



Wood Chips

Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association

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Hope everyone had a great Independence Day

Toys For Kids Marcie White, Dick Sheldon, Lalo Gonzalez, and Merle Distal came to my Toys Workshop on July 17. We not only built and painted 28 toys for the program, but we had fun doing it. I wish to thank them very much for this effort. I encourage each of you to start building toys. There are only four months left, but whose counting? I will bring all the club toy plans to the July meeting. Bob Roach

Car Pooling

With the price of gas so high, I wonder if there is any interest in car pooling to our meetings? I could maintain a list of members wanting to car pool. The list could be published in the newsletter or just handed out at a meeting. Please think about this. Would you like to know who in your area wants to share a ride to meetings? I will ask this question at the July meeting. Bob Roach

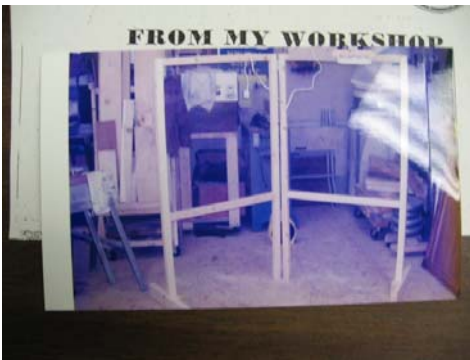
Sunday, Aug 24 Annual Picnic Noon until ? Lemon Lake Park, Shelter 5 Our picnic this year is before the Aug.Membership Meeting. With this in mind we need your reservation asap.. Family and friends are welcome. Start thinking of a small gift wrapped in newspaper to be given away at BINGO. The Club supplies the meat and beverage. Bring a dish to pass.In the past there were many "no shows" As of 2008 we now require a registration fee of \$5.00 per person coming to the picnic (member, guests \$5.00 each) If the member and the guest attend the fee is returned in full at the event by the treasurer. If the person doesn't attend, the club keeps the money. The form is attached if you plan to attend fill it out bring the money to the meeting or mail it to Claudia out Treasurer. We need to have reservations before Aug.20. Questions? Just call.

Picnic Registration Form 2008

I _____ will be attending the 2008 NIWA Picnic at Lemon Lake on Aug. 24,2008. 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 picnic in cash by the treasurer. The Registration fee paid\$ _____

I _____ have received a total of \$ _____ refunded on Aug.24,2008

Show and Tell



Monthly meeting Membership Meeting is Thursday July 24, 2008 at 7:00pm at Hidden Lake Park, Merrillville In. If you do not know where Hidden Lake is, there is a map on the website. Travel north on Broadway at 6355 Broadway turn east. Tell the Gate person that you are with the woodworkers, you do not have to pay to enter. The meeting is at the building on the north east side of the lake. There is good parking. Come early and chat with other woodworkers There are 5 Thursdays in this month. Keep in mind that our meeting is the fourth Thursday. There is construction so add extra travel time.

July Speaker Al Huls from Woodcraft will demonstrate the Grex air pinner & brad nailer.

Fair Aug 1,2,3,4 Yes, NIWA is having a booth at the Lake County Fair. Volunteers have been preparing. You can get involved, contact Marcie White 219-374-9029 or John Hunter 219-962-4741. We are at the booth from 10am until 9pm. There are still time slots open. We want to make sure local woodworkers know we are here, we are a Great Club and they can join. There are demonstrations, people meeting people and lots of fun. This is an Achievement event if you are working toward a particular level.

Video Anyone?!

Carl Mills our Club Videographer works countless hours filming, directing and editing the DVDs being shown at the Fair. These DVDs are educational and will be part of NIWA Library. So many of our members have mastered skills and this is a way for members to put their skill on DVD for Education and Historical Information about what we do. I had the opportunity to sit in on a filming session. Carl's keen eye and experience guided the members. He conducts the session and the information is put down on DVD in such a way that the viewer of the DVD gains knowledge.

Shop Tip I picked up on a great shop tip from Joe McDaniel and I would like to share it with you. Many members have moisture meters and check their turned green wood item with this. Woodcraft has a product that is called Green End Sealer. It comes in a gallon jug. After turning the green wood apply this sealer, weigh it often. When the weight stabilizes the project is ready to finish. This cuts down on splitting and warp. If you have any questions, I am sure Joe can help you out. He has worked with this product and is confident in it.

By Marcie White

June Meeting/Field Trip The Tri Town Safety Village visit was a great success 36 members attended. Russ Tomjanovich gave tours and spoke about this fine Civic Program. The grill was going, everyone had a good time.

Audit Committee The annual internal audit for 2007 is complete. The Executive Board will be going over the details at the next Executive Board Meeting.

Grill and Volunteers We need a grill for the picnic and if you want to help out we are glad to let you! Thanks!

Special Interest Group This Fall we are starting another new program. Members will be gathering before the Monthly Membership Meeting (time to be announced) in order to learn a new woodworking skill. Leon Kozlowski will be our first presenter. This will be carving. Details to come.

14 Members have joined the ranks of Bronze Achievement Award. There is one Silver Achievement Level Member to be announced at the July meeting. Is it you?

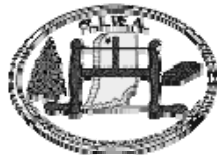
Field Trip. See Leon Kozlowski if you are interested in a Field trip to a Rail Cats Game. He will have the details at the July Membership Meeting.

Toy Truck. Carl Mills has donated a truck he built to help raise money for supplies used by the Toys for Kids Program. Thank you Carl. See Bob Roach for details.

Upstairs Display at the Fair We set up the display on July 21. If you have something and missed out. Bring it and we will use it in our downstairs booth display.

Toys for Kids Keep making toys, Let Bob Roach know how many you have. If you are stumped ask for help. We work better with a friend. We are all friends!

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Show & Tell	Denny McCool & Max Herrick
Drawing	Mike Novosel & Ken Copeland
Shirts & Hats	Fred Baginski
Mini-Seminars	John Sturk & Bob Miller
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From the President's Desk:

Greetings fellow woodworkers. Wow, there is so much going on in the Club. The Fair, Achievement, Shop Visits, Field Trips and the Picnic. Come to the meeting and get all the details! Don't forget your badge!

Being in the shop, working with wood. It doesn't get better than this unless there is air conditioning in your shop! Stay safe. Drink plenty of water and take breaks.

David T. White