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Wabash Valley Woodworkers Club, Inc.

WVWW Website: www.wvww.net

Club meetings are held the third Saturday of the month, September through May. Visitors are welcome. Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at the Carpenters Local 215, 3459 McCarty Lane, Lafayette, IN 47905.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

November 15	Membership Meeting 9:00 - Noon	Carpenters Union Local 215 - Karen Howell
December 9	Steering Committee Meeting 6:00 - 8:00	Contact a Committee member
December 13	Membership Meeting 9:00 - Noon	Carpenters Union Local 215 - Youth build project
January 6	Steering Committee Meeting 6:00 - 8:00	Contact a Committee member
January 17	Membership Meeting 9:00 - Noon	Carpenters Union Local 215 - TBD
February 10	Steering Committee Meeting 6:00 - 8:00	Contact a Committee member
February 21	Membership Meeting 9:00 - Noon	Carpenters Union Local 215

November Membership Meeting

November 15, 9:00 - Noon

Carpenters Local 215, 3459 McCarty Lane, Lafayette

The November membership meeting will feature a presentation by Karen Howell. She will demonstrate on how to photograph and present your woodworking projects. Topics will also include marketing strategies and pricing tips.

The meeting will also include a Show and Tell session so bring something to showcase. There will also be a club fundraising auction so bring items you want to donate for the auction.

As usual, Peggy's Cafe will have the ever appreciated coffee service and snacks.



Welcome Aboard

We have several new members including Jess Vandergraff, Christe Carr, Benji Milanowski, and Sean Connely. Please make these new members feel welcome and introduce yourself to them or any visitors we have.

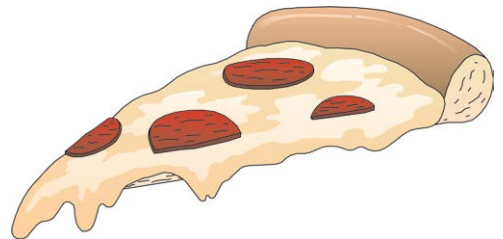
Editor's note: If you are a new member and I have not mentioned you please let me know - Ed Schools, editor.

Yearly Dues

If you haven't yet paid your annual dues - now is the time. Dues can be collected at the meeting but we recommend paying dues via the link on the WVWW web site (www.wvww.net). It's easy to do and will help prevent backups at the membership table. Dues will again be \$40 for the year.

Pizza Lunch After Membership Meeting

In past years, members would enjoy a lunch together after the membership meeting. To bring that ritual back, Daryl Killian has stepped up to try an experiment at this month's meeting. Following the meeting, everyone is invited to stay for awhile and enjoy a big slice of your favorite pizza. Both pizza and water will be provided. The intent is to provide an opportunity for everyone to get to know other members, build friendships, and share your knowledge with friends. If successful, Daryl plans to make this concept a permanent feature to be held after all meetings. The menu and location will be determined and shared later. Daryl will appreciate your feedback as he develops the concept. Please plan to stay and bring your appetite. Many thanks to Daryl for getting this started again.



October Membership Meeting

Our October membership meeting was the first membership meeting held at our new home in the Carpenters Local 215 hall. The meeting showcased the tools donated to a future shop by Dan Schendel, a presentation by Jerry Marshall about the 4-H young men he mentored, a presentation about Bench Buddies by Bruce Borer, a great Show and Tell session, and an auction. The meeting also included a presentation by Mark Brown about Local 215 and their future plans for the hall.



Club Bling

As previously announced, Al Crispo has club branded ball caps that will be available for your purchase at the meeting. This is an experiment, so there are a limited number that will be sold on a first come first served basis - come early. We will of course order more to meet the demand of all those interested. The price is \$30 of which \$7 will be directed to the club treasury.



December Youth Build Meeting

The Youth Build meeting is coming on December 13 at Carpenters Local 215. This is going to be quite a fun experience for the youth, parents, and club members. The project this year will be a picnic bench salt and pepper shaker holder. Please come and prepare to be impressed. Our new venue provides a fantastic atmosphere for this awesome event. We need lots of talented helpers just like you. Please plan to join us for one of our major community outreach activities.



Bench Buddies

At the October membership meeting Bruce Borer presented the idea of Bench Buddies. This is an effort to help members connect with other members that have specific expertise or resources. The program will be initiated by a member needing help filling out the WVWW web site form. Bruce will then use the form information to match up the members. We are close to getting the program implemented so watch the WVWW web site.

President's Message - November 2025

The last 60 days have been crazy town for our woodworking club. Let's take a moment to think about some of the highlights and thank those that made a particularly significant contribution in making them happen. First was our September meeting at Von Tobel Lumber. A big shout out to Nate High as he welcomed our group to his store and put on quite a show with all the vendors, not to mention the coffee and donuts.

Next was the acquisition of the donated Dan Schendel tools. Moving all those tools from Dan's basement to the Union Hall was quite the challenge. Thanks to several club members and three fearless Purdue students, Kim, Amaya, and Atulram, we got it done and, as far as I know, no serious injuries! The lathe alone weighed 800 pounds. Yes, we have stories.

Then we had the inaugural meeting at the Union Hall. What a great time. We had over 40 members and guests. They were immediately treated to Peggy's exceptional Club Cafe with plenty of hot coffee and exceptional treats. Mark Brown, president of Carpenters Local 215, welcomed us as

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their newest tenant (and only tenant) and gave us a wonderful summary of the 215 story including their long history, purpose and plans for the future. Thank you for the welcome Mark and we are sure looking forward to a long and mutually beneficial partnership for our two groups. One of the exciting things coming to the Hall is a woodworking shop which will be populated with the Schendel tools. Construction of the shop will begin next year as soon as several other remodeling projects are completed at the Hall.



A new sound system was also placed in service and it worked perfectly. Many thanks to Andy Howell for his amazing work on this project and to CL 215 for helping with the cost of the project. Thanks also to our VP Nelson Howell as Andy's installation assistant.

Another big shout out to Mike Weber for building and donating a very nice router table complete with a Porter Cable router and a Jessem lift. Thank you, Mike, for that awesome gift.

The club has also been blessed by another significant tool donation. This one from Dick Harben. The nice, donated tools will be on display at the November meeting. Be sure to check them out. Thank you Dick.



The December Kid's Build meeting is coming quickly. Please plan to attend that one on December 13th. It is a lot of fun and we need your help to be sure that all those budding woodworkers have a good experience.

Several other significant happenings are pointed out in this newsletter. Please check them all out, thank those involved and know that other good things are soon to be announced including more tool donations, a Pro Presenter at the February meeting and the final roll-out of the new Bench Buddies program which pairs up members with needs and members with answers.

Please join me in thanking, and welcoming, two special members to the Steering Committee. Rick Miller and Al Crispo have both joined the committee and we are thrilled beyond words to have their deep knowledge of the club and their wisdom as we propel this group forward into this exciting new year.

Fun times ahead fellow woodworkers. Enjoy all the perks of membership in the club and if you personally want to become more involved in any of these initiatives, just let me know.

Be safe out there in the shop.

David

Food Bank

Carpenters Local 215 sponsors a food bank for its members who may be in need. They accept donations of non-perishable food items. This would be a great way to support the Local for accepting us as a tenant at the McCarty Lane location. Just grab a couple of items on your way to the meeting. We very much appreciate your support.

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To apply for membership, please visit our website at WVWW.NET
Dues for new members, \$40.00.

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WABASH VALLEY WOODWORKING STEERING COMMITTEE, 2025 - 2026

The following are the current WVWW Steering Committee members. If you have suggestions or information, please contact one of the Committee members.

David Dunlap	President
Nelson Howell	Vice President
Dave Gretencord	Secretary
Lane Kirby	Treasurer, door prizes, auction
Ed Schools	Newsletter editor, Communications
Rick Miller	At large
Dan Bollock	At large
Will Ellis	At large, Membership
Al Crispo	At large

Please note: Steering Committee member contact information can be found in the members only section of the WVWW website (www.wvww.net).

The Steering Committee normally meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm. Members are welcome. Contact a Steering Committee member for the meeting location.

Other Organizational Roles

Peggy Dunlap	Coffee Cart
Nelson Howell	December Youth Project
Juliana Alaniz	Webmaster
AV Specialist	Randy Milliken
Bruce Borrer	Bench Buddies
Rick Miller	Feast Coordinator