

WOOD CHIPS



Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association

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President's Rambling's

Greetings Fellow Woodworkers, June is here and the heat and so is the heat and humidity. As you are working in your shop please be aware of your surroundings and keep yourselves hydrated as the temperature rise. 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 wonder while in the work shop.

JUNE'S meeting will be at the **Hobart Moose Lodge #783** at the regular time, 7:00 PM. The clubs new meeting location is the Hobart Moose Lodge at **143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN 46342**.

Dues need to be paid up by this meeting!

Raffle Tickets, As discussed at the Committees Meeting, dues alone is not enough to support our Toy for Kids program, Club picnic, and Christmas dinner. We all need to do our part in making sure the raffle is a success this year. No matter how big or small every little bit helps. We have plenty of tickets that need to find new homes!

June's Program we will have Jim Crum from Johnson's Workbench, South Bend shop.

Shop Visit Have you considered hosting a shop visit?

Hope to see all of you at the meeting. Enjoy this weather and Don't let your tools rust!

You're President, Kevin Sturgeon

From the Treasurer

Fellow wood workers; Dues of \$25.00 is now due at the June 25th. meeting. You can still get an achievement point also. Raffle tickets and pens to sell will be available. Pen kits to make pens for the club are available and pen blanks if you need them. Because of no events to sell raffle tickets at, we need much help this year from members to sell or buy them. Anyone having 2x4, 2x6, 2x8, cut offs for club members to make toy cars will be needed. Check Construction sites out in your areas and see if you can get them. Most places will give them when you tell them what our club makes with the cut offs.

THANK YOU Ron Benson

From the Program Committee

This month's program will be Jim Crum, manager of the Johnson's Workbench store in Southbend.

Jeff Snellgrove

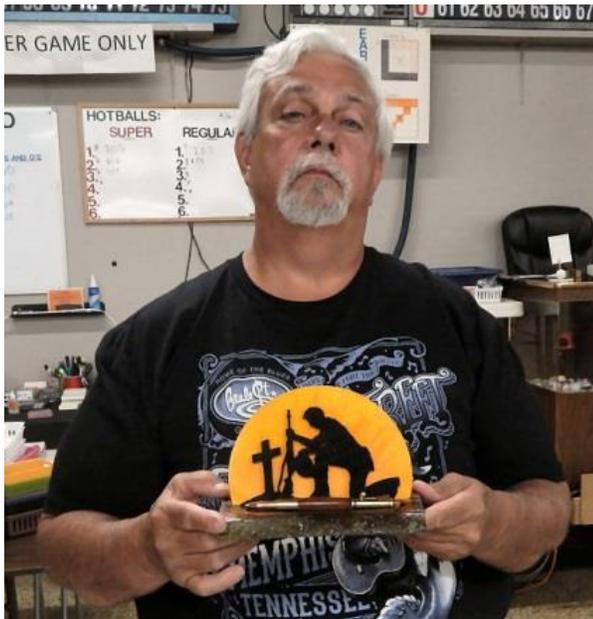
SHOW AND TELL



Kevin Sturgeon



Steve Bennett



Jeff Snellgrove



Ron Benson



Jon Robbins

2 X 4 CHALLENGE



Kevin Sturgeon



Jeff Snellgrove



Norm Johnson



Jon Robbins

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

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June 25th Membership Meeting at 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN 7:00 PM

July 6th Executive Board Meeting 7 PM at 143 South Hobart Road, Portage

July 20th Committees Meeting 143 South Hobart Road, Portage 7:00 PM

July 23rd Membership Meeting 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN 6:00 PM

August 17th Committees Meeting at 143 South Hobart Road, Portage 7:00 PM

August 22nd Club Picnic at Hidden Lake Park in Merrillville

August 27th Membership Meeting at 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN 7:00 PM

September 21st Committees Meeting at 143 South Hobart Road, Portage 7:00 PM

September 24th Membership Meeting at 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN 7:00

PM Program Favorite/Least Favorite tools

October 5th Executive Board Meeting at 7 PM at 143 South Hobart Road, Portage

October 19th Committees Meeting at 143 South Hobart Road, Portage 7:00 PM

October 22nd Membership Meeting at 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN 7:00 PM

November 16th Committees Meeting at 143 South Hobart Road, Portage 7:00 PM

November 19th Membership Meeting at 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN 7:00

PM Toy Program

December 14th Committees Meeting at 143 South Hobart Road, Portage 7:00 PM

December 17th Membership Meeting at 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN 6:00

PM Christmas Party, Installation and Awards

Bob Flexner's Finishing Tips

<http://www.thefinishingstore.com/>

TIP: Ruining Your Woodwork with a Finish

It's common to hear woodworkers lament that they don't like finishing because they are afraid of ruining their woodworking project. So the following is an important point to keep in mind:

The only thing you can do in finishing that can't be fixed fairly easily is to blotch the wood with a stain or decide after you have applied a stain that you don't want it. All other problems can be fixed, with the worst case being that you have to strip off the finish and begin again. Nothing is ruined.



So, depending on the wood you use, it's really the stain you have to be concerned about, not the finish. You can't "ruin" anything with a finish. Choose your wood and whether or not to stain with this in mind. Blotching, like that in the accompanying picture, occurs on softwoods such as pine, and tight-grained hardwoods such as cherry, birch and maple. It's difficult-to-impossible to totally avoid blotching on these woods if you use a stain.

Small Parts Carousel

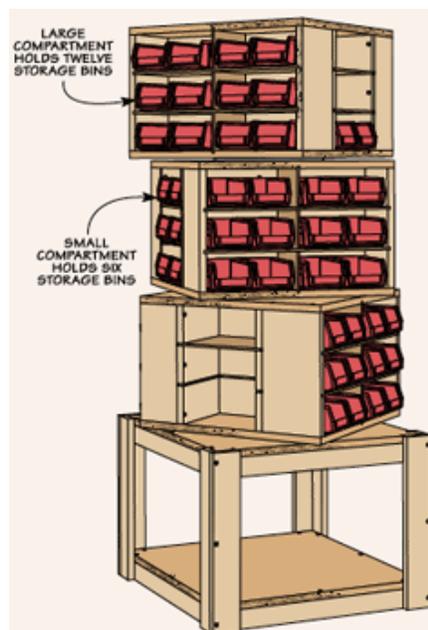
I like to keep extra screws, bolts, and other hardware on hand to save me trips to the hardware store. The problem is all these parts can be difficult to store and organize. To fix this, I built the small parts storage carousel you see in the drawing to the right. The carousel consists of a single base unit and a set of storage units sized to hold plastic bins. The storage units rotate so you can find the part you need quickly and easily. And, as shown in the drawing to the right, you can build and stack as many units as needed for additional storage.

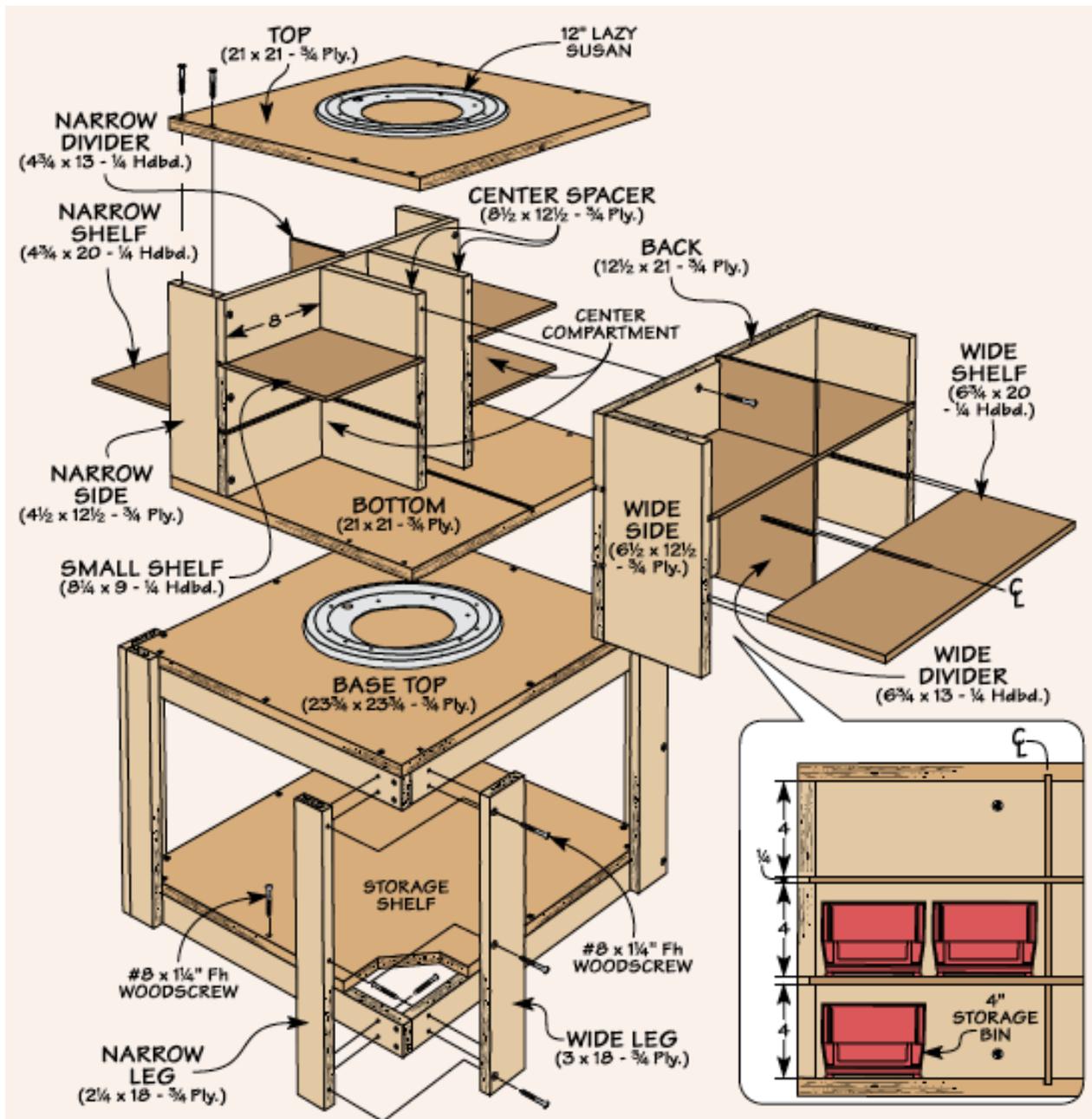
Base. To make it easy to access the storage bins, I built a simple base (drawing below). First, cut the top and bottom shelves to size. And then connect them to the L-shaped legs and frame. Finally, add a lazy Susan to allow the unit to rotate.

Storage Unit. Each storage unit is built from $\frac{3}{4}$ " plywood and $\frac{1}{4}$ " hardboard. Start by cutting the base and top to size. Then make four separate storage compartments to hold two different sizes of 4"-wide bins (one deep and one shallow).

The two larger compartments are made by joining two sides and a divider to a back. Dadoes in the sides and back hold the $\frac{1}{4}$ " hardboard shelves and divider (main drawing and inset below). The small center compartments are formed by connecting the backs of the large compartments by two spacers and a set of small shelves. Here again, dadoes hold the shelves in position.

To use the carousel, just slide in the bins and fill them with small parts.





Good woodworking,
 Phil Huber
 Editor, *ShopNotes*