

WOOD CHIPS



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President's Corner

Greetings Fellow Woodworkers, June is here and the heat has started with a vengeance. I was out finishing a cabinet project this week in the heat and it reminded me to add this warning for everyone, As you are working in your shop please be aware of your surroundings and keep yourselves hydrated as the temperature rises. Sunstroke, heat cramps, and heat exhaustion are possible. Heat Cramps Symptoms- Muscle spasms, usually in the arms, legs, and stomach, caused by heavy sweating and loss of electrolytes. Response- Drinking electrolyte solutions such as Gatorade and eating fruits such as bananas.

Happy Father's Day to all of the Dad's, Grandfather's and Great Grandfathers. We are so close to July and all the calibrations for the 4th. Be safe and don't let your mind wander while in the workshop.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming annual South Lake County Historical Society Antique Tractor Show July 8th, 9th and 10th. Setup is Thursday the 7th 3 till 5 P.M. Gates open at 6 A.M., opening ceremonies start at 9 A.M. and Operational Exhibits & Activities 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. Check their web site for more information at <http://www.slcahs.org/show-info.html>. We will be located in the Arts and Crafts building (Same place as the Lake County Fair) but along the north wall. We need members to help make this a success, if you are planning on attending we are to use gate #6 (same as fair for setup) and show your membership card. The goal for this event is to advance our club in the community, gain more members and sell more EDUCATIONAL RAFFLE TICKETS. So I have a request to all of our turners, can you please turn a couple of pens to give away with 5 raffle tickets. We will have the Slim line kits available for anyone who wants to participate. If we each turn 2 kits we should have enough for the event and make extras for the Fair. They don't have to be anything special, whatever kind of scrap wood you have available will do. As we did last year we are requesting a donation of some project that you made for the club to sell at the Tractor show. Please put a tag with your name and how much you think it is worth on it. If it does not sell it will be returned. Also any information that is important about the project. A sign up sheet will be at the next meeting. I hope everyone will help out wherever they can to make these events a success, you are what makes this club happen, we need your support! Also a sign-up sheet will be started for those that can attend and help man the booth.

Programs: June's program will be on Chisel and Plane sharpening by our own Don Bunce.

Also the Moose is having a car show outside.

September is the Favorite\ Least Favorite tool.

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Check your membership card! You will need a current membership card for the Tractor show.

Time to start planning for the Lake County Fair! The deadline is fast approaching to enter your items in the fair competition to be judged. I am going to need help to get the lathe to the fairgrounds this year. Let me know if you can help

Raffle Tickets, be sure to see John Fluck and purchase yours now and take some to sell to your friends and family.

Consider scheduling a shop visit and get your 2023 dues paid by the club.

Enjoy this weather and Don't let your tools rust! Your President, Kevin Sturgeon

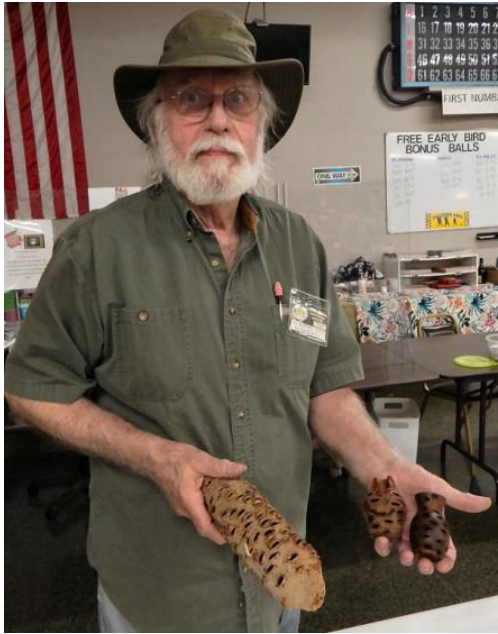
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SHOW AND TELL





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

2022

June 23th Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
7:00 PM

July 11th Executive Board Meeting 5 PM at Portage Moose Lodge on County Line Road
July 7th Set Up Club Booth at Steam Show 3 PM

July 8th – 10th Club Booth at the Steam Show at Lake County Fair Grounds

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

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

August 4th Set Up Club Booth at Lake County Fair 9 PM

August 5th – 8th Club Booth at Lake County Fair 10 AM – 10 PM

August 17th Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
7:00 PM

August 13th Club Picnic at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
12:00 Noon

August 19th Setup booth for Porter County Harvest Festival

August 20th – 21st Porter County Harvest Festival 11:00 AM to 5: PM

August 25th Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
7:00 PM

September 14th Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
7:00 PM

September 22nd Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
7:00 PM Program Favorite/Least Favorite tools

October 3rd Executive Board Meeting 5 PM at Portage Moose Lodge on County Line Road

October 19th Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
7:00 PM

October 27th Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
7:00 PM

November 9th Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
7:00 PM

November 17th Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
7:00 PM Toy Program

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

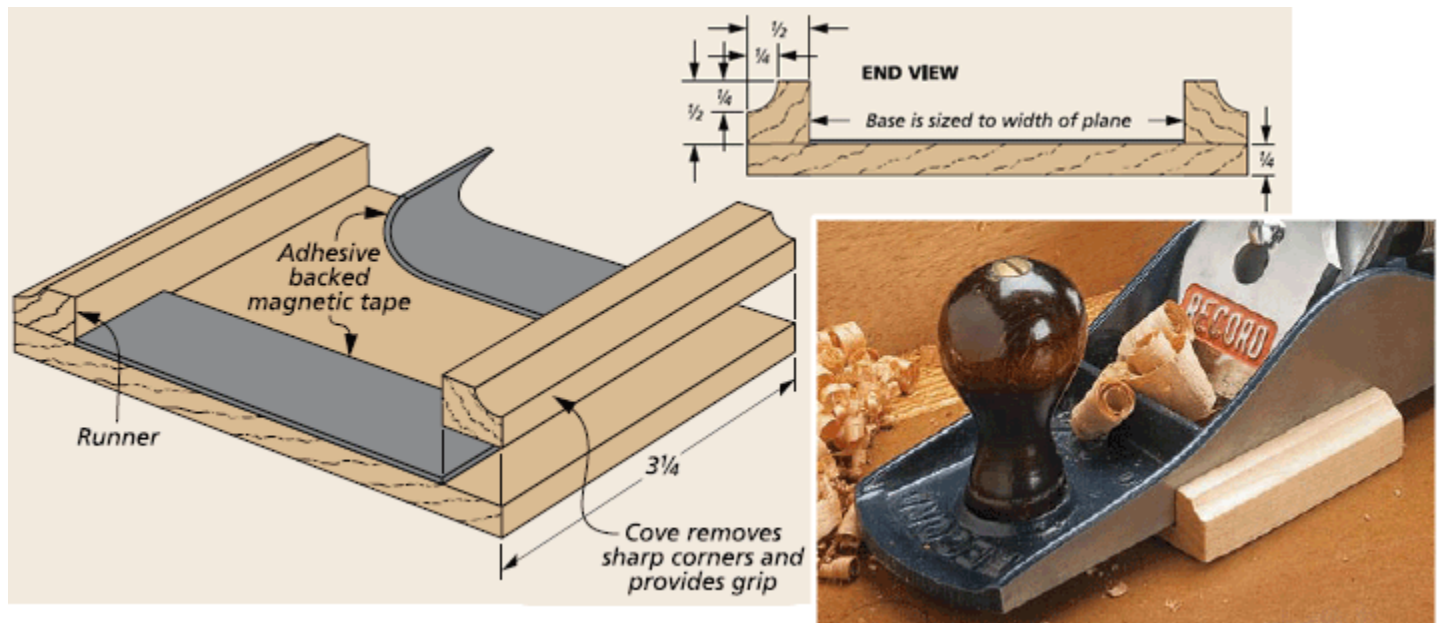
December 15th Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
6:00 PM Christmas Party, Installation and Awards

Woodsmith Tips

Plane Saddle

There are two schools of thought on the subject of the best way to set down a hand plane. Some woodworkers argue that a plane should never be set on its sole. They suggest that a plane be laid on its side to avoid the possibility of nicking the iron or scratching the sole. Others say that if you take the time to "back off" the iron, setting a plane on its sole is perfectly acceptable.

Not knowing which side to take, I came up with a third option. My simple plane saddle allows me set the plane upright without retracting the iron, while avoiding any possibility of damage (inset photo).



As you can see in the drawings, the saddle is very simple. A thin hardwood base, sized to fit the plane, serves as a platform. A runner on either side of the base creates a channel for the plane. To prevent the plane iron from contacting the base, I added a strip of soft, adhesive-backed magnetic tape to each end. The tape also serves to hold the saddle in place.

Now I doubt that my plane saddle will put an end to the arguments about proper plane handling, but it works great for me.

Good woodworking,

Ted Raife
Editor, *Woodsmith*