

WOOD CHIPS



Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association

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WOODEN YOU LIKE TO KNOW

Greetings fellow woodworkers,

Well, the show season has begun, and our first show is now behind us. I would like to thank everyone who participated in any and every way that made it a success. Many obstacles were thrown our way, and we made the best of the situations. We were moved to a small out of the way building with very poor public attendance, but we worked hard, and we prevailed. We beat last years income at the same show by a substantial margin. Dennis and Jon will elaborate in more detail at the meeting.

Now it is time to move on to the second show, the Lake County Fair. The remaining unsold items from the tractor show will be carried to the fair to sell there. Please bring additional donated items to the fair on the set-up day. If you cannot work at the show, please make arrangements with another person to bring them for you. If you have items to donate and have no other choice, bring them to this month's meeting and I will take them for you. This will be our last meeting before the fair. Please make sure to tag each item with your name and your suggested price.

As we usually do, we will make room for a few "DISPLAY ONLY" items behind the sales tables for you to show if you like. We want to make sure NOT to mix the two and space will be limited and remember NO PERSONAL SALES!

Please volunteer to work if you can. Sign up sheets will be at the meeting.

REMINDERS:

This month's meeting will be on July 24th @ 6 pm at Hobart Moose

This month's program will be a presentation by member Earl Lakia on personalizing your projects with woodcarving, woodburning, router/cnc and or laser.

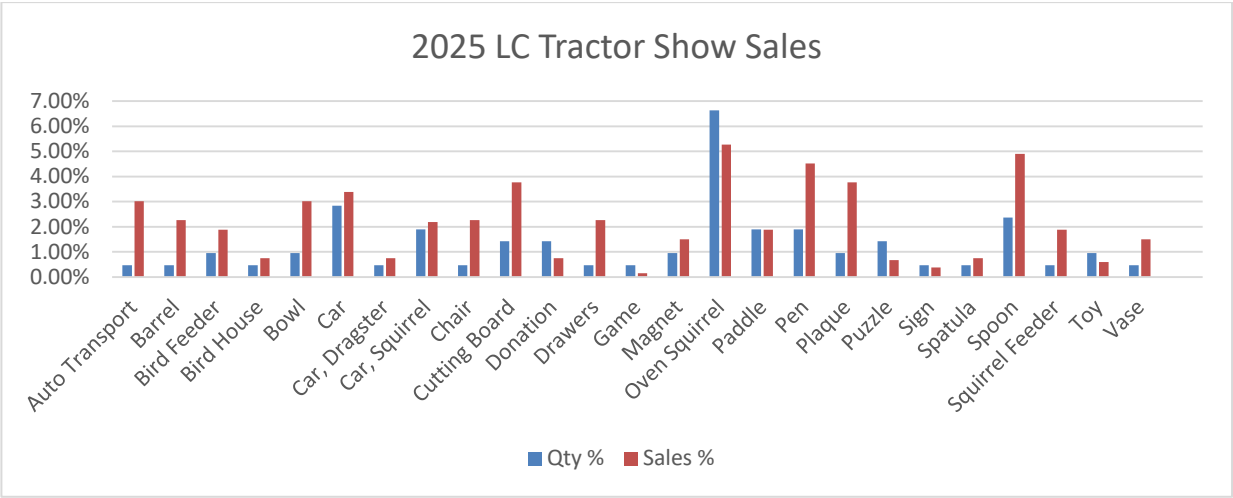
See you at the next meeting,
Jeff Snellgrove
President NIWA

FROM THE TREASURY:

Money Talks July 2025

Membership Dues Reminder: Our fiscal year runs from May to April. Membership dues for FY 2025-2026 are \$25 for individuals and \$35 for couples. Please ensure your dues are paid to keep our club thriving. Members who haven't renewed by August will be removed from the roster. If you haven't renewed, now is the perfect time.

Lake County Tractor Show: The 2025 LC Tractor Show was a success, despite light customer attendance. Thanks to the dedication of our members, we achieved a 43% increase in income compared to the 2024 show. A big thank you to everyone who donated items for sale and those who helped at the booth. Raffle tickets were the top sellers, making up 70% of the items sold and 46% of our sales revenue. Other popular items included Oven Squirrels, Spoon/Spatulas, and cars. Our new credit card system also contributed to additional sales.



Lake County Fair: George will provide details about the upcoming fair. We are improving the system we tested at the tractor show to streamline sales and track statistics. We're off to a great start. Thank you!

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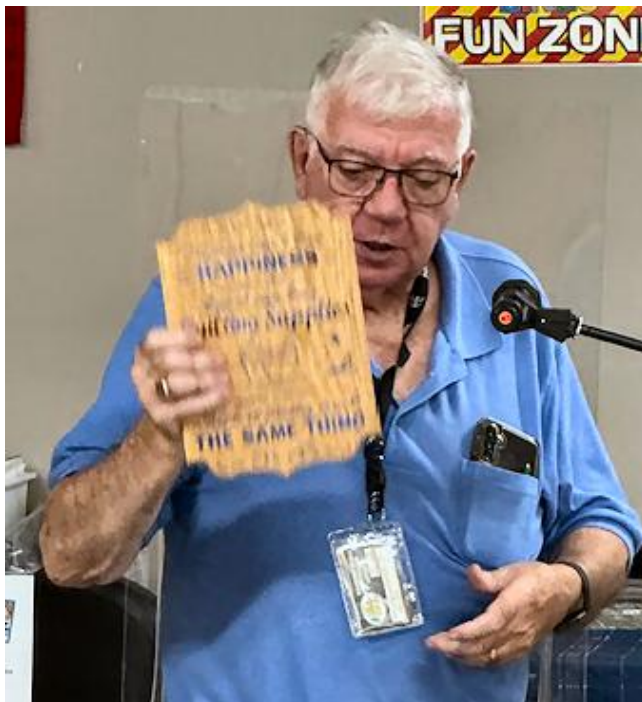
SHOW AND TELL



Bob Miller



Susan Bunce



Jon Robbins



Don Miller



Dennis Byron



Al Brown



Lalo Gonzalez



Steve Bennett



Norm Johnson



Bill Schoech



Kevin Sturgeon



Dick Sader



Kevin Klebs

LAKE COUNTY TRACTOR SHOW





Lake County Fair Outline

NIWA Members - it that time of year again where we will be displaying, demonstrating, and selling our crafts at the Lake County Fair in Crown Point. We need volunteers to man the club booth and assist in recruitment and selling. The fair usually yields a few new members and, with our ability to sell items, we have a chance to increase our treasury. Please refer to the following outline. Our Demo days at the fair are August 1st through 4th.

- This year our booth will be in the Industrial Building, similar to last year. Our booth location are number 65, 66, and 67. See Map Attached.
- Set up will be Wednesday July 30th at 1 PM. You can come in through Gate 5 off of Lake Street. This is one day earlier than usual because there is a concert in the grandstand on Thursday the 31st. We are avoiding that crowd.
- We need donated items to sell. We had a good number of items at the tractor show. Thanks to all that donated. We will carry unsold items over to the fair.

- Please sign up to volunteer. The fair day goes from 10AM to 9pm in the evening. We need some members to volunteer in the evening. We will start tearing down on Monday August 4th at 8 PM. Below are the increments of signup.
 - 10 AM till 2 PM, 5 people each day
 - 2 PM till 6 PM, 5 people each day
 - 6PM till 9PM, 5 people each day
- Those who are working will need to get an ID badge from the County Police Trailer Located across from the 4H building. They look at your license, do a quick background check, and give you an ID badge. You will be required to wear this badge while working. The 1st day they will be the day of our setup. July 30th.

Setup Responsibilities

- Tables and skirts will be provided by the fair.
- Coordinator, Passes, Parking – George Denton
- Drinks, Ice, and raffle tickets – Don Miller, George Denton
- Lathe – Kevin and Julie Sturgeon
- Coffee Snacks – Al Kalos
- Scroll Saw – Jeff Snellgrove
- Scroll Patten set up – John Robbins, Don Miller, and Jeff Snellgrove.
- Sign in Sheets – John Hunter
- Possible Demo Seat Demo – Rodney Foster
- Cash Register, Credit Card Training, Insurance, raffle license -Dennis Byron
- Other Items – Cooling fans – Chairs – etc.
- Recruitment materials – Susan Bunce Days, John Hunter nights.

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

July 24th Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

6:00 PM

July 31st Set up booth for Lake County Fair **Time to be announced**

August 1st – 4th Work booth at Lake County Fair

August 20th Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

6:00 PM

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