



# Wood Chips

Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association

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Happy Easter!

## Club Meeting

Thursday, March 26 at 7pm

Clifford Pierce Middle School

199 E. 70th Place, Merrillville, In.

Arena Room

Until further notice, due to construction,

when attending the meeting, park on the West side of the building

& use the main entrance.

## Spring is in the air!!!



Lou Tacaks



Carl Mills



Bob Philpot



Ron Benson



Don Boswell



Max Hernick



Carl Mills



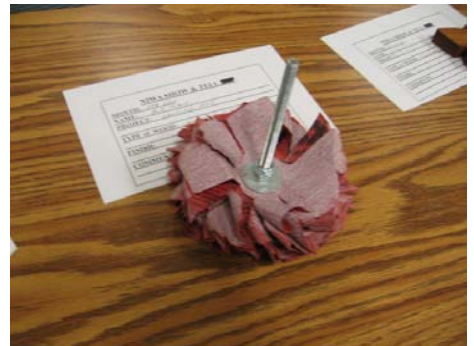
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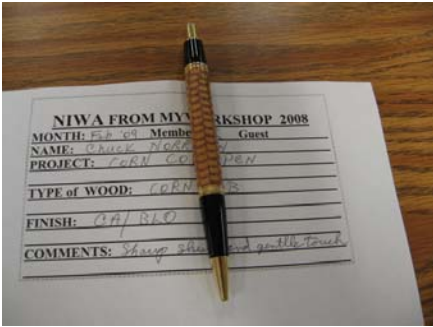
Bob Roach



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Emery Brazil



Chuck Norman



Phil Malavolta



Jim Jones



Carl Ronscke



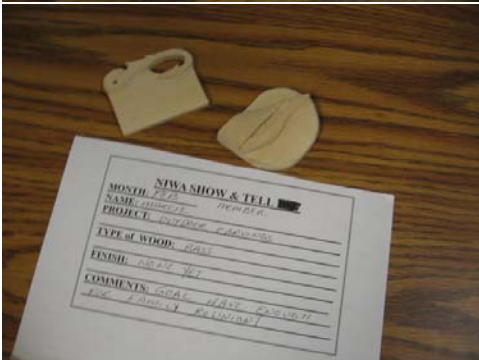
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Denny McCool

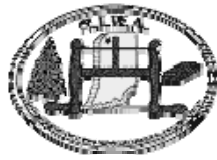


Marcie White



Max Hernick

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**2009 Council Members**

President	Marcie White
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Picnic/Party	George Pluard, Dave Taylor, Lou Takacs, Fred Baginski
Field Trips	Leon Kozlowski
Photographer	Fred Baginski
Toys for Kids	Bob Roach & Bob Philpot & MANY MORE
Show & Tell	Denny McCool & Max Hernick
Drawings	Mike Novosel & Phil Malavolta
Shirts & Hats	Fred Baginski
Mini-Seminars	John Sturk & Bob Miller
Community Liaison	Dick Sader
Videography	Carl Mills & Max Hernick
Publicity	John Sturk
Recycling	Claudia Brazil

Greetings Woodworkers, Can you believe it, I saw a Sand hill Crane wading in the lake. This is sure proof spring is here. The other sure proof is that members are spending more time in the shop. The Jig Show and Tell was a great success. Members shared their secrets of how they are able to make projects easier using jigs. I have never made a jig or used one. I am amazed and impressed. Good Going!

Skip came to the meeting with the most jigs. He makes so many toys and uses jigs to help. He is the man to see if you are interested in jigs for toy making.

Don't forget, there is still time to work on the April 2009 2x4 Challenge.

Copies of the rules will be at the March membership meeting, on line or perhaps on your workbench already! This is a fun project.

I was lucky enough to attend the Scroll Saw Sig. Wow what a great group! Dick Sader lead the group through the basics of scrolling. Even those that are accomplished scrollers learned something. We shared ideas and had fun. When it was time to go home, we had homework. This is an SIG that I am happy to be part of.

See you at the meeting,

**Marcie White**

**April's 2x4 Challenge** If you haven't started your 2x4 project you still have time. Pick up the rules at the February and get going. This is a separate show and tell and there will be prizes. If you are not able to attend the meeting, contact John Hunter for information.

**Good News!** If you notice that Bob Roach is walking on air, you are right! Bob's grandson Eric Roach is a wrestler at Crown Point High School. Eric's record is 38-0. He is going to the State Championship meet in Indy. Go Eric! Go Bob!

**Reminder** Bring empty ink jet and laser cartridges to the meeting for our recycling program. Ask family, friends and business associates to donate cartridges. Keep them out of the landfills. Claudia Brazil is in charge of the Recycling Program.

**Fair time Aug. 7,8,9,10 2009** Sign up to demonstrate or work at the Fair. We need a tentative program by the March meeting. See Marcie White and John Hunter for times available.

**Trip to the Lumber Mill** There is a trip to a Lumber Mill in the planning. Jerry Kaifetz has a local mill and will be at the February discuss details.

**Last month's meeting was great!** Jerry Kaifetz talked about the Lumber Mill in Hebron that he is involved with. He described how the milling is done and the equipment used to do it. We were absorbed in the facts that he gave us and he answered many questions. Jerry loves his work and you could tell how involved he is.

Daniel Klein, executive director for Habitat for Humanity spoke on how this program operates and how someone is qualified for the program. Very interesting. He described the behind the scenes operation and passed out information.

Show and Tell was at a premium. Members are making things in the shop again! Go visit a friend and use his shop! We like company!

The special interest group for scroll sawing, got together with Dick Sader on Sat. March 14. We had a great time and it was very informative the meeting was very successful with 7 members and we did a hands on practice. If more members are interested in joining see Dick Sader. This is a great learning experience.

**Book Sale was a success.** The library was thinned and many fine books were added to member's personal libraries.

**Library Reminder** As you go through your shop, you may find a book that needs to be returned to NIWA's library. Please bring them back so other members can use the book.

**Fair Aug. 7,8,9,10.** The Fair Committee had a successful meeting. There are several items needed to make the Fair a success. We need tables, table skirts (white if possible) folding chairs, lathe, and scroll saw. There are volunteers needed for Demos, booth workers and behind the scene help. See Marcie White or John Hunter. we has a blast at the Fair last year, come join the fun!

**Proud Grandpa** Jim Schuster's grandson Brady Schuster, Crown Point High school, is quite the basketball player. He made the 3 point basket putting the game into OT and then winning the game. Go Brady! Bob Roach's grandson, wrestler Eric Roach, continues to be in the newspaper after gaining a 4<sup>th</sup> Place in the wrestling meet in Indy. Go Eric!

**Get Well** to Stan Wagner and Russ Tomjanovich hope to see you soon.

**33Annual Duneland Carvers Show** Don't miss this show. David and I attended this show last year and it was really Great! There are nationally known carvers, competition, supplies and much more. Mark your calendar! Saturday, April 18, 10:00 am to 5:00pm and Sunday April 19, 10am to 4pm. Admission \$4.00 per person, good free parking.

Location: Woodland Park, 2100 Willowcreek Rd., Portage, In., phone # 219-762-1675, [www.dunelandwoodcarvers.com](http://www.dunelandwoodcarvers.com)

**Plane sharpening at Woodcraft** On Friday, March 20,6pm, Rob Cosman will sharpen any hand plane you have for free. Call Al at Woodcraft to varify time.

## **WOOD TURNING S. I. G.**

Denny McCoolle has offered to lead a wood turning special interest group for those of members that would like to feel more comfortable using the lathe. This is a very good opportunity to learn to turn woodbowls or spindles.

The first get together will be in his shop (10216 Clark Road, Crown Point) on Sat. March 28. Lets sign up at this March meeting to be there, I'm sure it will be fun and very informative to learn safely how to turn wood.

## **NIWA Calendar of Events**

March 26, 6pm SIG Carving before Membership Mtg

March 26, 7pm Membership meeting

Apr. 4, 9am Club Breakfast, Old Country Buffet, Merrillville, In

Apr. 6, 6pm Executive Board Mtg, Lake County Library Merrillville, In.  
study room

Apr. 11, 10am SIG Scroll Saw details call Dick Sader or Marcie White

Apr. 21, 6:30pm Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake

Apr. 23, 6pm SIG Carving before Membership Mtg

Apr. 23, 7pm Monthly Membership Meeting and 2x4 Challenge