



CAPITAL AREA WOODWORKERS WOODSHOP ADVISOR



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The April Meeting

by Jan Smith

The April meeting of CAW was held on Mon., April 7th at our **new trial location of MCL**. It seems that people were pleased with the variety and of course you only have to pay for items you want. Feel free to **give us more feedback** about this location.

I don't think there were any guests or visitors, but maybe some returning members who hadn't been here in awhile! It was announced that **we need to find a replacement for Mike Robertson as Pres. Elect. Are you interested or know anyone who is?**

The **tool sale** was discussed and **John Sheedy** spoke about the plans for the weekend sale. (Perhaps he can give us an update on how it went at the May meeting!) **Joe Link** was **donating a lathe** to the sale with **proceeds going to the Club**. Thanks so much!

Frank Tureskis had a supply of the **face masks** he showed at the last meeting. He sold several for \$8 each.

It was announced that the **Milwaukee representative** will be here for the **June meeting**.

The Program: Ken Hopper and his Show and Tell that Became a Program

Ken helped us out by presenting a program in the form of a slide presentation. He showed us slides of a 5 part entertainment center he built. He also told a story about plywood and how you get what you pay for! His project was very impressive and we enjoyed him sharing it with us. (Don and I could use a

new entertainment center, Ken. Make one cheap?)

Besides sharing his pictures and details of his entertainment center, Ken showed us pictures and talked about his router station. Then other members joined in with discussion on routers and bits and jigs, etc.

Ray Brown brought in pictures of a **rocking chair**. There were some glue applicators from Hobby Lobby given away to April birthdays. There were also two pieces of wood brought in to identify.

The **SketchUp** presentation was discussed for April 26th at the Chatham Library from 10-Noon.

Mike Cortelyou told a story about **Ed Alt** and also mentioned that he had **passed away**. Many of you maybe knew that but it really saddened Don and I. We were not aware he had passed away. We both remember a nice visit a few years ago at his house when we were interviewing him and taking pictures of some of his projects. I have a neat bowl he turned and gave to me. We will miss him.

Lon Scott showed some **wren houses** and **Dan Schmoker** had some **walnut for sale**. **Dave Hicks** talked about a 42" wide **section of bowling alley** that he made into an **outfeed table**.

I believe it was **George Wilbur** who won the **50/50 drawing** and I think **Bill Budd** was the lucky **meal winner** and was given some money for that.

I apologize for the lack of detail in this month's newsletter. It was really hard to hear sometimes where I was sitting and the recorder couldn't pick it up well. Perhaps we need our sound system.

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.

A Message from Chuck Frank

Chuck Frank has put the links and the supplemental file for SketchUp on the web page. Go to the web page www.cawspi.org and click on the Web Links item on the left side of the home page.

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 Message From the Editor

Someone phoned me a month or so ago, but the number didn't show up for me to return the call. He said he sent me an e-mail but I never received anything. If this was you and you wanted something put in the newsletter, tell me at the meeting or call again. You can send it to donathome12@sbcglobal.net.

Also, anyone who has anything they would like put in the newsletter, feel free to call or e-mail. Probably e-mail is better because then you can make sure I know all the details in writing.

Portrait of a Woodworker-- Mark Janus

by Don Gottschalk

We would like to welcome another new member of our club, Mark Janus. He was born here on 1/31/53 and raised right here in Springfield. He attended Springfield High School and then went to Illinois College where he graduated in 1975 with a B.S. degree in Business Administration. He later attended University of Illinois in Springfield where he earned a Master's Degree in Business Administration. He later started his own business in Health Care where he and his brother are still operating the business.

He started learning about woodworking from his grandfather when he was just a kid. He said he was about 10 years old when he started. In high school and college he gradually got away from woodworking and concentrated on his school work. A short time ago his grandfather died and left Mark all of his machines and tools. This got Mark back into it and he built a wood shop off his garage for his shop.

Mark has not been into woodworking long enough to have a favorite project but he did state that he enjoys building furniture. However, he also stated that there are things he has to do and will work on those first. One of those things is a screen door he has to make for his house. This may make him the first member of our club to make a screen door.

He is also into a number of other things that also take time. One of these is racing sailboats at Island Bay Yacht Club. He had a Star boat and competed with it for years. He now has a cabin sailboat and just enjoys sailing. He is also into hunting and scuba diving. He has been a Scout Master for several years and has taken a number of scouts scuba diving. As a matter of fact, he went to do that this weekend. (I couldn't believe we have both done the same things for many years)

We are very happy to have Mark as a new member and are looking forward to getting acquainted.

Sawdust for Brains

by Mike McGrath

A busy, busy month

Tool Sale

John Sheedy did a great job running the tool sale. I would like to thank a number of members for their help including **Don Farrow, George Wilbur, Dan Chevalier, Dick Metcalf, Norm Koerner and Robert Linksvayer**. Let us know what you think. Maybe another sale in a couple of years? I would also like to thank **Joe Link and Bill Budd** for their donations to the sale, proceeds to go to the Club. THANK YOU!!!!

SketchUp Presentation

Thanks to Frank Thornton and Chuck Frank as the SketchUp presentation went very well. We had 10 participants on Saturday, April 26th at the Chatham Library. Thank you very much. It was suggested that we meet on a regular basis to improve our skills. We do need to find a new meeting place since the Chatham Library is going through renovations. Everyone is welcome!

Woodworkers Seminar

Our next big project is a woodworkers seminar. Robert Linksvayer has suggested that we put together a seminar featuring the skills of the membership. The idea here is to have 4-6 presenters from the Club demonstrating their expertise. This would be an all day affair with groups rotating from one presenter to the next. We are in the early stages of planning. We are looking for a place, presenters and topics. If you are interested in presenting, or have an idea for a topic, please contact me. There would have to be a slight fee for the workshop to cover expenses but I suggest that we open the seminar to the public. Good advertising and possible new members!

Topic Suggestions

Sharpening	Pen turning	Hand Tools
Shop Organization	Planes, scrapers, chisels	
Dovetails	Instrument making	
Furniture Design	More?????????	

Finally, I will not be at the May meeting due to a previously scheduled engagement.

Upcoming May Meeting

Our next meeting will be on **Tues., May 6th** 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 our own **Jim Neuses** will present the program on the Cut List Program and his recent visit to the Land Between the Lakes.

Officer's Meeting

The May Officer's/Advisory Meeting will be **Mon., May. 12th at 7pm.** at Gene Shutt's house. Any interested member may join them if interested or have something to bring up.

Upcoming Meetings

On **June 4th** we will have a program presented by Shawn Bolley, the **Milwaukee Tool Rep.**

Our **July 13th** meeting is our **annual picnic** at Lake Springfield. More on this later.

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.

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Open Shops

May--Mike Robertson Mike had signed up for May but at this time I don't know if he has quit the Club or just resigned as Pres. Elect. We will try to find out and give details at the next meeting, or on the website later, if Mike does want to have one in May.

June--Bill Budd

July--Ralph Winch

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