

WOOD CHIPS



Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association

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President's Rambling's

Greetings Fellow Woodworkers, I hope everyone is doing well. We had an event that kicked off April on the right foot. The local Scout Troupe asked for our help again in cutting out the Pinewood Derby cars for them. Our club was well represented and turn out was good considering the covid fears.

Rodney Foster put on an excellent demonstration and lecture on how to weave a seat in a chair. Rodney was taught by Jesse Day, and he is willing to pass on this talent to our members. I spent the last week at Marc Adams School in a Furniture design class taught by an artist that has Rock n Roll ties. He played in Janis Joplin's Full Tilt Boogie band, Van Morrison and performed on stage at Woodstock but now he is known for his woodworking skills, Graham Blackburn. What a challenge this class was, it should have been 6 months to a year to cover all the subtleties. I'm honored to have been able to meet and attend Graham's class.

2021 Dues are Due! Why wait for the last minute, Be an Early Bird and receive a credit to the Achievement Award program.

Schedule and have your **shop visit** before the **May** meeting and get your 2021 dues paid by the club.

Program for April is the **2X4 Challenge** at this Thursday's meeting. This is your chance to show off what you can do with a single 8 foot 2x4. This can be quite a challenge. I have used You Tube in the past for a source of great ideas for the challenge. Let's see what YOU CAN DO!

Raffle tickets are now available. John Fluck has the 2021 Educational Raffle tickets available now! Get yours soon! If the club is to continue to supply some parts for the Toy Program it is important that we sell these raffle tickets. If we all took 5 tickets to sell we

would have the prize money covered. I know being retired has cut down on the amount of people I can sell to, but it can be done.

Renew your membership now and earn your **early bird** credit.

Enjoy this weather and Don't let your tools rust!

Your President, Kevin Sturgeon

From the Treasurer

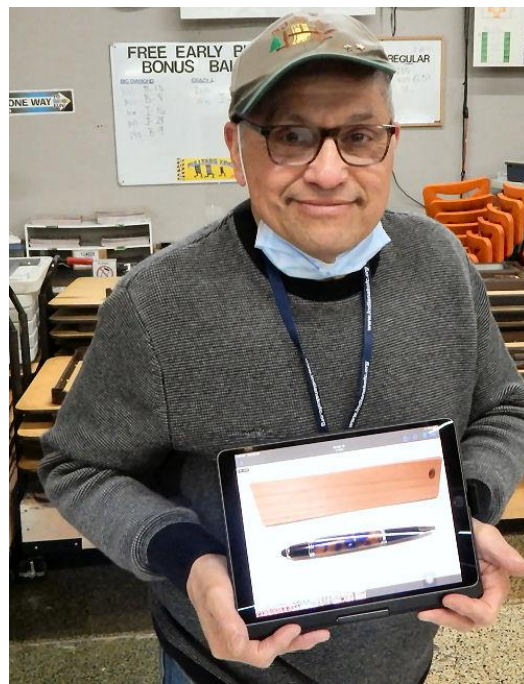
Fellow wood workers; So far our club has 21 members signed up for the 2021/2022 year. Dues still only \$25.00 per person or \$35.00 for a couple. Pay early and get an achievement point. If you still want to be a member but can't attend all the meetings, you can mail me your dues to; Ron Benson, 3067 Randolph St., Portage, Indiana, 46368

The club educational raffle is now ready for ticket pick up to sell. Please take some at the April meeting to sell or buy. Your club is in need of the money from this fundraiser to stay solvent. The club just spent about \$1000.00 for toy parts, washers, gift cards. We need about \$360.00 to start making a profit. John Fluck is our new raffle chairman and has the tickets. Thank you Ron

SHOW AND TELL



Ron Benson



Jessie Carrillio



Kevin Sturgeon



Jon Robbins



Bill Schoech



Kevin Sturgeon

ITEMS FOR SALE

If you have any wood working related items that you wish to sell through the newsletter please contact John Hunter john.b.hunter@frontier.com Include a description and the price you are selling them for, also how you may be contacted.

If you are looking for a tool that another member would like to sell you can place a wanted ad in the newsletter, just contact John Hunter at john.b.hunter@frontier.com

PROGRAM

Member Rodney Foster gave a great demonstration on weaving chair seats.



2021

April 22nd Membership Meeting at at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

7:00 PM 2 x 4 Challenge

May 19th Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

7:00 PM

May 27th Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

7:00 PM

June 16th Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

7:00 PM

June 24th Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

7:00 PM

July 5th Executive Board Meeting 5 PM at Portage Moose Lodge on County Line Road

July 8th Set Up Club Booth at Steam Show 3 PM

July 10th – 11th Club Booth at the Steam Show at Lake County Fair Grounds

July 14th Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

7:00 PM

July 22nd Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

7:00 PM

August 5th Set Up Club Booth at Lake County Fair 9 PM

August 6th – 9th Club Booth at Lake County Fair 10 AM – 10 PM

August 18th Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
7:00 PM

August 21st Club Picnic at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
12:00 Noon

August 26th Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
7:00 PM

September 15st Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
7:00 PM

September 23rd Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
7:00 PM Program Favorite/Least Favorite tools

October 4th Executive Board Meeting 5 PM at Portage Moose Lodge on County Line Road

October 20th Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
7:00 PM

October 28th Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
7:00 PM

November 10th Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
7:00 PM

November 18th Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
7:00 PM Toy Program

December 8th Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
7:00 PM

December 16th Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
6:00 PM Christmas Party, Installation and Awards

Bob Flexner's Finishing Tips

<http://www.thefinishingstore.com/>

Stripping with Solvent

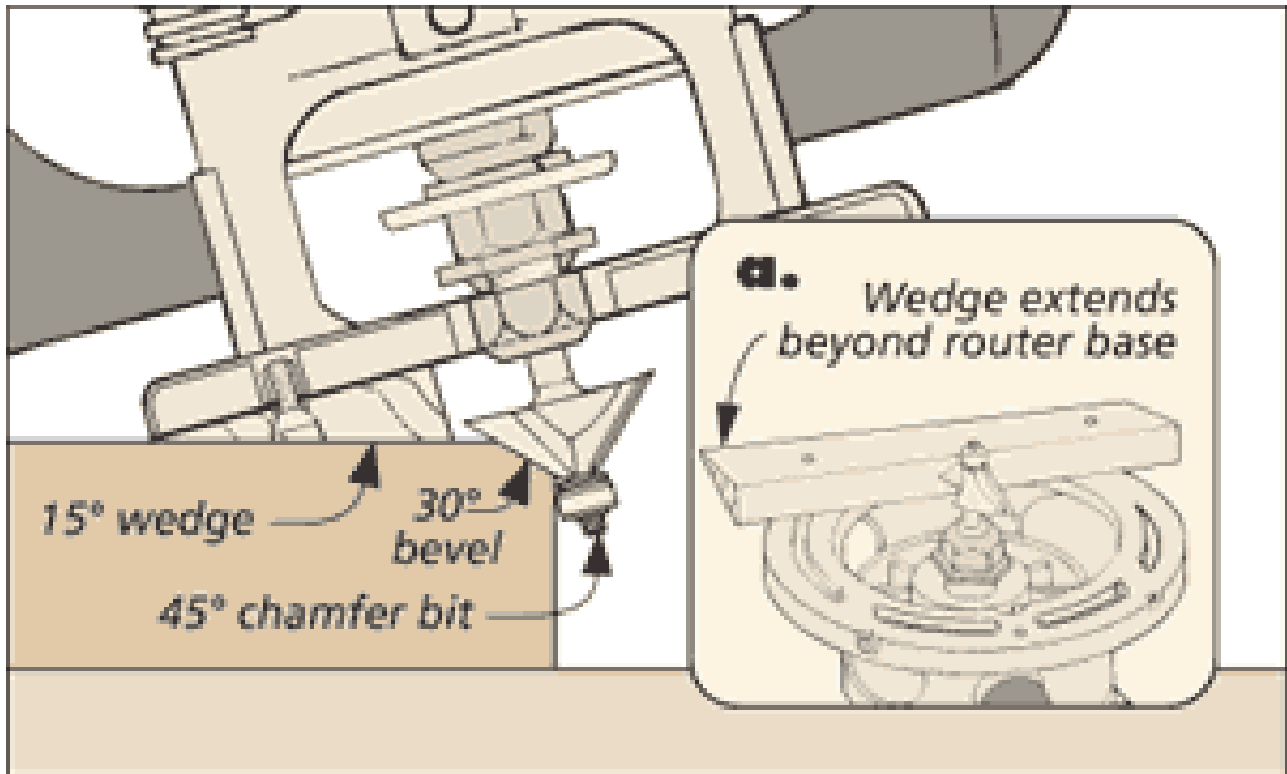
With shellac and lacquer finishes, which are the finishes used on almost all old furniture and woodwork, you can use their solvent for stripping instead of a paint-and-varnish remover. Depending on the object being stripped, I often find this method easier in the sense of spending less total time. It's also less messy.

Use denatured alcohol for shellac and lacquer thinner for lacquer. You can test the finish to find out which it is by dabbing a little of each solvent onto the finish. The alcohol will soften shellac and make it sticky or remove it. Lacquer thinner will do the same to lacquer.

Spread some paper towels (or cotton rags) over the surface and pour on the appropriate solvent to thoroughly wet the towels. Keep wet for 10 or 20 minutes, or until you can wipe off all the finish quickly and easily. If you have done a good job, a quick wipe with a towel or rag soaked with the solvent will clean up any remaining finish residue.

One advantage of using this method of stripping is that you don't have to mess with removing the wax that is included in many strippers to slow their evaporation. This wax causes many refinishing problems, because people often don't get enough of it removed.

Routing a 30° Chamfer



On a recent project, I wanted to rout a 30° chamfer on the edge of a workpiece. But my chamfer bit (and almost all chamfer bits) will only cut a 45° bevel. With a little modification to my router base I was able to make the 45° chamfer bit work.

As you can see in Fig. 1, the solution to this problem was to replace the router base plate with a 15° wedge. This simply changes the cutting angle of the bit from 45° to 30°. The wedge should be wide enough and long enough to provide a stable base for the router (*Fig. 1a*). And it can be screwed to the router base plate using the existing mounting holes.

The only trick to routing the chamfer is to keep the wedge flat on the workpiece and parallel to the edge.

Good woodworking,

Ted Raife
Online Editor, *Woodsmith*