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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

May 16	Membership Meeting 9:00 - Noon	Carpenters Union Local 215, Mathew Roundtree tool demo
June 9	Steering Committee Meeting 6:00 - 8:00	Contact a Committee member
July 7	Steering Committee Meeting 6:00 - 8:00	Contact a Committee member
August 16	Annual Picnic	Carpenters Union Local 215

May Membership Meeting

May 16, 9:00 - Noon

Carpenters Local 215, 3459 McCarty Lane, Lafayette
The May membership meeting will be a busy one.

Our featured speaker will be Mathew Roundtree of Naptown Woodshop. Matthew will demonstrate Easy Wood Tools turning tools and will provide discount coupons to anyone interested in buying Easy Wood Turning tools.

The May meeting will also be our Steering Committee and club officers election. See David's Presidents article for a list of the candidates.

Rick Miller will lead a discussion to see what meeting topics are of interest to club members for the following year.

And yet another great reason to attend; refreshments will yet again be provided by Peggy's Cafe.

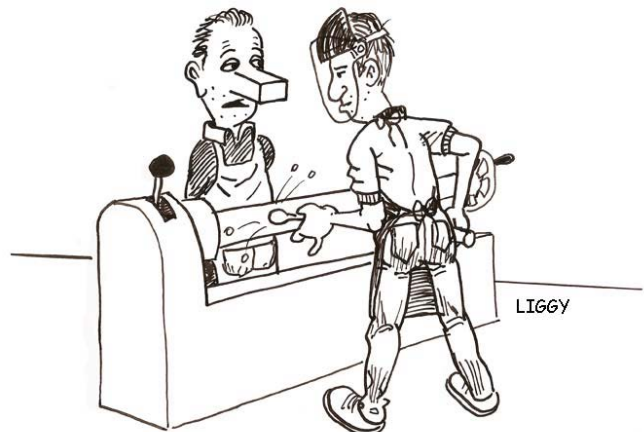
We will once again be having a pizza lunch after the May meeting because, hey, who doesn't like pizza. The club will provide the pizza but donations to cover the cost are always welcome.

Can you help? - Wire needed

We have a need for 10-2 and 10-3 electrical wire for the shop at the Carpenters' Hall. If you have any of either one that you can donate, please contact us.

Did you know.....

The word kerf dates back to the Old English word cyrf and the Middle English word kirf (or kerf or kyrf), meaning to carve or to cut. The first modern reference to describe a cut comes from 1523.



"Hey Joe, are you done with that round nosed scraper?"
woodlaughs.com

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, MAY 2026

We are just about to put another year in the rearview mirror. That was a really fast nine months. However, we have one more meeting left and it is a big one. While we have an amazing program planned, the most important part will be the election of our Steering Committee for next year. Here is the ballot with the recommendations from your current committee for next year:

2026 – 2027 STEERING COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

The May Meeting is the Club's Annual Meeting which includes the election of next year's Steering Committee representatives. Below you will find the Steering Committee recommendations for next year's committee. You will be voting for your selections at the meeting. There will be an opportunity to have nominations from the floor as well.

_____ I VOTE YES FOR THE ENTIRE SLATE BELOW

YES NO

President David Dunlap _____
Vice President Nelson Howell _____
Secretary Pat Beason _____
Treasurer Will Ellis _____
Communicator Ed Schools _____
At Large Dan Bollock _____
At Large Al Crispo _____
At Large Lane Kirby _____
At Large Rick Miller _____

WRITE-IN NOMINATIONS:

NAME

OFFICE _____

This is the actual ballot that will be handed out at the meeting so check it out.

We are excited to get back to the Union Hall following an extensive remodeling project. The work is not totally done yet, but it is well on its way. There will likely be several upcoming opportunities to help with as we begin work towards building out the 34'x12' shop. Stay tuned.

By the time we have our Summer Picnic in August, maybe the entire remodel and shop build-out will be complete. Note that the picnic will be at the Hall this year, not at Rick & Pat Miller's. A big change, but we will be doing our best to maintain the high level of quality that you have been treated to at the Miller's.

Let's take a minute to think about next year. Your Steering Committee wants to provide the membership with meeting topics and educational classes that you want to experience. We just need to know what those are so at this meeting we will be asking you these very questions – be ready.

The meeting will be capped off with one last Pizza Party. Hoping to have record attendance at this meeting, see you soon.

Be safe out there in the shop.

An update from our friends at the Von Tobel tool department



Sale

-Powermatic 10% off sale May 13th-28th Includes stock items and special orders, delivery available, often free.

New items-Now in Stock!

- Pony 1225 Band Clamp
- Irwin Countersink Bits, 1/4", 1/2", 5/8", 3/4", and a 3pc set.
- Buffing wheels and Buffing compound
- Titebond Instantbond CA Glue, thin, medium, thick, and activator now in stock (hopefully jet black will be available soon)
- Mayhew Deck Wrecker #41104
- Woodpeckers 3D setup blocks
- Woodpeckers Magquick dust collection connectors
- Woodpeckers Full Throttle blast gates
- Bostik Glidecote and Bladecote lubricants
- Back by popular demand, Freud dovetail bits are back in stock
- Paslode XPRO Framing Nailer- special buy \$349

Limited Edition items still available

- Festool FS1400 limited edition color
- _ Festool RotexRO150 limited edition only \$687.94
- Festool TSC55 cordless tracksaw includes bluetooth hearing protection \$846.94
- Festool professional sanding set- includes ct midi dust extractor and ETS EC 150/5 sander \$1280.88

Closeout item

Freud 6" super dado set \$129.99
(will NOT work with sawstop)

Club Bling



Thanks to Al Crispo, WVWW now has very stylish club branded ball caps that will be available for your purchase. The price is \$23.

Lumber for sale

Very Reasonably Priced

Randy Pierce has high quality walnut, cherry, and ash lumber for sale. This lumber is kiln dried with beautiful natural color, attractive grain patterns, and is well-suited for furniture making, cabinetry, woodworking projects, and fine craft work. The cherry and walnut is surfaced on all four sides. The ash is surfaced on three sides. For availability, pricing, and details, contact: Randy Pierce at (219) 261-3234



Walnut



Cherry

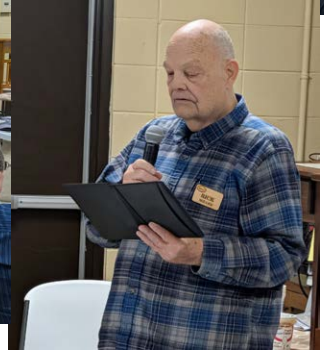


Ash

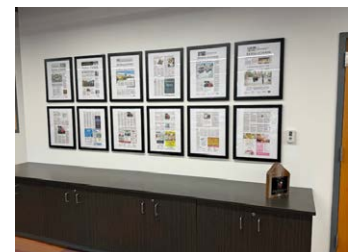
March 2026 Membership Meeting

Our March meeting was the judging of our first build contest. The goal was to build a side table using only wood and hardware you already had or could scrounge from someone else. We had seven entries, all excellent in their own right. The overall winner was Ken Sherwin for his design, craftsmanship and innovative definition of a 5" drawer.

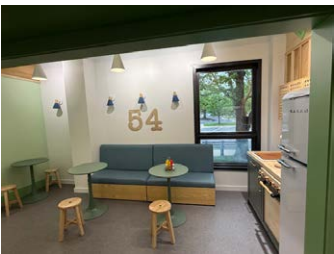
Second place was Derek Sharvelle and third went to Pat Beason.



April 2026 Membership Meeting



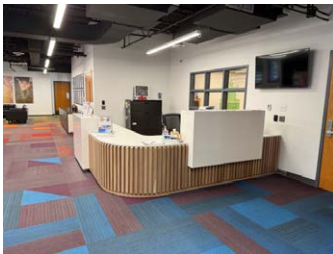
The WVWW April meeting was held at Grant's House on Salem Avenue. Tamara, Jay and Ross House were our hosts and they made us feel quite welcome with wonderful videos and a tour of this special place that provides many opportunities and services for our kids with special needs.



As we learned on our visit, the House family has been working hard to raise \$1.5MM to add a large Autism Center to the complex. When we were there, they had raised approximately \$1.2MM towards the Center with hopes of raising the balance at the annual Grant's House Celebration 2026 being held on May 1. **THEY DID IT!!** They actually raised \$500,000 with a Lilly Foundation match and what a wonderful evening that was in the Fairgrounds hog barn with 1,000 folks really showing up to support the cause.



There may be future opportunities for our group to help with the kids and the cause of Grant's House.



Always think safety

Woodworking can be a hazardous occupation and pastime. Common tasks such as sanding, cutting, and turning can produce fine dust that can cause serious long term issues such as asthma, bronchitis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), cancer in the respiratory system (nasal passages, sinuses, throat). Wood dust is considered a Group 1 carcinogen meaning that a direct link between wood dust and cancer has been established.

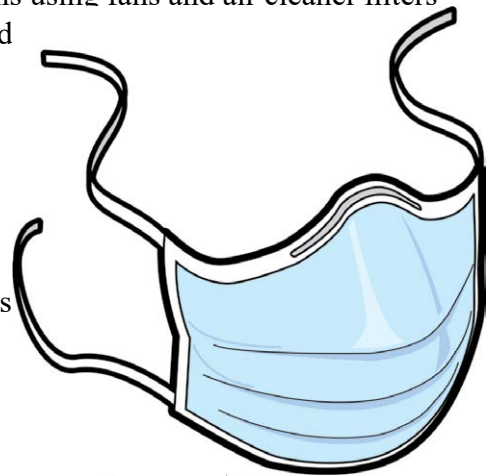


In addition to the irritations caused by wood dust, some woods contain molds and chemicals that can lead to breathing issues like hypersensitive pneumonitis and asthma. MDF and plywood contain adhesives and resins that can lead to respiratory irritations.

There is a time element underlying the risks. The longer one is exposed to hazardous dust and chemicals the greater the risk. A weekend warrior woodworker does not have the same risk level as a mill worker. But still, there is a risk level even for a weekend warrior.

So how to minimize risks from wood dust?

- Whenever possible work in a well ventilated area.
- The first step is utilizing “at the tool” dust collection. A vacuum or air system connected directly to the tool.
- Air filtration. Install air filters in your shop. Videos for low cost versions using fans and air cleaner filters abound on YouTube. I use both a ceiling mounted commercial filter and a fan with air cleaner filters taped to it.
- Good housekeeping. Use moist rags or a vacuum to clean up surface dust. Using compressor air or dry sweeping to clean surfaces will return particles back into the air.
- Masks. A good N95 filtration mask is the minimum. An N100 mask is much better. N95 masks capture 95% of particles greater than 0.3 Microns. N100 masks capture 99.97% of particulates. Low cost options include disposable surgical masks. Numerous non-disposable higher cost masks are readily available.



You only have one set of lungs. Protect them.



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.

How to Find WVWW

Website: www.wvww.net

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61561156483288>

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/_wvww_2024_/

YouTube: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61561156483288>

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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