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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

January 17	Membership Meeting 9:00 - Noon	Carpenters Union Local 215 - Wood boring
February 10	Steering Committee Meeting 6:00 - 8:00	Contact a Committee member
February 21	Pro Presenter Meeting 9:00 - Noon	Carpenters Union Local 215 - Marc Adams
March 10	Steering Committee Meeting 6:00 - 8:00	Contact a Committee member
March 21	Membership Meeting 9:00 - Noon	Carpenters Union Local 215 - Build contest

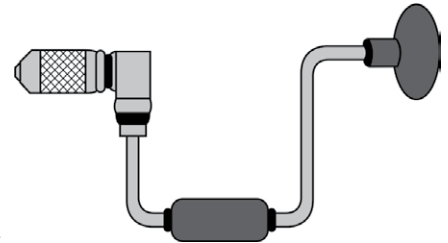
January Membership Meeting

January 17, 9:00 - Noon

Carpenters Local 215, 3459 McCarty Lane, Lafayette

A boring meeting - 250 years of making holes in wood

The January program will look at about 250 years of technology for making holes in wood, including the cutters down at the business end, the implements to drive them, what's available today, and a little on how to sharpen and restore vintage boring tools.



There will be a minimum of formal presentation, with the tools set up on tables with descriptive info cards so you can do a self-guided tour of the centuries. If things work out, there will be some hands-on stations where you can try out tools and processes with the vintage tools.

Roger Davis will be available to clarify and explain if you have questions, and several reference books will be available for you to peruse if you would care to explore these tools further.

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.



Post-meeting Pizza

Hey - everybody loves pizza. At the November meeting, Daryl Killian brought back the tradition of a post-meeting lunch get together. The club supplied the pizza and the effort was well received. Numerous members stayed for the pizza and conversation. Because the lunch was successful, we will be doing it again. A variety of pizzas and bottled water will be brought in for after the regular meeting. We are going to ask participants for a \$5 donation to defray the cost. Stick around and enjoy the camaraderie.

Welcome Aboard

We have several new members including James Rickmon, Brian Tishmack, and Josh & Leslie Evans, Pat Beason, Julia Becker, Sean Connely, Allen Hackney, and David Stockton. 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.

The First Annual WVVW Winter Build Out Challenge

BUILD A SIDE TABLE

- Approximately: 23” high, 22” wide , 27 “ deep, or as dictated by the design needs. Smaller is OK.
- At least one 5 ½ inch drawer.
- No new purchased wood, hardware or finish except top coat. However, talk to David Dunlap about the cherry and oak in the Quonset hut storage area.
- \$5 fee per entry to fund builders gift cards. All entry fees go to gift cards.
- You need to be a paid-up member of WVVW to compete.
- Multiple entries welcome.

Bring your finished table for display and judging to the March meeting. Judging will be done by three independent judges (suggestions appreciated). Judging will be based on; Originality, Functionality (form follows function), and Craftsmanship

The top builder will receive: A gift card, bragging rights, a priceless reward of satisfaction, and perhaps a Laurel and Hardy handshake.

If you don't need a side table we will donate it to a very appreciative charity.

Some thoughts:

- Dig out those old gnarly pieces of wood from the back of your wood storage stash. If the design dictates, fill those knots, cracks and gouges
- Scrounge lumber and hardware and finish. Other members can help and check out the Quonset hut storage area
- Visit other shops, ask for help/give help, teach something / learn something
- Post progress photos
- Challenge yourself, i.e, make a concealed space in the table or try a new technique.
- Clean up your shop, sharpen your tools (a dull tool is a dangerous tool), wax all the equipment tabletop, clean your saw blades and router bits
- Team up, Involve family and friends
- Most importantly; enjoy yourself and show us what you've got

YOU CAN DO THIS, OH YAH!

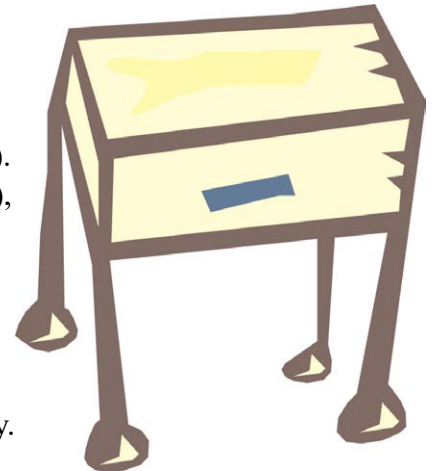
Bench Buddy Request

We have a request for some router help coming to Bench Buddy. The request is to help get started in making a sign. The plan is to purchase letter templates from Rockler, (probably the 3-3/8 version) and route the message on a sign. This will be an exterior sign so they are planning on using cedar, but are open to other options. Timing: after the holidays but needs to be done by spring. The requester has a router but very little experience with it, so this seems like more of a “get them started, and they can take it from there” job.

If you are interested please reply back to Bruce Borrer.

Thank you in advance

bborrer19@gmail.com



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 WVVW 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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, JANUARY 2026

Here we are stepping into 2026 – ready or not. Lots of fun stuff is headed your way from now until our last meeting of the club year in May. We kick off the year with our own Roger Davis and the most Boring presentation you've ever experienced! Details attached. Daryl Killian will once again be hosting a Pizza Party. It will be just like the one in November but with a nominal charge and more pizza. You guys are a hungry bunch! February brings woodworking pro Marc Adams to Lafayette. Be sure to mark (no pun intended) your calendars because you won't want to miss this one.

Speaking of Marc Adams, Dick Liebergen was the lucky winner of the MASW free weekend class – lucky devil. We will have Dick report back to us on the class he chooses and what he thought of the experience. Congratulations Dick.

What did you think of the Kids Build Day in December? I truly thought it was awesome. A big thank you to Nelson Howell, Jerry Marshall and Larry Hensley for putting on quite the show. There were 57 participants and lots of smiles. Thank you to all the other members who jumped right in helping with the kids and straightening up when it was over. A tip of the hat to Don & Mary Dunlap and John & Marti Dunlap, my brother and cousin and spouses for coming up from Greenwood and Mooresville to join in on the fun. Who knew we had that many cat herders in the club! It really did seem like controlled chaos at times, but you pulled it off – nicely done. And how about Peggy's Café? That was a big hit. The kids and club members were all over that. It was very festive and fun. We even escaped the worst of the weather, but just barely.

March will be the First Annual Winter WVWW Side Table Build Out Challenge. This is a club-wide event where you are encouraged to build a side table per the general specifications attached. The tables will be presented and judged at the March meeting. We are hoping that many of you will participate. If you need any free white oak or cherry let me know, I'll hook you up. Don't let March creep up on you, get out there in the shop and get to table building. This will be as successful as we all decide to make it – please join in.

As you know, we are fortunate to have secured our meeting space with Carpenters Local 215 under the capable leadership of President Mark Brown. One of the many benefits of partnering with this group is that they plan to build a woodworking shop in the SE portion of the main Hall. This shop is expected to be built in 2026 and more likely in the first half of the year. More to follow on exact timing. As you also know, we have been blessed with significant tool donations from Dan Schendel, Dick Harben and Diana Hardy. Once the shop is built, we will quickly get it all set up and decide exactly how to manage its availability to our group. Very exciting times ahead.

Finally, the May meeting is our Annual Meeting when we hold the election for Steering Committee members. This is a 9-member committee with 5 officers and four members at large. They are generally charged with conducting the business of the club and ensuring that the general membership enjoys and benefits from being in the group. If you've ever considered joining the Steering Committee, I encourage you to contact me directly so that we might discuss what your involvement might look like. I can tell you that being on this committee is fulfilling and enjoyable. You really can make a difference. Think about it.

Be safe out there in the shop when you are making those side tables.

Be blessed,

David

Club Bling

Thanks to Al Crispo, WWWW now has club branded ball caps that will be available for your purchase. 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.

Pro Presenter Meeting

Mark your calendars. The February 21 meeting will be our Pro Presenter Meeting. This year we will have Marc Adams, founder of the acclaimed Marc Adams School of Woodworking as our presenter. As of this writing details are being worked out but they will be forthcoming shortly.

Always think safety

Having recently stabbed my hand with a chisel, these words from a recent Steve Ramsey (Woodworking for Mere Mortals) post hit home. While my wound was a relatively minor cut on the hand, all it takes is one little slip for something really ugly to happen:

From Steve Ramsey:

Woodworking comes with certain risks, but you can minimize them by first understanding the dangers and second by implementing established procedures to keep you out of harm's way.

Reminders are always helpful, so here's a few from one of my past safety videos you can put into practice right away:

Take care, every time. I used to think safety was just "common sense," but now I believe it's more appropriate to call it critical thinking about the task at hand.

Read the safety manuals of your tools. They're not just there for lawyers.

Suit up for the Big Three. Eye, hearing, and breathing protection aren't optional. Years of dust or noise exposure can sneak up on you.

Trust your gut. If a cut feels awkward, stop. Do a dry run with the power off until it feels right.

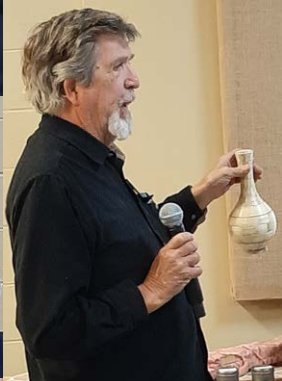
Mind your shop environment. Tape down cords, sweep sawdust, and add light. A clean shop is a safer, happier one.

Stay sharp mentally. Most injuries happen when we're tired or distracted. Take breaks, stretch, and don't rush through repetitive cuts."

Keep the chips flying (safely),
Steve

November Membership Meeting

At the November membership meeting Karen Howell gave a presentation on photographing and presenting your woodworking projects, as well as marketing strategies and pricing tips.



December youth build meeting

WVW had a very successful youth build meeting this year. Fifty-seven youth built what may have been the most challenging project done to date. Member's time contribution in the weeks prior to the event, and during the event, played no small part in the event success. A big thank you to all that helped.



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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Dues for new members, \$40.00.

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WABASH VALLEY WOOD WORKING 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