

WOOD CHIPS



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WOODEN YOU LIKE TO KNOW

Greetings fellow woodworkers,

October is half over already and another year is winding down. This is my favorite month of the year with moderately warm sunny days and cool nights, just right for catching up on a little extra sleep. I hope that everyone is enjoying it. Our nominating committee has been busy soliciting volunteers for officers for next year. I will be happy to serve another year if you choose. The committee will present the nominees at this month's meeting.

Last month a lady met me in the parking lot before the meeting and donated a carload of woodworking related shop items from a former member who is closing up shop, to the club. I took possession, photographed and catalogued each item. There was not much that was usable as a club asset, but most would be welcome in anyone's own shop. It has been decided that the club will again hold a silent auction at the November meeting on everything. There are about fifty things that are to be sold with all proceeds going to the club. A detailed e-mail will be sent out to everyone next week.

Exhibits Committee Chairman Don Miller is collecting items for our fall library exhibit at the Lake County Public Library's Crown Point branch. If you would like to loan an item/items for this display, bring yours to this month's meeting. You must fill out and sign a club "Item on Loan form".

I would like to again remind everyone that your attendance is also very important for us to be able to conduct our business. To be able to legally conduct some of the things that we need to do, we need to have a quorum of members present. In any item that is presented for a vote of the membership on the floor, this is the case. If we do not have enough members (in good standing) present. No vote can be called for and must be tabled for a later time. This is particularly important for the elections coming up at the November meeting. PLEASE ATTEND AS OFTEN AS YOU CAN.

REMINDERS:

This month's meeting will be on October 23rd @ 6 pm at Hobart Moose

This month's program will be a short demo by George Denton.

See you at the next meeting,

Jeff Snellgrove

President NIWA

FROM THE TREASURER MONEY TALKS

Welcome to the October edition of Money Talks!

As our public event season comes to a close, I'm thrilled to share some incredible news about our club's achievements and what's ahead.

2025 Event Highlights

This year, we participated in three fantastic public events:

- **Lake County Antique Tractor and Power Show**
- **Lake County Fair**
- **Sunset Hill Antique Tractor and Power Show**

The response from the community was overwhelming. Many event-goers sought us out at each show, eager to support our organization and our community toy program. Thanks to your enthusiasm and dedication, we received **record donations—a 100% increase over last year!** These contributions are helping us improve our club's systems and grow our membership. I want to personally thank everyone who took time out of their busy lives to help us reach this milestone.

2025 Raffle Update

We're just one month away from wrapping up our 2025 raffle sales! Please remember:

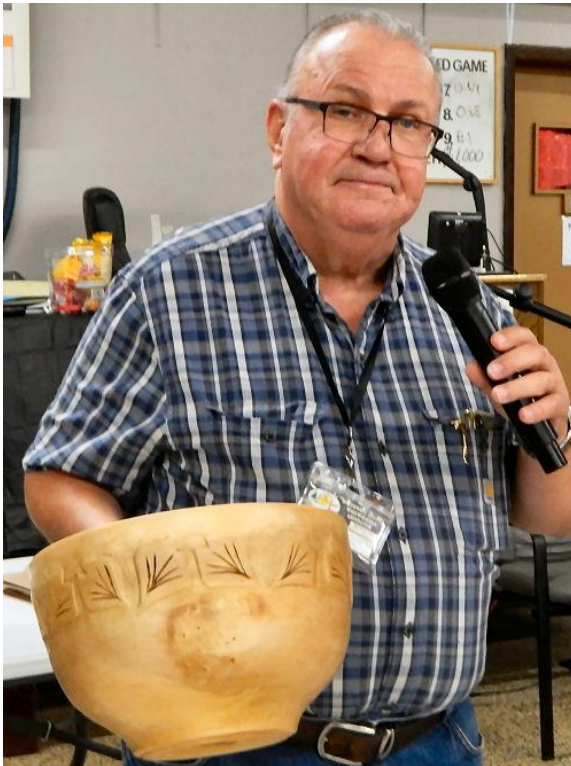
- Sell any remaining 2025 raffle tickets.
- Turn in ticket stubs by our November meeting, when we'll select our three winners.
- Return any unsold tickets so we can close out the books.
- New tickets for the 2026 raffle will be available after our November meeting.

Looking Ahead

Our financial success and growth are a direct result of your teamwork and passion. Let's keep up the momentum and finish 2025 strong! If you have questions or want to get more involved, please reach out at our next meeting.

Thank you again for your dedication. Here's to an amazing finish to 2025!

SHOW AND TELL



George Denton



Jeff Snellgrove



Gene Davis



Jim O'Carroll



Bill Schoech



Kevin Sturgeon



Don Miller



Don Williams

FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL









ITEMS FOR SALE

If you have any wood working related items that you wish to sell through the newsletter please contact John Hunter hunterjohnh4841@gmail.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 hunterjohnh4841@gmail.com

2025

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 & Membership Meetings at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road,
Hobart IN 6:00 PM

December 18th Christmas Party at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN 6:00 PM,

WOODWORKING TIPS

Simple Shelf Pin Jig

By: Erich Lage

An old ruler can be put to good use for bookcase projects.

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A while back, I had a big project that involved making a lot of cases that called for adjustable shelving. While drilling the shelf pin holes, I found that the [hardboard](#) and [plywood jigs](#) I had made wore out too quickly. And the fancy store-bought metal types can be expensive. To keep the project on track and moving forward, I found an answer that is the best of both worlds: An old [aluminum ruler](#). The first benefit is there's no layout required.



Just drill the holes centered on the spacing you want. I chose 1" intervals. The other advantage is that you can start the series of holes at any inch mark on the ruler.