

# WOOD CHIPS



Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association

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## President's Ramblings

Greetings Fellow Woodworkers, I hope everyone is doing well. March, the month of change, is here and we have seen some changes in the weather. It was nice to get out and be able to apply some coats of finish and then the temperature dropped off again. Looking to the bright side, Spring is here! Glad to see a good turnout at the last meeting and THANK YOU to all that participated in the Jig program. I always enjoy seeing the different ideas that each of you come up with to solve a problem in the shop.

We have been contacted by one of the Scout troupes in Hobart again. They would like for us to help them cut out the Pinewood Derby cars. Date is April 5<sup>th</sup> time 5 to 7 PM at Trinity Lutheran school 891 South Linda St. Jack Carol will be at the meeting to go over the details.

Program for March will be hosted by our own Master chair maker Rodney Foster. He has been teaching his technique for years. This is a must see.

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.

Membership time, DUES are coming up in May. Get your Early Bird achievement point by renewing your membership before the May meeting!

The Great 2 x 4 Challenge is coming up at the April meeting. Time to work on your challenge project.

Our Program Chairman needs our help to fill some openings in our 2021 calendar. If you have specialized skills in an area of woodworking and want to share that skill at an upcoming meeting please contact Jeff or myself. We need you to step up if you can.

Up coming programs:

March Program Master Chair maker Rodney Foster.

April Program is the 2 x 4 Challenge.

Any and all ideas for programs would be greatly appreciated.

Upcoming events: The Woodworking Shows has gone virtual. Starting in March on each Friday and Saturday they will be featuring seminars online. For more information check their website [www.thewoodworkingshows.com](http://www.thewoodworkingshows.com)

Raffle tickets are now available.

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; Club dues can now be taken at any meeting night. Dues still only \$25.00, or \$35.00 for couples. Pay early and get an achievement point. Dues can be sent in to; Ron Benson, 3067 Randolph St., Portage Indiana, 46368 if you can't attend a meeting for some reason.

Our club raffle program is now offering tickets to buy or sell. Take some to sell to family and friends. If you belong to another organization, try to sell them there. Explain what this fundraiser is about, toys for needy kids at Christmas time. this year your club made 1453 toys. Also, there are pens that are ready to sell, sell for \$10.00 each. Any one buying \$20.00 worth of raffle tickets will get a free pen. Pen turners, we need you to make some pens for our programs. Ron Benson has pen kits. There are some wood cars that you can get to finish for the club program to sell. See Ron.

Ron Benson, Treasurer

## SHOW AND TELL



**Gene Davis**



**Jon Robbins**



**Norm Johnson**



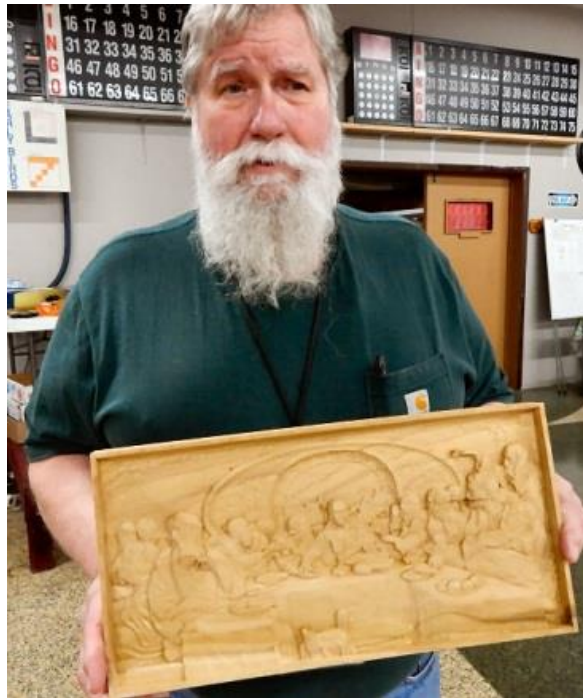
**Bill Schoech**



**John Fluck**



**Kevin Sturgeon**



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# PROGRAM – SHOP JIGS



**Rodney Foster**



**Jesse Carrillo**



**John Hunter**



**Jeff Snellgrove**



**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](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)**

## **2021**

March 25<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN  
7:00 PM

April 5<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting at Portage Moose Lodge on County Line Road

April 14<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN  
7:00 PM

April 22<sup>nd</sup> Membership Meeting at at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN  
7:00 PM          2 x 4 Challenge

May 19<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN  
7:00 PM

May 27<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN  
7:00 PM

June 16<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN  
7:00 PM

June 24<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN  
7:00 PM

July 5<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting 5 PM at Portage Moose Lodge on County Line Road

July 8<sup>th</sup> Set Up Club Booth at Steam Show 3 PM

July 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Club Booth at the Steam Show at Lake County Fair Grounds

July 14<sup>th</sup> Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN  
7:00 PM

July 22<sup>nd</sup> Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN  
7:00 PM

August 5<sup>th</sup> Set Up Club Booth at Lake County Fair 9 PM

August 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Club Booth at Lake County Fair 10 AM – 10 PM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Finishes for Wood Floors

The two key considerations in choosing a wood-floor finish are resistance to scratches and the large surface to be covered.

To stand up to abuse, you need a very durable finish, and to avoid filling the room with overspray that will settle and stick to the finish, you need one that dries slowly enough so it can be applied by hand. The two best choices are oil-based polyurethane and water-based polyurethane.

Oil-based polyurethane is more durable than water-based, but it has a strong odor that hangs around for several days, and it has a slight orange coloring (usually referred to as “yellowing”). Water-based polyurethane has very little odor, almost no coloring, and it’s much easier to clean up. Water-based polyurethane also dries relatively rapidly. So you have to work much faster, being sure to keep a “wet edge” so overlaps don’t show.

Oil-based polyurethane is the best choice if the color and odor aren’t problems. Water-based polyurethane is the best choice if you want to preserve the color of a pickled or very light wood, or if odor is a problem. You may be able to buy a more durable, two-part, water-based polyurethane from a flooring-supply store. Be sure to check on the toxicity of the product and the safety precautions you should take.

Use a large brush, sponge mop or lamb’s wool pad to apply oil-based polyurethane. Use a large brush or paint pad to apply water-based polyurethane. A paint tray provides a convenient reservoir to hold the material.

## Turnbutton Drawer Catch

Have you ever inadvertently pulled a drawer a bit too far out of its case and watched helplessly as the contents spilled onto the floor? I would guess that just about everybody has experienced this minor catastrophe.

The solution is simple - just install a catch that prevents the drawer from coming completely out of the case. There are lots of ways to do this, but the best that I have found is to use small brass turnbuttons, as shown in the drawing.

The turnbutton is installed on the inside of the case rail. When flipped down the drawer can't be removed. If you want to pull the drawer out, reach under the rail and turn the button up. It's an easy way to deal with a major aggravation.

Good Woodworking,

Ted Raife  
Editor, *Woodsmith*

