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From the President

Delbert Johnson



Fast track....

Valley Woodworkers is on the fast track. We're going to run the train wide open. We started our 2017 journey with a "New Plan." We're embracing the power of social media and the Internet. We launched our new logo and web site the first of Jan. To date our website has had 47,306 hits. A big Thank You to Ray Witmer, our newly appointed web master. I share posts on our Facebook page, and I'm getting 40 to 50 likes.

We're seeing several new visitors to our Facebook page. Thank You to George Six for making our Facebook page happen! I would like to encourage EVERY member to join us on Facebook. George Six just sent our story and information to several local newspapers. What a fantastic job overseeing our membership efforts!

January and February were two record-setting months for attendance. Over 60 attendees both months. We've had many new visitors. When asked "how did you find us" several answered....the Internet, google, your webpage, Facebook. It's working folks!

As President, I need your help. Please take time to fill out a suggestion form. I want to help members get their "money's worth." I need to hear your thoughts.

Beginning NOW, we're launching a "NEW MEMBERSHIP DRIVE." It's going to take each per-

son's effort to help us reach our goals. Our goal is to have 100 members by June 1, 2017. We're well on our way. I'm asking each member to get involved. I'm asking each member to recruit at least one NEW member, a friend, relative, coworker, neighbor etc. Talk to people about our club. Let them know what your hobby is. Invite them to attend a meeting. Working together we can do anything. See you folks on March 9th for our next ride on the fast track.
Delbert

February Meeting

We had 11 guests at the February Meeting. Welcome to Eric Leftwich, Sabrina and Noel Gonzalez, Brandon and Shelley Porter, Nathan Hill, Mike and Devin Null, Carin Clark, Jason Brown, and Randy Eckert. Eric Leftwich and Randy Eckert joined the club. Welcome aboard.

Bob Edwards donated a refrigerator to the club about twice the size as the one we had before. Thanks Bob!

Dan Pleska is developing a training class (Woodworking 101) for beginning woodworkers. Details aren't complete yet, so stay tuned.

Andy Sheetz reported that the club received \$2,500 from Toyota Manufacturing for the tool boxes we made for them last year. Andy is also working on a grant to purchase an automatic defibrillator to keep in the clubhouse.

Annual Picnic

Bruce Martin has set the picnic for this year on September 23, at Little Creek Park. We have the Pavilion shelter rented at the far end of the Soap Box Derby track. Plan to arrive around 11:00 AM and we'll eat around noon. The club will provide BBQ and hot dogs and drinks. Please bring a dessert or side to share.

Refreshments

Thanks to Lou Eubank for providing the refreshments for the February meeting. Delbert Johnson will bring the refreshments for the March meeting and Oscar Ratliff will provide them in April.

Dues

The yearly dues came due as of January 1. If you haven't paid yet, please do so at the March meeting. Dues levels can be found on the club website.

Raffle Items

Gerry Stover donated two sets of turning chisels and a grinding wheel. The turning chisels were won by Rick Ryan and Bob Edwards and the grinding wheel was won by Ed Holley. The club donated a quick change chuck won by Byron Young and a laptop computer won by Ken Wines. Ken Wines donated a turned pen that was won by Ron Jones.

By-laws

Last year a committee consisting of

Allan McNeel, Andy Sheetz, Delbert Johnson, Dan Pleska and George Six was assembled to review and make suggestions for changes in the by-laws. These changes were presented to the board which approved them at their last meeting. The changes were passed out to the members present for their review. A discussion and a vote to approve the changes will take place at the March meeting.

Annual Budget

Peter Howell reported that we currently had \$8,555 in our checking account. We also have \$16,000 in our building fund. He also presented the budget for 2017 which was based largely on the 2016 budget. Two of the places that saw an increase were money for an automatic defibrillator and money to buy more equipment. Money has also been added for presenting a \$50 gift card at every meeting to one of the show and tell presenters. A motion was made and seconded to accept the budget as presented. A voice vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Cut Lists

Lou Eubank gave a talk on cut lists. Specifically he keyed in on the terms length and width. Length is determined by the way the grain runs. Conversely the measurement of width is taken across the grain. The terms relative and key dimensions were also discussed. The key dimension would be the final dimension of a cabinet carcass and the relative dimension would be the size of the face frame. Since the face frame is made to fit the carcass, its dimensions may not be the same as on the cut list.

SHOW AND TELL

My apologies: I had trouble with my camera battery and lighting.

Andy Sheetz brought a project he made in 9th grade woodshop in 1978. It was a requirement for a grade. The project was his first attempt at lathe turning. The walnut lamp was the last thing he turned on the lathe until a couple of years ago when he made a bottle stopper.



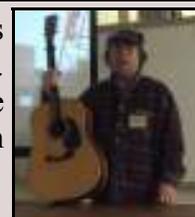
Peter Howell showed one of two mahogany nightstands he made 47 years ago. It incorporated mortise and tenon joinery on the face frame. The doors are raised panel with a decorative panel made using a router and a core box bit. A straight edge was used to form the diagonal pattern. The top has splined mitered corners. The finish is Nitro Cellulose Lacquer and a fruitwood stain.



Bruce Davis who has been in steel fabrication his whole career, has recently taken up woodworking. Several weeks ago he was at the Robert C. Bird Institute in Huntington and visited their Maker's Space. While he was printing something on their 3D Printer, he found himself at a CNC Router. *Woodworking!* He got on his computer and created a file for the CNC router to make a sign.



David MacCallum showed a Martin Guitar Kit that he made 17 years ago. The kit cost him \$325, but a new Martin today would cost about \$2,800. He emphasized that a kit guitar would make a nice project. He had very little experience with guitars and used websites, borrowed tools, made jigs and in six months he had a guitar.



Allan McNeel showed a cherry table he made several years ago as a wedding present for a nephew. The table top was made without using any sandpaper. He used hand planes. He used Transtint Dyes and a sealer and finished it off with M. L. Campbell Krystal. His current project is a set of Windsor Chairs. The turned legs have a tapered tenon and are wedged into the seat.



Ray Witmer showed a church sign that he made years ago. He suggested that someone could make a similar sign (perhaps with a CNC) of the club logo. The sign is cherry, maple, and walnut.



Rick Chandler brought a small cedar box with hand cut dovetails. He made the box as one of our club projects several years ago. It was finished with Tung Oil rubbed on by hand.



Bruce Martin reported on our visit to RMS. On Feb. 2, RMS Pro Finishes held a spray painting workshop for six of our members at their facility in Charleston. They covered finishes, sealers, stains, dyes and top coats. Everyone was provided with two small cabinet style doors to practice spraying the coatings above. Everyone learned a lot and enjoyed themselves. RMS even provided lunch. RMS provides spraying equipment and M. L. Campbell finishing products to commercial companies and hobbyists. Bruce showed his doors for show and tell.



Tim Fitzwater showed us some of the specialty tools he used to make guitars. To do inlay work he uses a Dremel Tool with an after market router base. He also uses razor files, a jeweler's saw, a flush cut end cutter, a Wagner Safety Planer for the drill press for shaping bridges, and small gauge saws. He also has a six piece set of down cut router bits for inlay work from 1/32" to 1/8."



George Six showed a small cabinet he made for his wife's counted cross stitch supplies. The plan came from *Woodsmith Magazine*. It is made of cherry. It has two drawers that open to make five drawers available for storage. The drawers have multiple sections. It's finished with Watco Natural Danish Oil. The inside has an additional coating of wipe on polyurethane.



Byron Young brought a turned piece that will be placed in a galley show at Tamarack. It's an art piece titled Full Spectrum. The lidded box is made of cherry, walnut and brass rods. Holes for the rods were made with the indexing wheel and a special drill attachment for the lathe.



Kyle Puterbaugh brought an assortment of pens. He took a pen turning class at Woodcraft two months ago and has made some very nice pens. All of his pens have been given away so far.



Marshall Burgess showed a cane he made. The head is carved from maple and the stick part is a table leg he got at Lowe's. He carved down the table leg to make it look like one piece. It has a rubbed on finish.



Ken Wines brought a custom order he made on a CNC router. It was 25 wooden tulips. He told about the puzzle piece blanks he makes. He takes 3 blanks, cuts them into puzzle pieces, glues them back together and sells them for \$150. He says he thinks he has found his niche.



Delbert Johnson brought a customized board that he mounted his Kreg Jig to. The fence is to keep the work pieces lined up with the jig. On the bottom he glued two strips of material the Festool uses on the bottom of their track saws to keep it from moving on the workbench. He had the Cobb brothers customize the board with their CNC. It had a Watco Danish Oil finish.



Ron Jones showed a small parts holder made from a muffin tin and a scrap piece of 2 x 4. It can be mounted under a cabinet or shelf. He also showed the handle he was turning for a pizza cutter. It will have to be repaired as the end split when he was trying to screw in the inset.



DEMONSTRATION

Rick Turner provided the demonstration for the February meeting. He got interested in woodworking in his junior high school shop class. He worked for a while for a contractor and now he works for himself. He prefers to make cabinets, furniture, and built-ins, but will lay ceramic tile if that's what it takes to pay the bills. His latest project was a kitchen island. He started with two live edge cherry boards that cost a little over \$1,000. He cut the live edge off of each boards and glued them together with loose tenons. He also brought a cabinet that he put together with Kreg pocket holes.



The following companies offer discounts to club members.

Klingspor Woodworking Shop - 10% - They receive our member list.

Hartville Tool - 15% - They receive our member list.

Ed's Sharpening Service - 304.807.1015 - 15% on sharpening services

Precision Bits - 7% discount with coupon code

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Agenda

Welcome New Member and Guests
Announcements
Raffle Items
Sale Items
Refreshments - Delbert Johnson, March 9
Oscar Ratliff, April 13
Officers Reports
Old Business
New Business - Members Vote on changes to By-laws
Show and Tell
Break
Demonstration

The following companies have provided materials for the Salvation Toy Project. Please give them special consideration for your projects.

West Virginia Forestry Association, Blue Ridge Machinery and Tool, J.C. Hamer Lumber Co., Home Depot of Teays Valley, West Virginia Hobby and Crafts, Teays Valley Hardware, West Virginia Marine, Toyota Manufacturing of West Virginia, Inc., Wurth Baer Supply, Woodcraft Supply, DeNoon Lumber Co. of Ohio

Valley Woodworkers of West Virginia, Inc. is a 501 (3) C non-profit organization formed in 1991 for individuals interested in Woodworking and serving the community through woodworking. Membership is open to everyone interested in woodworking as a hobby or profession, regardless of skill level.

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