

WOOD CHIPS



Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association

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WOODEN YOU LIKE TO KNOW

Greetings fellow woodworkers,

The Lake County fair is now behind us. I would like to personally thank everyone who participated in any way. Volunteer turnout was strong, and our results improved compared to previous years. We will elaborate on this at the upcoming meeting.

At the fair this year we signed up some new members to the group. I would like to welcome **Brian and Rebecca Bretzinger** along with **Dave and Sheila Lecik**. Thanks for joining us!

We also passed out a lot of club cards and flyers to prospective members. There is a fair chance that we may see several new faces at this meeting. Let's be extra gracious and social to welcome our new friends. Let's also have an extra nice show and tell this month to put your talents on display.

Speaking of our show and tell program, please make sure that you fill out those participation sheets with all the required information so that you get the proper credits.

Next up is our club picnic.

If you have not yet signed up to attend and wish to participate, you must do so by the end of this next meeting, if you will not be at the meeting, please contact John Hunter or Dick Sader with your intentions and number of attendees, We must have an accurate count to order the food that the club provides.

Please bring your favorite side dish for the potluck portion of the meal.

Bingo will be played for those who wish to participate. Bill Schoech will call the bingo for us. Please bring a small gift. (Something handcrafted if you can or a white elephant type purchased item) so that everyone that gets a bingo can get a gift.

The picnic is August 31st at Portage VFW, 2803 Monnier St., Portage IN. It starts at 12:00 noon. Volunteers needed for setup and takedown. Bring your family and enjoy the day together.

REMINDERS:

This month's meeting will be on Aug 28th @ 6 pm at Hobart Moose

This month's program will be a presentation by member Rodney Foster on Chair Seat Weaving techniques.

Also. If you still have not paid your dues for this year please do so at this meeting so that we can close the books on that.

On a sad note, former longtime club member Merle Distel passed away on August 13th 2025.

See you at the next meeting,

Jeff Snellgrove

President NIWA

VICE PRESIDENTS CORNER

I have 417 toys stored away that were made at our springtime toy sessions. To all those that participated, I thank you. These toys will need wheels put on them. I will be setting up two toy build wheel sessions in September. If anyone prefers a particular date, please contact me before the August meeting. I will provide a sign-in sheet in the August meeting. – George Denton

SHOW AND TELL



Earl Likai



Jeff Snellgrove



Jon Robbins



George Denton



Kevin Sturgeon



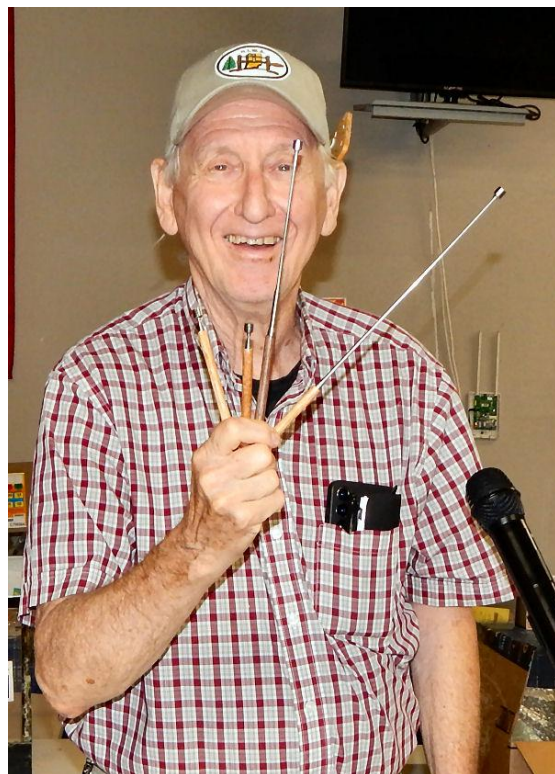
Norm Johnson



Dennis Byron



Steve Smith



Bill Schoech

LAKE COUNTY FAIR





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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 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

2025

August 28th Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
6:00 PM

August 31st Club Picnic at the Portage VFW at 2803 Monnier St. In Portage IN
12:00 Noon

September 17th Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
6:00 PM

September 25th Setup booth for Fall Harvest Festival And Antique Equipment Show

September 26th – 28th Work both at Harvest Festival and Equipment Show 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

September 25th Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
6:00 PM Program Favorite/Least Favorite tools & Silent Auction

October 6th Executive Board Meeting 5 PM at Portage Moose Lodge on County Line Road

October 15th Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
6:00 PM

October 23rd Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
6:00 PM

November 12th Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
6:00 PM

November 20th Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
6:00 PM Toy Program

December 10th Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
6:00 PM

December 18th Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN
6:00 PM Christmas Party, Installation and Awards