



Wood Chips

Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association

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Fun at the Lake County Fair 2008



Monthly Meeting

Thursday August 28, 2008 7pm

Pierce Middle School

199 E 70th Ave
Merrillville, IN

Christmas Party Already! Seems like we just had the Club Picnic. Right you are my friend. We are taking reservations starting the Aug meeting. There is a \$5.00 reservation fee per person attending. If you come to the Christmas party the check is returned. If you do not attend, the Club uses the check to off set the cost of the food you would have eaten if you attended the event. Bring a side dish. You know which one we like! It has been the Club tradition to make gifts for the Ladies coming to the Christmas Party. There will be a sign up sheet at the next few meetings so we can get an idea of how many gifts are being made.

Show and Tell



Leon Kozlowski



Art Willing



Clyde Hewlett



Carl Mills



Max Hernick



Lalo Gonzalez



Ron Benson



Dick Sader



John Sturk



Carl Mills



Carl Mills



Bob Roach



John Hunter



Phil Malavolta



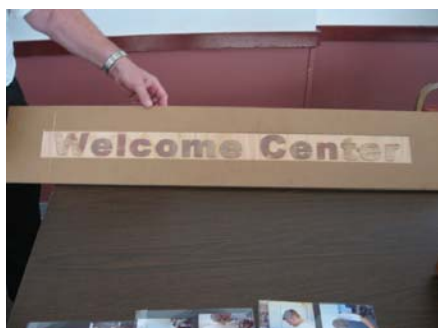
Harry Nelson



Lalo Gonzalez



Bob Miller

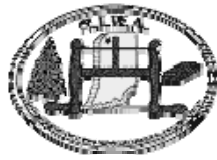


Al Mills



John Sturk and
Grandson

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Drawing	Mike Novosel & Ken Copeland
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Community Liaison	Frank Kylsa

President's Corner

Hello again Woodies! Summer is almost at an end, but not quite. This summer was our first time at the Lake County Fair. I believe that we had a great showing. What's more important is that our good neighbors in our communities know we exist. So now they know if they want to join a great woodworking club, we are here to welcome them. To all of our new friends from the Fair, if you want or need to learn about any kind of woodworking this is the place to be! Membership has many benefits. We have a show and tell. Our members bring in their projects and explain how it was made, what kind of finish and any problems they may have encountered. We also have an achievement program for all of our members. We have many other programs but most important we have fun. I am looking forward to see you at our next meeting.

At our next meeting we will make an announcement of great importance. Don't miss this meeting!

Until then make lots of saw dust

And cool projects.

David T. White

I am very encouraged by the participation in our *Toys For Kids* program so far this year. As you know, our goal is to make 1000 toys by the November 20th meeting. To date we have made 346 toys and promised to make 393 more for a total of 739 toys. This means we only have 261 to go. With about 3 months left, I am confident that we can succeed. Remember, even one toy will be appreciated.

Please let me know if you are making toys, but have not put your name on the sign-up sheet. If painting toys is not your thing, you may bring unpainted toys to the August 28 meeting. Claudia Brazil will take them home and organize a painting party. Don't attach wheels before painting. However, if you think that you can't paint a toy, you will be right.

Of course, we need organizations to distribute these toys to the needy children. So far I have the names of only 4; Haven House - Hammond, Copes House - Hammond, St. Thomas More Church - Munster, and St. Maria Goretti - Dyer. Please notify me of your organization(s) that wants our toys and how many they can use.

On another note, I want to comment on the Fair workers. I was out of town on business and could not attend the fair, but I am told it was a huge success. I kept hearing about how much fun the workers had. I really believe that. The reason I believe that is because in my 12 years with this club I have had fun at every club function I was involved in. Being bus trips to Wisconsin or Michigan, car trips to Iowa, Christmas parties, picnics, shop visits, work shops, trade shows, or Membership meetings, they have all been fun. I even had fun at a Committee meeting once. There have been some interesting situations though; bus break-down in Wisconsin and stuck in an elevator in Iowa. But hey, we always made the best of it and had fun. My point is to express my appreciation to the Fair workers and to encourage all to participate in club activities. You will have fun or my name isn't **Bob Roach**.

Club Meeting Aug 28 at 7pm Clifford Pierce Middle School, 199 E. 70th Place, Merrillville, In.

Until further notice, when attending meetings, park on the West side of the building & use the main entrance. This is due to construction on the North side.

Fair 2008 *The Fair was a Blast! We taught, learned and laughed. Over Half of the membership participated in making this event a success. THANK YOU! This is exciting. The Fair was fun!*

Aug. Speaker Daniel Lozon, Field Coordinator for Delta/Porter Cable, DeWalt. Our topic is Omnijig and much more. Bring your questions. There will be a video and demonstration. He will also be speaking about new products and future products. Sounds Interesting!

Comments If you have any constructive comments about the Fair and have not contacted the Fair Committee, take a moment and write it down with your name and put it in the Communication Box. Sorry we cannot do anything about parking or the weather. This was an important event for our Club. Your comments are important to the Executive Board.

Toy Painting We have been busy making toys. There are some members that either do not have the skill or hate to paint. There is an answer to this issue. Claudia is hosting a painting party at her home in September. (No Skip we are not coming over to paint the shop! But I like how you think!) If you can do your own painting, by all means do so. If you want to learn to paint or help out, that's great we'd love to have the help! The date will be posted per email. If you want to paint and do not have email, call Claudia. There will also be a sign up sheet at the meeting. Since this painting party will occur before the Sept meeting, you are please bring your unpainted toys to the Aug meeting.

Special Interest Program Due to the time that our speaker needs for presentation, there will be no special interest program going on before the Ag meeting. Leon will tell us what we need for September.

Special Thank You to Lalo for hosting this month's post Fair/ Committee Meeting. It was a treat to see his wonderful woodworking and other artistic work. Amazing!

Publicity We are in need of volunteers to work on the Publicity Committee. Many visitors to our fair booth said that they never heard of us. Wow, we have been around since 1990.

Please see the Executive Board if you want to help.

Elections are coming! Elections are coming! All offices are open for election.

Stan Slazyk is our Parliamentarian and he will be taking names and speaking to the candidates. If you want to run for office or know of someone. Talk to Stan.