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The May Meeting

by Jan Smith

NOTE: I was working on getting this newsletter done and almost ready to send it to Chuck Frank when the power went off and the computer went blank! I didn't even have enough warning to quickly save it.

Therefore, since it was off for about three hours and I really didn't want to try to duplicate everything I'd said about the last meeting, I will just add some highlights that I can remember.

The meeting for May was held on 5/6/08 at our new location of MCL Cafeteria. I don't think there were any new members or guests. A discussion was held regarding having a woodworker's seminar or workshop.

The Tool Sale was commented on and it was felt it was a success. Much thanks to John Sheedy and others for all their hard work carrying this off. There were a few tools left from the sale that were to be auctioned off at the meeting.

Again, it was brought up that we are in need of a President-Elect for 2009. The Officer's meeting for May 12th was mentioned. Frank Thornton gave a treasury report. We had \$1,446.59 plus about \$80 to add to it from the sale of masks.

I don't think we had any Show and Tell items at the meeting.

The program was presented by our own Jim Neuses and he showed slides and talked about his trip to Land Between the Lakes. He showed lots of the old time woodworking done in the log cabins, including handcut dovetails, etc.

Jim also talked about the Cut List software and showed how you can see how to lay out the parts for your project. I think he also said it will do some pricing, too.

Near the end of the meeting John Sheedy auctioned off some tools left at his Tool Sale. These included: a bench vacuum and attachments, 1/4" drill, and a grinder. He said there would be a chainsaw at the next meeting.

Sorry for the lack of detail regarding this meeting! Hopefully, next month the computer won't go off in the middle during a power outage and perhaps I will have tried the new recorder and hear with much more detail later when I try to do the newsletter.

A Message From Larry Catron

Larry mentioned that there is a book that didn't get returned for quite some time. We are lucky to have access to so much information in our Club's library. Please check and see if you have any books or magazines that you borrowed from the Club and just forgot to return. Someone else may want to look at it. The book he was asking about is **Understanding Wood by Bruce Hoadley (Taunton Press)**.

Need A New President-Elect!!!

Due to the sad news that Mike Robertson cannot do this for 2009, we are in need of someone else to step up to the plate. If you are interested yourself or know of someone who is, or someone you think might do a good job, speak up, let someone know. It is an important job and without it the Club doesn't function. Perhaps we have some newer members who might be interested? If so, consider it. The sooner we have someone, he/she can get acclimated and feel ready when 2009 rolls around.

A Note from Norm Koerner

I plan to bring to the June CAW meeting a metal desk suitable for a shop to be donated to the Club and auctioned. I will bring it in my pickup truck and be willing to deliver to any local purchaser.

2nd SketchUp Seminar Held

Session Two regarding the SketchUp program was held on May 31st at the Rochester community room in the public library/village hall. Frank Thornton again led the group.

Tools For Sale

John Anderson sent this e-mail:

ALL,

My wife, Penny, has a friend who is trying to sell a set of tools, several are still available.

1. Sears Craftsman 10" direct drive table saw, model 113.226880 with legs and two table extensions. \$100
2. JET equipment and tools, JWBS-14CS bandsaw and JRF-14R deluxe rip fence w/resaw. Two manuals. \$150
3. PSI Woodworking Products, Air cleaning system AC620. A large box with filters that hangs from the ceiling, and what looks like a big vacuum with large canvas-like "bag" on top and large (in diameter) accorded vacuum tubes. (my sister's description) \$100

If any of you are interested or want more information, please contact:

Bob at: rcwalkup@verizon.net

A Note From the Editor

I would like to thank the Officers (and the Club) for buying a new digital voice recorder for me to use at the meetings. Tom McCue brought it over last night and I will try it at the next meeting. It even has software which enables one to download it to the computer!

Also, if you are not getting a hard copy of the newsletter in the mail, let me know. Or, if you are getting one and don't want one, let me know. Most of our members now get this by e-mail and the last mailing list sent to me by Chuck only had nine people on it. The 9 people on the list to get a mailed copy are: Larry Catron, Jon Ellis, Jerry Gutmann, Orange Logan, Gene Shutt, Jerry Szachnitowski, Frank Tureskis, Merle Wiese and George Wilbur.

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**. There will be a **signup sheet** at the next meeting for members to indicate persons in your family who will be attending. Please print your name followed by the number of persons in your party. For those who do 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.

Sawdust For Brains

by Mike McGrath

As I write this, my wife and I are getting ready to jet across the pond to visit our British cousins and sail the Danube. Should be exciting! I'm sure the mighty dollar will go far!!!

This will be brief!

We are still in need of a President-Elect. Be sure you come to all the meetings or you may be bestowed this honor in absentia! Honestly folks, the time has come for someone to step up.

Next month is our picnic on July 13th at Lake Springfield. We will need to know how many will be attending. A signup sheet will be passed at the June meeting or you can e-mail any of the officers.

Dick Metcalf has reserved a room at the Rochester Library on May 31st for our next go round with SketchUp. The class will run from 9am till Noon. All are welcome. Please contact Chuck Frank or Frank Thornton if you plan to attend.

We are moving ahead with the woodworker's seminar idea. Bob Linksvayer has come up with some great ideas. We will be establishing a committee at the June meeting. We are looking for suggestions for a meeting place. Does anyone have any contacts????

See you in June (I just love 8 hour plane rides)

Upcoming June Meeting

Our next meeting will be on **Weds., June 4th** at **MCL**. This is located at **2145 Wabash** in Springfield. 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.** This month we have **Shawn Bolley** scheduled to present our program. He is the **Milwaukee Tool Rep.**

Officer's Meeting

The June Officer's/Advisory Meeting will be **Mon., June 9th at 7pm.** at Gene Shutt's house. Any interested member may join them if interested or have something to bring up.

Upcoming Meetings

Our **July 13th** meeting is our **annual picnic** at Lake Springfield. See article elsewhere in this newsletter.

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

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

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Open Shops

June-Bill Budd Thurs., June 26th
Sat., June 28th

(Hopefully we'll get details and address, etc. at the meeting and maybe put on website)

July--Ralph Winch (Ralph signed up for July on the signup sheet that was passed around. If he could get me the details and e-mail them to me or phone me, it can get in the next newsletter)

We still have openings for August and November.

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