

WOOD CHIPS



Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association

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November President's Corner,

Greetings Members, The race is on to finish the Toys for Kids. It is hard to believe that the time has come. We work so hard on this project. All of us coming together for one reason, to make the children smile at Christmas. Keep in mind that for some, this may be the only gift the child may receive. Thanks to all of you for the part you played in making this program a success. God Bless You.

Marcie White

Monthly Breakfast & Field Trip to Hoosier Bat Co. Saturday, Nov7, was a perfect day for a NIWA outing. We met at Old Country Buffet in Merrillville for a filling breakfast. There were several young guests. A son, several grandsons and a granddaughter joined us. Members shared tips for making woodworking fun and safe for young people. After breakfast we went over to Woodcraft to check out what was going on there, say hi to Al and dream about the new Christmas lathe that Santa may bring. We then proceeded to the Hoosier Bat Company in Valparaiso. There we met up with many of our members and more guests. The tour was very informative. We were guided through the steps that are taken to make quality wooden bats. These bats are used in major and minor league baseball. Their gift shop had something for anyone interested in sports from jewelry to furniture. We had a GREAT time! For information call 800-228-3787.

Committee Meeting Nov 17 Committee Chairs are asked to attend the committee meetings. If you are unable to attend and have something to share, email or call one of the Executive Board.

Membership Meeting one week early on Nov 19 This is an important meeting. We are having our toy distribution. Please bring your toys to the meeting. If you will be giving toys to an organization, ask a representative from the organization to come to the meeting. They can see the amount of toys that are made and meet the toymakers. They also can take the toys with them from the meeting.

Election Nov 19 Another reason to attend the November meeting is to vote for the 2010 Executive Board. This is very important since they will be the people making decisions for your Club! The Election Committee, Nancy Distal, Joe McDaniel and Charlie Morris, are still taking nominations. According to the constitution, any active member can run for office and nominations can be taken at the meeting before the election. This is per the Constitution of this Club.

Carl's Violin Carl has donated a violin he made with the proceeds to go for the Toys For Kids. It is absolutely beautiful.

SIG Scrollsawing with Dick Sader will meet at Woodcraft on Nov. 21 at 10:30. See Dick for details. All SIG dates and times are subject to change.

Club Patches are now available for \$7.00. They came out very nice. There will be some at the meeting.

Wally's Shop Visit Wally has a great shop. It is well thought out. The work bench area is generous, lighting was great, and I liked the way he made the most of storage. As we all know there is never enough room for storage. That was very nice of you to have a counter full of items that you shared with us. Thank you and your wife for inviting NIWA members to your shop.

SHOW AND TELL



Dick Sader



Lalo Gonzalez



Lalo Gonzalez



Carl Mills



Lalo Gonzalez



John Sturk



Bob Miller



Carl Mills



Al Mills



Max Hernick



Lou Takacs



Phil Malavolta



Joe McDaniels



Alex Gavaller



Ron Benson



Roger Glennon



Denny McCoole



Kevin Klebs

A note from Frank Schmidt in Florida: News from my Jax Club:

A group of ladies who quilt (mostly wives of the club members) made 100 quilts for doll beds for their distribution of toys. The club has 53 members and they do 2,500 items for Christmas. The members make the doll beds for the quilts. So far, 124 beds have been made, so the quilters are back to their sewing machines.

This is the club where I got the idea for the bat mobiles.

I'm into designing birdhouses that look like old gas stations, and also another group that look like baseball stadiums.

Weather is perfect in St. Augustine.

Tonight I'm attending a national goal ball tournament at the school where I teach. Teams are in from all over the US and Canada to determine a North American championship team. Tomorrow the finals will be played. This is a game played exclusively by the blind I showed a little bit about it in my program.

Weather is still a little too warm. Mid 80's most days.

Frank Schmidt

FIELD TRIP



Thirty-four of the club members and family attended the field trip to Hoosier Bat in Valparaiso

THIS MONTHS WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

D P C L C C A V F I U G K Y Z
Y A Y W B R B E L B S J C V Y
H V E A J L D L U Q F C X J B
W B B B K I A B S K R A B V G
H A C K B C G D H E D B F R Z
X N V R C T A S E I N Y V E Y
B J A L S D G B W O N K R P N
T C Q P G L H O E S C G H I A
K A B P J K D T Y L R A S L Z
I R O G S K A G O A D K R L P
A T R Q U X Y Y I C U D A A S
S Q U A R E Z N X R U S I C X
L R S B N V M O Y E W J Y F C
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R H Q V R L T Z G Y Y L O A C

AWL
BLADE
FIDDLEBACK
SQUARE

BARK
CALLIPER
FLUSH

BEAD
CARBIDE
GRAIN



Christmas & Awards Party Dec 17 Reservations are being taken. There is a \$5.00 deposit per person which is returned when you arrive at the party. Bring your favorite dish. If you like it, chances are we will too. The Club provides the meat, bread, and beverages. The tradition of giving gifts to the ladies that come to the party is being continued this year. If you are making a gift, see Paul Jarrell (PJ) has the list.

CHRISTMAS PARTY REGISTRATION FORM 2009

I _____ will be attending the 2008 NIWA Christmas party on December 17, 2009. I will be bringing _____ guests. I understand that I am paying a registration fee of \$5.00 per person that will be refunded at the party by the treasurer. Total registration fee paid \$_____.

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I _____ have received a total of \$_____ refund on December 17, 2009

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Nov. 17 6:30 PM Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake
- Nov. 19 7 PM Membership Meeting at Pierce Middle School. *Toys for Kids* distribution. Election of Officers.
- Dec. 5 9 AM Club Breakfast at Old Country Buffet
- Dec. 15 6:30 PM Committees Meeting at Hidden Lake
- Dec. 17 7 PM Membership Meeting at Pierce Middle School. Christmas Party and Awards Banquet.

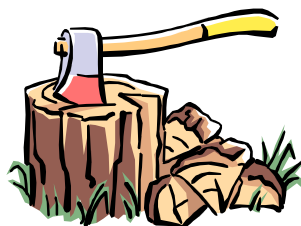
HUMOR

A carpenter was giving evidence about an accident he had witnessed. The judge asked him how far away he was from the accident. The carpenter replied "twenty seven feet, six and one half inches".

"What? How come you are so sure of that distance?", asked the judge.

"Well, I knew some idiot would ask me. So I measured it!" replied the carpenter.

Did you hear about the woodworker who died when he fell into a vat of varnish? It was a terrible end, but a beautiful finish.



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Secretary John Hunter
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Badges Elizabeth Carlsson
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