

# WOOD CHIPS



Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association

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## President's Ramblings

**Greetings Fellow Woodworkers,** I hope everyone had a safe and happy, July 4th this year! The end of July is upon us and I hope everyone is staying cool and well hydrated during this heat wave. Our club participated in the 33rd Annual South Lake County Antique Farm and Tractor Show and we had a great turnout. Thank you everyone that helped work the both the three days, and to everyone that turned a pen for the ticket raffle give-a-way. That was a great success; we had \$600 in ticket sales for the weekend. If you turned a pen for this project please sign up for the Awards Program credit. I would also like to ask for a few more pens to be made for the Lake County Fair. Having all those pens premade made for a much less stressful event. Thank you again!

**Special Announcement!** Our monthly meeting program will be a chain saw carving demo by Jeff Postma! As a result **our meeting will start one hour early 6:00 PM**

July 15th was the fundraiser for the American Legion Post #54. I was out at Marc Adams School that weekend with our granddaughter, so I couldn't attend. I did stop in the following Monday and they raised lots of funds with our handcrafted donations. Thank You everyone that helped out and again make sure your name has been recorded for the Awards Program.

August is just around the corner which brings us to Lake County Fair time. I hope to see everyone at our booth some time through the weekend. Our schedule for the fair is Thursday August 3rd at 9 pm for set up, Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> through Monday the 7th from 10 am to 10 pm to put on demonstrations and talk about our club. Then take down on Monday at 9 pm. Remember to sign in each day to get credit for the Awards Program. **WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS TO MAN THE BOOTH! SIGN UP SHEET WILL BE AT THURSDAY'S MEETING.** We have a place that has been offered to us that we can get out of the heat if you need.

Annual Club Picnic is coming up on Saturday, 8/26/17 at Noon. Same location as before, **Hidden Lake Park in Merriville, IN.** The club will be providing Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chicken, Water and Pop. Bring a covered dish and a gift for the BINGO. So far only a handful of members have signed up for the picnic. We need to turn in your name to the park office if you want to attend or you will be charged the entrance fee. To avoid this, sign up at Thursday's meeting or contact/ email John Hunter before August 18th to be included on the list.

Other upcoming event, Indiana Woodcarvers Summer Camp is August 10-13, 2017 at Pla-Mor Campground in Bremen, Indiana.

Raffle Tickets, be sure to see Ron Benson and purchase yours now and take some to sell to your friends and family. I have been doing a lot of reciprocating with coworkers and their children's tickets at work.

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

Your President

Kevin Sturgeon

## SHOW AND TELL



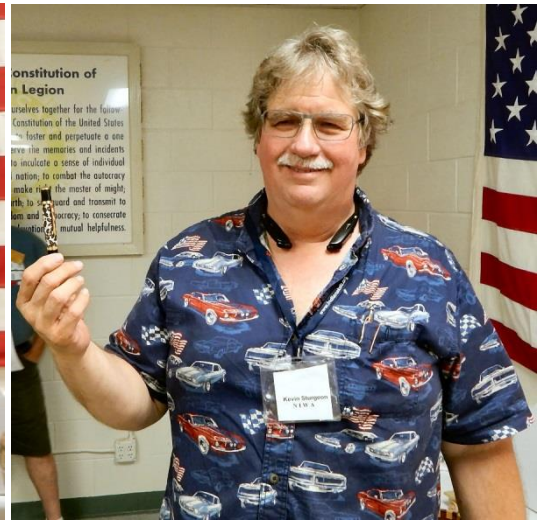
Mic King



John Juscik



John Novak



Kevin Sturgeon



Bill Schoech



Jon Robbins



John Hunter

## JUNE PROGRAM



Mic King's carving Demo

## STEAM SHOW



Al Kalos

Ron Benson  
Setup Crew

Kevin Sturgeon



Al Kalos

Jeff Snellgrove



Norm Johnson



Ken Woolard    Rodney Foster



Kevin Sturgeon



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## **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](mailto: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](mailto:john.b.hunter@frontier.com)**

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **2017**

- July 27<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 6:00 PM
- August 3<sup>rd</sup> Set Up Club Booth at Lake County Fair 9 PM
- August 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Club Booth at Lake County Fair 10 AM – 10 PM
- August 21<sup>st</sup> Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
- August 24<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
- August 26<sup>th</sup> Club Picnic at Hidden Lake Park in Merrillville
- September 18<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
- September 28<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM  
PM Program Favorite/Least Favorite tools
- October 2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Board Meeting at 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage
- October 16<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
- October 26<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00 PM
- November 13<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
- November 16<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 7:00

PM Toy Program  
December 18<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM  
December 21<sup>st</sup> Membership Meeting at 208 South Linda Street, Hobart IN 6:00  
PM Christmas Party, Installation and Awards

**Bob Flexner's Finishing Tips**  
<http://www.thefinishingstore.com/>

## **TIP: UV Varnishes Only Give So-So Protection**

Normally, I use the accompanying photo to show that mass-marketed varnishes sold in home centers and most paint stores for exterior finishing don't contain any more UV resistance than common interior varnishes. But the panel also shows that even the much more expensive varnishes sold in marinas still aren't perfect at resisting UV light.

I stained the panel with red dye (because red dye fades faster than most other colors) and coated the panel with five coats of four different varnishes. From left to right, a popular boat varnish from a marina, two common varnishes sold in home centers for exterior use, and an interior varnish that wouldn't be expected to contain UV-resistant additives.

Then I covered the top two-thirds of the panel and placed it in a west-facing window for six months (through the winter, actually, to avoid tree leaves blocking some of the sun's light).

The purpose was to show that mass-marketed exterior varnishes aren't any better at blocking UV light than interior varnishes. The red dye under the two exterior varnishes in the middle have faded just about as much as the dye under the interior varnish.



But if you look closely at the left side of the panel (Z-Spar), you'll notice that the red dye on exposed part is also beginning to fade. Even the best UV-resistant varnishes aren't perfect.

This is the reason boat owners with exposed wood have to sand back and recoat so often. We don't know how to make a clear, transparent coating that can stop the penetration of destructive ultra-violet light. Pigment (paint) is required to achieve this.

The lesson is that if you are clear finishing an object that will be exposed to sunlight, either outdoors or indoors through a window, you cannot expect to totally avoid UV damage no matter which finish you use. You can only slow the damage from occurring.

### **Dowel Drilling Jig**

Drilling a centered hole in a dowel can be a challenge. It's hard to get the drill bit centered and keep the dowel from turning as the hole is drilled. To make it easier, I built the jig shown below.



Build the jig by first drilling a hole the diameter of the dowel in a piece of hardwood. Then just cut a saw kerf through the hole from the end to make a clamp.

Using the jig is simple. Begin by centering the dowel under the bit. To do this, clamp a piece of scrap wood to the table and drill a hole to fit the dowel. Then change out the bit to the size needed.

Next, slip the dowel into the hole in the scrap wood. Then slip the clamping jig over the dowel and squeeze the kerf together with a small clamp. Now you can clamp the jig in place and drill the hole in the center of the dowel.

To learn more essential woodworking tips and techniques, just go to:  
<http://www.plansnow.com/basics.html>.

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