school at Cortland High School where he graduated. He then went to Old Dominion University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. That was enough of the education game for him.

After all that he went to a flight school and first got his private pilot's license and then completed flight instructor training for a license in that. He moved to Alaska and stayed there three years. While there he was a pilot for a local airline and really enjoyed that work. Later he returned to the lower 48 and got together with his brother to start "Rockworth Refrigeration". It is a company that makes coin machines for soft drinks. He is still at that today.

He has been into woodworking most of his life but at a very lowkey pace. He really got into it in 1997 and his first machine was a table saw (like most of us). He now has a fully operational shop where he spends much of his free time. His first project was a coffee table which Shawn helped him build. As a result, his main project now is to build furniture for his house. Next he is going to build small tables for the living room. His current project is a desk he is making for his house.

Outside of his current job and woodworking, he also has two favorite hobbies which include astronomy and gardening.

We are happy to have you in our club and we all are looking forward to meeting you.

Spring seems to be arriving and our thoughts turn to outside activities, golf and yard work for me, one a chore, one a treat. Not always sure which is which.

We do have a couple of events coming up. On April 11th and 12th we will be sponsoring a tool sale in conjunction with John Sheedy. All members are welcome to participate. John's warehouse will be open next week for dropping off of items. It is located at 2710 S. 13th.

The SketchUp workshop is set for April 26th at the Chatham Library from 10am to 12 Noon. You will need a laptop with SketchUp downloaded. If you do not have a laptop you might be able to look on with someone who does. Frank Thornton will be conducting the workshop. Please e-mail Chuck Frank at [caw.woodworker@sbcglobal.net](mailto:caw.woodworker@sbcglobal.net). The workshop is limited to 20 participants.

This month we will be meeting at MCL on Wabash on Monday, April 7th. We were supposed to have Shawn Bolley, the Milwaukee tool rep., at the meeting, but he is unable to be here that day. The room at MCL is available to us from 5:30 to 8pm. I would like to start the meeting at 6:30pm so we will be finished by 8:00. Let's have a lot of Show and Tell or woodworking tips!!!!!!!!!!

We were able to get a great deal on the dust masks presented by Frank Tureskis at the last meeting. Not sure if they will be here for the next meeting but there will be plenty for all at a good price.

We are always looking for new topics and presenters. If you have any ideas, let us know.

### Bad News

I am sorry to announce that Mike Robertson has resigned as President Elect due to personal reasons. We will miss his wit and wisdom dearly but mostly his skills and leadership. We will need to replace him on the board. Not an easy task. Anyone interested in filling his position should let me or any of the other Officers know. We are still looking for someone to be in charge of the name badges and keeping track of the meeting site details.

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## Upcoming April Meeting

Our next meeting will be on **Mon., April 7th** at **MCL**. This is located at **2145 Wabash** in Springfield. We will try this and see how we like it. Mike has asked that we try to move up the start of the meeting. We have the room from 5:30pm to 8pm. **We will combine social hour and eating from 5:30-6:30pm. The meeting will start at 6:30pm.** We were supposed to have the Milwaukee rep. here for the meeting but he is unable to make it after all. **There will be an open discussion on routers.** It is suggested that you bring your ideas, thoughts, templates, attachments, favorite bit suppliers and any books if you have any.

## Officer's Meeting

The April Officer's/Advisory Meeting will be **Mon., Apr. 14th at 7pm.** at Gene Shutt's house. At this point I am assuming it is still at Gene's house. We will announce at the meeting if this location is different. Any interested member may join them if interested or have something to bring up.

## Upcoming May Meeting

At this time I do not know what the topic of the May meeting is. Perhaps we will know more at the meeting in April.

## Open Shops

At the last meeting Jan passed around a sign-up sheet. She hasn't heard details or dates yet, but for the next three months this is who signed up.

**April**--It looks like no one signed up. If you want one, give us info. to announce at April mtg. and can put on web.

**May**--Mike Robertson

**June**--Bill Budd

**July**--Ralph Winch

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