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The June Meeting

by Jan Smith

Our June meeting was held at MCL on Wed., June 4th. After the meal, the meeting was brought to order by a disoriented and tired Pres. Mike McGrath. He had just returned from a vacation to England.

Mike announced the annual picnic for July 13th and told everyone to sign up on the sign-up sheet available. Tom McCue's group plans to play live music for our enjoyment at the picnic. Also, Bob Fox will have his boat there for rides. As usual, we hope lots of members will bring Show and Tell items for all the spouses to enjoy. (Directions to Bridgeview Park are inside the newsletter in article about the picnic.)

The SketchUp workshop held at the Rochester Library was felt to be a success. 8 people attended and another meeting is planned for either June or July.

Bill Budd's Open Shop was discussed for June and Ralph Winch informed the Club that his Open Shop will be on Sat., July 19th at 9am. He will operate his sawmill.

It was mentioned that Roland Folsie has an exhibit at the Hoagland Center. He has furniture as well as paintings and pottery. Mike mentioned that the Club wishes it could arrange an exhibit somewhere to showcase our members' work.

Bob Linksvayer discussed ideas for a woodworker's seminar the Club is looking into offering. Members with expertise in an area could do a presentation or demonstration and it is felt it might increase our membership. It could be well adver-

tised. There might be a fee to cover costs. A committee will be formed to work on this idea. Several ideas were mentioned as to possible locations. This is possibly for around October.

There was a guest whose last name I didn't get, but Judy makes things out of matchsticks and she showed some of her crosses she has made.

The Program: Shawn Bolley-- Milwaukee Tool Rep.

Shawn started out explaining that Milwaukee's main target group is the high end user, not necessarily the woodworker who isn't making a living from their hobby. He brought some tools to show and talked about how their cordless tools have really come along and progressed with the invention of lithium ion technology. Battery platforms now blow away the older models because of lithium ion technology. Milwaukee has been using this technology in their power tools for about two years. There is about a 98% efficiency with lithium ion so every time you pull the trigger to drill you get the same performance. The power doesn't fade or self-drain. Also, the battery doesn't get too hot. The newer technology also makes for a lighter weight tool. You can also see an indicator of how much charge is left in the battery. Most tools come with two batteries and a charger which charges in about 20-30 minutes. He also mentioned that there is a service repair center here in Spfld.

Shawn showed several examples of tools and gave an idea what they generally sell for. He showed a digital inspection tool with a zoom. It is planned that in the future it will have the capability to take a picture. He showed a very portable wet/dry vacuum.

He also had several titanium hammers to show. These are much easier on the arms! They are lightweight but efficient. He showed a little nail puller. He let people come up and actually try the hammers to drive some nails. He also showed a holesaw and some accessories. He also explained how they are using cryogenic technology to create stronger metal in their accessories by taking out soft spots in the metal. Shawn actually passed around the tools he showed us so we could get a closer look and I think he actually got them all back before he left! There was about 10 minutes allotted to talk to Shawn and try out the hammers before the meeting continued.

Norm Koerner brought in a metal desk (perfect for a shop) to be auctioned off with proceeds donated to the Club. However, Mike was unsuccessful in finding any bidders.

Lon Scott had some redwood to sell (1 7/8" thick x 5" wide x 5' something long) and then he auctioned off some carving tools with Dick Metcalf the successful bidder. He also auctioned off some palm knives. He also had some other bench knives and carving knives to auction off. He also had a Ryobi electric carving tool for auction.

John Sheedy had a chain saw donated by Joe Link. He fixed the pull cord but probably needs a tuneup. It sold for \$5.

Show and Tell

Dan Schmoker showed some ring stands and weed pots that he and John Anderson are selling at a sale every Saturday in June (10am-2pm) at Town and Country Shopping Center.

Our guest, Judy, showed us some of the crosses she makes out of matchsticks of various sizes.

Frank Thornton reported a balance of \$1,607.59 in the club treasury. The 50/50 drawing for \$19 was held and a drawing for \$10 for a meal followed that.

Annual Picnic on July 13th

We were again able to rent the **Bridgeview Park** facility for the summer picnic, the **2nd Sunday in July, the 13th**. We will have the building from **11am till 3:30pm**. For those who did not attend the June meeting, **call Gene Shutt by July 9th** to make your reservation for the picnic.

The **Club provides the chicken, iced tea and lemonade** so we need to know who is coming in order to provide the correct amount of chicken. This is a **potluck**, so please bring a dish according to the chart below, depending upon what your last name starts with:

A-F	dessert
G-J	salad
K-P	vegetable
Q-S	fruit
T-Z	potato dish or chips

In order to avoid placing papers on the table, please bring a tablecloth for your table.

The picnic will be held in the building at the Bridgeview Park **starting at Noon. Take I-55 South across the lake bridge to Chatham Exit 88 and follow the road to the right to the next exit and go straight ahead past the large water tower to the end of the road into the building parking lot.**

The building **must be cleaned up before we leave or we lose our \$75 deposit**. There are swings and other play equipment for the kids. We ask that you bring **Show and Tell items** made since last year for the spouses to see. For **entertainment, Tom McCue** and a couple friends have graciously offered to play **live music** for us. He said they would perform about 45 min. of music with acoustic guitars, mandolin and vocals.

Weather permitting, **Bob Fox will bring his boat for a couple 20 minute lake excursions**. Please sign up for the boat rides on a sheet at the picnic. For those taking the 2nd trip, please take all items to your car before the boat trip. They will be locking up the building at 3:30pm.

For those who do not attend the June meeting, **please call Gene by July 9th at 529-1457 to make your reservation for the picnic.**

Portrait of a Woodworker-- Don Stein

by Don Gottschalk

We are happy to have Don Stein as our member of the month . He has been a member of the club for a couple years and he has gotten acquainted with many of us during that time.

He was born on Aug. 8, 1945 and raised in Sibley, Illinois. He attended grade school there and high school in Gibson City. After high school he joined the Air Force and became an electrician for them for 3 1/2 years. After that, he started working for Illinois Bell and worked for them for 32 years. Then he started a home business of rebuilding bathrooms which he and his wife now do together.

Don and his wife, Norma, have been married for 42 years. During that time they had two girls, Tracy and Chris, who are both now married and they have had two children each. Don and his wife now spend considerable time with their four grandchildren.

Don got started in woodworking in his high school taking several courses in woodworking. He was about 15 or 16 at the time and enjoyed it quite a bit. His first tool was a hammer which he has used for years. Later he got a benchtop jig saw. In the year 2000 he built a shop and has worked in it quite a bit since. His favorite machine now is a lathe and he uses it more that any other machine. He has built picnic tables for his daughters and also built a club house for his grandchildren. His favorite thing now is to make things for friends. The project he is most proud of is the play house he built for his grandchildren.

His next projects include putting on an addition to the play house as well as building cabinets in his kitchen for his wife. He also plans to build a display case for family use.

Other than woodworking, he enjoys hunting and has spent 14 years as a 4-H Leader. We are happy to have you as a club member.

Sawdust for Brains

by Mike McGrath

Summer is moving along. At least we have been spared the flooding and it hasn't gotten too hot. Our annual picnic is coming up on the 13th with entertainment provided by Tom McCue and boat rides by Bob Fox. Be sure to bring some Show and Tell. Check the newsletter for the dish you should bring and the directions to Bridgeview Park.

Our August meeting on Wed., the 6th, will feature a program on veneers. The September program is tentatively set for the 3rd with a presentation of the Porter Cable Omni-Jig.

There will be no Officer's meeting this month.
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We are off again to a family get together. The grandkids are here for Alaska. So, we are busy, busy, busy.

See you on the 13th.

New President-Elect!!!

Have you been lucky enough to be contacted and asked to be Pres. Elect for 2009? Did you accept? If not, we'll be contacting you soon! Be ready. Just kidding, but we really do need someone to do this!

CAW Library

It was announced at the June meeting that Larry Catron will no longer be bringing everything to the meetings. Give him a call if you need something and he can probably find it for you and bring it or go see him.

Upcoming July Meeting

Our next meeting will actually be our annual picnic and not an evening meeting. It is on Sunday, July 13th at Bridgeview Park from Noon-3:30pm. Please see the article inside the newsletter for further details.

Officer's Meeting

It was decided that there will not be an Officer's meeting this month.

Upcoming Meetings

On **August 6th Dan Harris** will present a program on veneers. **Please note this is a Wed.** due to the availability of the presenter. It will be at MCL.

We have a **tentative program** planned for the **Sept. 3rd** meeting. It will feature a presentation of the **Porter Cable Omni-Jig.**

We are always looking for new ideas, presenters and topics. Give us your ideas!!!

Open Shops

July--Ralph Winch-- Saturday, July 19th at 9am
(Maybe he can give us directions at the picnic and also put them on the Web.) He will operate his sawmill.

We still have openings for August and November.

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