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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

March 21	Membership Meeting 9:00 - Noon	Carpenters Union Local 215 - Build contest judging
April 7	Steering Committee Meeting 6:00 - 8:00	Contact a Committee member
April 18	Membership Meeting 9:00 - Noon	Grant's House - 1500 Salem St, Lafayette
May 5	Steering Committee Meeting 6:00 - 8:00	Contact a Committee member
May 16	Membership Meeting 9:00 - Noon	Carpenters Union Local 215, Mathew Roundtree tool demo

March Membership Meeting

March 21, 9:00 - Noon

Carpenters Local 215, 3459 McCarty Lane, Lafayette

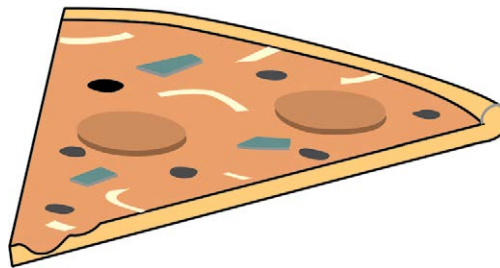
The focus of the March membership meeting will be the presentation of the side table build contest entries. Judging will be done by the membership. Please come and vote for your favorite build. Criteria for the judging are elsewhere in the newsletter.

Note: There will be **NO** show and tell and **NO** auction at the March meeting. Refreshments will be provided thanks to Peggy's Cafe.



Pizza

We will once again be having a pizza lunch after the March meeting because, who doesn't like pizza. We ask that participating members kick in \$5.00 to defray the cost of the pizza.



April Membership Meeting

April 18, 9:00 - Noon

Grant's House - 1500 Salem St, Lafayette

Note that the April membership meeting **will not** be held at Carpenters Local 215. We will be visiting Grant's House a local entity that provides serves youth and young adults. See David's President's message for more details.

Welcome Aboard

We have several new members including Arnetta Smith, Neil Stalker, Joe Norris, Dave Redlin and Alayne Sundstrom. 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.

May Membership Meeting

May 16, 9:00 - Noon

Carpenters Local 215, 3459 McCarty Lane, Lafayette
At the May membership meeting Mathew Roundtree of Naptown will demonstrate Easy Wood Tools turning tools.

The May meeting will also be our Steering Committee election. Details and nominees will be presented in the May newsletter.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, MARCH 2026

Our club year is quickly drawing to a close with only three meetings left before the summer break. Those three meetings promise to be fun and informative. Be sure to check out the meeting descriptions in this Newsletter but look forward to the first ever WWWW Winter Buildout Challenge which is our March meeting. This event is the great idea of fellow member Derek Sharvelle. We have numerous entries and we will no doubt all learn a lot from the builders as well as have some fun exchanges as the builders describe their projects and experiences.

April takes us on a nearby field trip to Grant's House located at 1500 Salem Street in Lafayette. We will be hosted by the House family as we tour this much needed community treasure that offers special services to our children and young adults. This site provides many services including one area that features a unique design using extensive, welcoming wood creations. This area will be the focus of our facility tour. This is a very interesting opportunity for us to visit this facility and meet the woodworkers who created the wood-featured space. There is plenty of good parking, easy access and elevators to our second-story meeting space. Coffee and donuts will be served.

Our last meeting in May will be our Annual Meeting where we will elect the Steering Committee, which you all wish to represent your wishes for next year. We will post a suggested Nominating Committee slate of members next month, but additional nominations will be welcome at the May meeting which will be held at our home base at the Carpenters Local 215 building on McCarty Street. The program for May will be Matthew Roundtree who will be demonstrating Easy Wood turning tools that feature replaceable carbide cutting tips. He will be using the various tools during the program and, I believe, there will be tools available for purchase so bring your check books.

In the other stuff category, please save the date of August 16, 2026 for our Annual Summer Picnic to be held at the Union Hall on McCarty at 4:00. The Union Hall expects to begin construction on their renovation project right away. You can expect that work to be underway when we gather for our March meeting. We are back on track for Feast of the Hunter's Moon! We have a committee of three who have stepped up to oversee this year's event. They are Nelson Howell, Diana Hardy and Arnetta Smith. Rick Miller will be "Of Counsel" in a support role for the committee. You will be hearing more from this group soon. P.S. – you are going to be amazed with the brand-new Great Wheel that Lane Kirby is building – it is truly a work of art!!!

Diana Hardy has donated a Shop Smith machine to the club, and it has been transported to the Union Hall. Thank you, Diana, for this generous donation. It will likely be put into service soon for upcoming demonstrations.

Be safe out there in your shops everyone. See you on March 21 at the Union Hall.

David

Side table contest judging

The side table build contest will be judged anonymously by the membership. At check-in, each member will be given a ticket to vote for the entry of their choice. Each entrant will do a short presentation about their entry, after which members will have time to place their tickets in a container for the entrant of their choice.

Members should judge the pieces based on:

- Originality and creativity of design
- Uniqueness of joinery
- Uniqueness of wood selection
- Uniqueness of finish
- Would you want to own it

If you are presenting a piece consider the following questions for your presentation:

- Tell us what you want us to know about your table
- What have you learned by building your table
- What was the hardest task you performed while building your table
- What joinery have you used
- What finish did you use
- Did you learn anything at the Marc Adams presentation that you used in building your table
- Did you have a BENCH BUDDY help you or collaborate with you (share the name if you want to)
- Does your spouse or significant other want to keep your table
- Will your children and or siblings want your table
- Did you have FUN
- What should we have as a item to build next year

Club Bling

Thanks to Al Crispo, WVWW now has club branded ball caps that will be available for your purchase. The price is \$23. At the March meeting we will be taking orders for club branded wood-turning aprons.



Did you know.....

Did you know that Tabitha Babbitt, a Shaker woman, is credited with inventing the circular saw in 1813. Tabitha noticed that men using saws were wasting half their motion with standard saws going back and forth. She thought up the idea of a circular blade attached to a spindle, similar to a spinning wheel. Being a Shaker she never applied for a patent.

Originally the blade was designed for use in water powered saw mills. In 1878 the W.R. and John Barnes Company created a treadle powered table saw for shop use.

Tool open house

Saturday, April 11 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Von Tobel Lumber

319 N Earl Ave, Lafayette, IN 47904

Von Tobel lumber is hosting a tool open house on April 11. Brand reps from Freud, Festool, SitePro and Rubio Monocoat will be on site doing demos.

Always think safety

In your shop protective eyewear should be considered a must, especially when working with power tools. Common practices such as sawing, sanding, grinding (sharpening tools), turning, or routing produce flying objects in the form of chips and sawdust. When applying finishes, splashes can be a hazard to eyes. Bits and blades can shatter and become flying objects. Sanding, even by hand, may produce eye irritating particles suspended in the air. Activities like lathe work and poor safety practices can produce large objects flying through your shop.

The following links are to YouTube videos showing bowls exploding on a lathe.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BVbWZGfLt0o>

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/3lw-ym9Ealw>

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/fr6yo7PieI4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h1vr-XUeunI>

And a few saw kickback videos to show that a little lapse in safety can produce flying debris.

https://www.youtube.com/shorts/DUz2H81_5zY

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yuWNEAIC2-0>

https://www.youtube.com/shorts/Jwr5OgPn_so

I've had two personal experiences with problems related to lack of eyewear. I'm serious about wearing eyewear whenever appropriate. A couple years ago I had cataract surgery coupled with laser corrective surgery. They operated on one eye, then a week later they did the next eye. In between I had one eye that could now see normal and one eye not corrected, I removed the lens for my corrected eye from my glasses. Sharpening a tool on the grinder I was wearing a pair of goggles. I took them off to check my progress using my normal glasses (with one lens removed). Returning to grinding I checked to make sure I had glasses on, which I did. Unfortunately forgetting they were missing a lens. Sure enough, I got a tiny metal fragment in my unprotected eye. It required a doctor to remove the fragment.

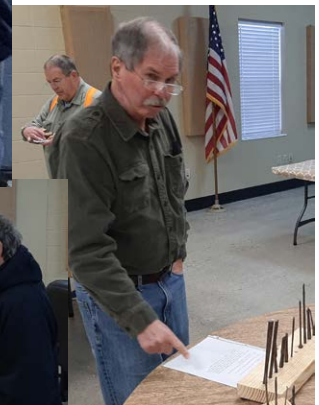
My other experience involved my wife. She came into the shop to assist with just one cut. I forgot to give her goggles. Naturally she got a chip in her eye that necessitated a trip to Prompt Care. The moral here is to have eyewear available for anyone that comes into the shop while you are working.

What do you want for protective eyewear? Eye protection rated to ANSI standard Z87.1 or Z87+ is a requirement. ANSI standard Z87 means the lenses are rated to provide protection for high impact from flying debris. Z87.1 should be visible on the lenses or temples of the glasses. A wrap around design or temple guards offer additional protection from dust and debris. A comfortable fit and adjustable nose pads make it more likely you will wear the glasses. Fog resistant lenses help in high humidity environments. With some activities, like working on a lathe, face shields should always be worn in addition to eye protection.



January 2026 Membership Meeting

Forty-four members attended the January membership meeting. Roger Davis brought in a collection of boring tools that spanned the ages. Roger talked about the tools a bit and answered any questions about the tools. There was also an opportunity to try out numerous tools. In addition to Roger's tools, Benji Milanowski brought in and demonstrated an antique beam boring machine.



February 2026 membership meeting

Our February presenter was Marc Adams, founder of the well known Marc Adams School of Woodworking & Time Honored Crafts. Marc's excellent presentation was focused on joinery. The program was well attended with 52 members and 23 guests attending. Thanks go out to all that helped get the needed workbench into the Carpenters Local hall and back again to its normal home.



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 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