

Wood Chips

Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association

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Club Meeting Thursday, Sept. 25 at 7pm

Clifford Pierce Middle School,

199 E. 70th Place, Merrillville, In.

Until further notice, when attending the meeting, park on the West side of the building & use the main entrance. This is due to the construction on the North side

September Speaker Member Frank Schmidt is a retired shop teacher. During fall, winter and early spring, he volunteers two full days a week teaching woodworking to high school blind students at the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind in St. Augustine, Florida. Please join us for this very interesting topic.

CHRISTMAS PARTY REGISTRATION FORM

2008

I _____ WILL BE ATTENDING THE 2008 NIWA CHRISTMAS PARTY ON DECEMBER 18, 2008. 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 \$_____.

I _____ HAVE RECEIVED A

TOTAL OF \$_____ REFUND ON DECEMBER 18, 2008.

Show and Tell



George Salatras



Dick Sader



David White



Carl Mills



Clyde Hewlett



Marcie White



George Pluard



Jim Jones



Carl Mills



Claudia Brazil



Bob Roach



John Hunter



Phil Malavolta



George Pluard



Lalo Gonzalez



Fred Baginski

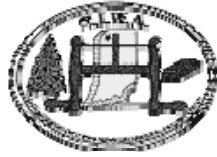


Al Mills Sr.



John Sturk

Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association



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Field Trips	Leon Kozlowski
Photographer	Fred Baginski
Toys for Kids	Bob Roach
Show & Tell	Denny McCoole & Max Hernick
Drawing	Mike Novosel & Ken Copeland
Shirts & Hats	Fred Baginski
Mini-Seminars	John Sturk & Bob Miller
Community Liaison	Frank Kylsa

Hello Woodies,

Anyone building an Ark and need some help? NIWA has plenty of great woodworkers! Carl and Fred worked with fervor to help keep the levee from spilling the river onto their homes and homes of their neighbors. This takes extreme courage. You are heros! I am sure I will hear the recount of more events at the meeting. The news showed countless pictures of rushing water. The rain has stopped and we are recovering. Hope your homes are intact. I know there are some of you who really were floating away. Hang in there. If there is a minute, come to the meeting to take a break. (Bring pictures) There is good friendship with good coffee with cookies. I cannot wait to experience this month's program. We will be hearing about how our member, Frank Schmidt, makes a difference in the lives of young people.

Our Toys for Kids program is moving along. Take time from making sawdust and make some toys. Work together call a member. Many will gladly share their shop. Keep safe. Do not plug in tools that have been in the water. Let the wood dry out and Keep Smiling. It will get better.

Your President,

David T. White

Painting Toys

Some others and I have been having a problem painting toys without leaving brush strokes. I have tried various water based paints and experienced the problem with all of them except the General Finishes Milk Paint and I don't care for the dull finish, but that is a personal choice. It seems that the paints are formulated to dry quickly and this is the problem. They don't allow enough time for the paint to self-level.

So this is what I have been doing. I add 2 or 3 tablespoons of water to a pint (8 fluid ounces) of paint. This thins the paint and slows down the drying time.

Keep in mind that each type of paint is different so you need to experiment on a test piece of the same type of wood. You may not have room in a new can of paint to add the water and stir, so pour the 8 oz.'s into a larger container. I have tried Floetrol additive. This slows the drying time, but dulls the finish.

Here is the whole process that I have found to be successful: Carefully sand the project to 180 grit. Good sanding is very important because thinned paint will not cover dents or cross grain scratches. Remove dust by blowing with compressed air or brushing. Apply a coat of a clear primer or sealer. Scuff sand with 320 grit. Apply 2 or 3 coats of your thinned paint; scuff sanding between coats with 320 grit. The number of coats is determined by how good you want your toys to look, keeping in mind that thinner paint requires more coats.

Here is another tip for making painting easier. On toy cars, I drill a ¼ dia. hole in the bottom of the car. I taper the end of a 4-inch ¼ dia. dowel. I jam the dowel into the hole creating a handle to hold while painting. I drill a series of 9/32 dia. holes, ½ inch deep into a length of ¾ inch thick board. When finished painting the car, I insert the handle into the hole in the board. This supports the car while the paint dries. I don't bother filling the hole in the bottom of the car. After all the paint has dried, I redrill the axle holes to clean out any paint.

As for the wheels, I think they should be finished with two coats of Wipe on Poly. You do not have to scuff sand. This leaves at least some visible wood on the car. Paint the hub of the axle pegs the same color as the car. Use the dowel handle technique as mentioned above.

I have heard a number of members say that they don't like to paint or they can't paint. Try this method and I think you will have success.

Bob Roach

November Elections Yes, you too can be an elected official of this fine Club. Stan Slazyk, our Parliamentarian, is taking names and talking to candidates. If you want to run for office or know of someone, please talk to Stan so he can list the name on the ballot.

Shop Visit Review I was lucky enough to attend Bob Roach's shop visit. The day could not have been better if it was special ordered. The sun shone, there was a breeze. My eyes behold members gathered in his shop exchanging ideas. I observed that the focus of this shop visit was toy making and education. This made sense since Bob is our Toy Chairman and is very knowledgeable. He had several work stations set up and he talked about different tools and techniques to make toy making easier. For example, he demonstrated the Wixey Digi-tak Angle Gauge and how it is used for several types of tools. Coffee and cookies were served. Bob looked great for staying up all night baking! This was a Great Shop Visit hope you were able to attend. Thank you Bob!

Marcie White

10 Reasons to Have a Shop Visit

1. Neighbors think you are having a party and wonder why they weren't invited. (sometimes they show up [potential new members!])
2. You get to clean your shop.
3. After cleaning the shop, you find that Jet Lathe you lost 2 years ago.
4. You make a Christmas list of all the new tools you need for the shop.
5. You find your Club Hat with your lost badge on it (money saving)
6. You can talk to club members without club business interrupting your conversation
7. You can show members how well you bake or shop for baked goods (Max & Denny like donuts)
8. You can buy props for the shop visit (new dust collector)
9. You can arrange with our videographer a virtual shop visit and go on the DIY show
10. Your next year's dues are awarded as gratitude for having a the shop visit

All kidding aside, shop visits are fun to have and fun to go to!

Christmas Party/ Awards Diner Dec.18 at 6pm. Claudia is taking reservations. You can mail your reservations to her, or make them at the meeting. There is a \$5.00 reservation fee per person attending. If you come to the Christmas Party/ Awards Diner the check is returned. If you do not attend, the Club uses the check to offset the cost of the food you would have eaten if you attended the event. Bring a side dish or desert. You know what we like. It has been the Club's tradition to make gifts for the Ladies coming to the Christmas Party/ Awards Diner. There will be a sign up sheet at the next 2 meetings so we can get an idea of how many gifts are being made. We need volunteers to help with the party. If you want to help please call Marcie 219-374-9029.

Last Month's Program Big Thanks to Daniel Lozon and fellow speakers from Delta/Porter Cable. They gave a TOP NOTCH demonstration of their new tools. All I can say is WOW! There were so many tools, the meeting looked like a "shop visit". The new Omnijig is so user friendly. The Porter Cable newly designed low profile sander handled so well, and the Delta lathe to name a few were headliners on the list of items brought. The speakers answered questions and problem solved issues members discussed. Members were displaying Porter Cable hats, Delta key chains and Delta pens and big smiles. David was given a folding chair and a lunch cooler full of stuff. When you see Lalo and Norma, ask them what they received from the Delta/Porter Cable demonstration. You had to be there!

Achievement Program The following members have joined the ranks of achievement levels during the month of August. Congratulations!

Bronze Level

Fred Baginski	Alfred Mills Sr.
Claudia Brazil	Charles A. Norrman Sr
Elizabeth Carlsson	George Pluard
Tom Gorgan	Dick Sheldon
Joe McDaniel	Lou Takacs
Robert Miller	

Silver Level none this month

Gold Level

Carl Mills

Calender of Events NIWA

Oct 21, Tuesday, Committee Meeting 6pm TBA
Oct 23 Thursday, Monthly Meeting 7pm
Nov 18 Tuesday, Committee Meeting 6pm TBA
Nov 20 Thursday, Monthly Meeting 7pm Toys For Kids
Dec 15 Tuesday, Committee Meeting 6pm TBA
Dec 18 Thursday Christmas/ Achievement Diner 6pm
Jan 20 2009 Tuesday Committee Meeting TBA
January 22 Thursday, Monthly Meeting 7pm Tool Auction (clean your shop early!)