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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

August 9, '06	Lunch at Dominic's
September 13, '06	Lunch at Dominic's
October 11, '06	Lunch at Dominic's
October 21, '06	Meeting @ MVCTC
November 8, '06	Lunch at Dominic's
November 10-11, '06	Artistry in Wood
November 18-19, '06	Conover Seminar
December 13, '06	Lunch at Dominic's
December 16, '06	Meeting @ MVCTC

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

DAVE MOSER

Well, we're well into summer! I hope everyone is enjoying the warm weather and maybe getting some woodworking projects completed. Personally, between coaching baseball, gardening, yard work, and other outdoor activities I haven't seen the inside of my shop for some time. But come September and cooler weather and I hope to be back at it.

The WOW picnic was last Sunday at Taylorsville Reserve. Attendance was a little sparse, but the food was tasty and a good time was had by all. To be honest this was the first picnic I've had the chance to attend. Now that I've gone to one I'm going to have to make it an annual event for my family. It was enjoyable talking with other club members outside of our normal meeting venue. If you haven't been to the picnic before (like me) I would recommend putting it on your calendar next year. A big thanks to Del Bower and all the others who helped make the picnic a success.

In the last newsletter I talked about some changes facing our club. A big change – and a big club project – is the WOW Scholarship Fund. After many months of hard debate the Scholarship Subcommittee has recommended giving a scholarship to a sophomore or better woodworking student at Rio Grande College. Those of you who went to the open house at Rio Grande last May saw the quality work being done by the students. Our scholarship is designed to promote and reward the quality work and standard of excellence being achieved by these students. Scholarship recipients will be selected by the subcommittee and must have a 3.0 or better grade point to qualify. The student must also be from Ohio (preferably southwestern Ohio) and demonstrate a high level of craftsmanship in woodworking. The scholarship winner will be required to present at one of our meetings which will give us an opportunity to learn from someone enrolled at one of the finest woodworking schools in the country.

I personally think the scholarship is an excellent idea. It supports the primary objective in our constitution to “promote education and to foster craftsmanship in the art and technique of woodworking.” The scholarship is also a way to honor the memory of two of our most prominent members, George Reid and Jack Fisher. George was our only honorary club member and a very distinguished and highly accomplished woodworker. Jack was our club founder who had the vision to create a group to “promote and foster craftsmanship in woodworking”. If anyone has questions, concerns, or comments about the scholarship feel free to call me at 307-2766 (cell) or 335-1814 (home).

Another change (related to the scholarship fund) and discussed at great length by your Steering Committee has been club dues. Those of you who were at our April meeting are aware that the Steering Committee had voted to increase club dues from \$15 to \$25 per year to help cover the cost of the WOW scholarship. At our July meeting the Steering Committee voted and agreed to reset the dues to \$15 and make the donation to the Scholarship fund voluntary. Personally I like this approach better and I hope you agree. I also hope you agree to contribute to the fund as I have. I truly believe it is an excellent means to support a student and promote woodworking while honoring our club and two of its prominent members at the same time.

Thanks in advance, enjoy the summer, and I'll see you in the fall.

JOINT PURCHASES

GORDON GALLOWAY – MAX MARSHALL

At our WOW meeting in October, we will distribute the Trans Tints from Homestead Finishing Products (Jeff Jewitt) that were ordered and delivered to WOW. We have recovered the original order lists. Sorry for the delay but circumstances were out of our control.

Here we are with our fall meeting looming before us. I hope you all will come out to the meeting. Max and I are going to the International Woodworking Fair– in Atlanta – along with others from the club with hopes of finding good purchase deals for club members. Please let us know what tool, wood, and misc. that you are looking to purchase. This will help us focus upon the right stuff for our club members.

At our next meeting we will be taking orders for Sanding Materials: sand paper, sanding belts, etc. Don't forget to bring the measurements for your sanding tool(s) and then stock up because we will probably only offer this deal every other year.

OPEN SHOP HARRIS BARTINE

The visit to Rio Grange College turned out to be a nice outing. The stop at Bob Evens restaurant turned out to be more than I expected: A good meal plus a tour through the Bob Evens Museum. Turns out he was a WWII vet that came home from the war and made good! Sausage that is.

After lunch, we hit the S & J Lumber Company for a tour of their Saw Mill: a rip snortin' operation that cuts 40,000 board feet a day. Of special interest was their sharpening process for their 43 foot band saw blades.

Then at 3pm we headed over to the Rio Grande College for a tour of their Fine Woodworking facility and as luck would have it, this day was also their FWW Open House. We were a little bit early for the open house but Prof. Eric Matson was an excellent host and gave us the nickle tour while he directed his students to set up their beautiful 18th & 19th Century style furniture. There were on the order of 20- 25 pieces including a Bombay Chest (one of the most difficult and challenging pieces of that period to build) and a lot of proud parents and students to talk with. I was dumbfounded that a small Community College in southeastern Ohio could turn out such high quality Woodworkers.

Why am I talking about all of this?
Because next year I plan to set up the same school tour again. We had about 40 to 45 attendees and I don't know of anyone that was dissatisfied. There are a couple of things that were a small rub. The drive is about 125 miles but car pools pretty much undo that problem. The other thing is that the open house doesn't officially start until 5PM which means that we drive back a little late and into the Sun. I'll talk to Eric about this but I doubt that it will change because the Open House is primarily set up for the locals, the students parents, companies looking to hire and others that probably don't get out of work until 5.

I am still looking for members willing to show off their shops or their tool collections. If you have a wood shop that you have built over the years and are proud of it or it's just a good place that you like to retreat to and make

sawdust when it gets too hot in the kitchen, let me know. Maybe we can arrange a shop tour at your place. Contact me any way you want. My phone # (937) 236-0841, Email <hbartine@graphtronics.net> or talk to me at a meeting, I'm at most of them.

I have been talking with Cy Bird and he will make the wooden **WOW member name tags** if we can come up with an order of around 20 or more. They will be LASER etched on solid cherry with a "pin-on" device on the back. The price will be **\$5.00 cash at the next WOW club meeting, October 21**. If you want one, bring \$5.00 and your properly spelled name (the way you want it spelled on the name tag), if you can't make the meeting, have a friend give me the fiver and the name or send it to me by mail. My address: 4401 Silver Oak St., Dayton, OH 45424-4643.

I am working to get a tour through the Ted Bolle Mill Works just outside Yellow Springs. Look for it in the Fall.

WOW LOANER EQUIPMENT

WOW owns some items that are available to borrow. Lloyd Bowser normally keeps a steam box that can be used for bending wood projects. However, a member has borrowed it and we don't have a record of who. If you have the steam box, please call Lloyd at 937-833-3292 and tell him who you are. The steamer is eight feet long and about fifteen inches square.

Dick Kammerer and Bob Hall are keepers of the club moisture meters.

Charlie Hirsch has a Magna Jig for setting jointer knives. Their phone numbers are in the Steering Committee list found below in your newsletter or in the roster you should have received at one of the meetings.

MONTHLY LUNCHEONS

HARRIS BARTINE

If you don't get all your woodworking chitchat done at the 4 annual club meetings, why not come to the monthly luncheons at Dominic's. It's a great opportunity to meet with some of the club members and enjoy a reasonably priced meal, Italian or otherwise, (in

a non-smoking environment) and discuss your latest wood project or problem with them. As always, all club members are welcome. Lunch is at 12 noon on each second Wednesday (check the listing on page one) but I recommend getting there shortly after 11:30. Dominic's is on South Main St., Dayton, just south of the Miami Valley Hospital directly across from the main entrance to the Montgomery County Fairgrounds. No reservation is required, free parking behind Dominic's or just inside the fairground entrance. **HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!**

CHRISTMAS TOYS

RAY MILLER

Toys are not due until our December meeting, but now is the time to consider what and how many you can make. It would be great to set a record this year.

WOW WEBSITE

JOHN LYONS

Unfortunately I was unable to photograph April's general meeting. It sounds like I missed a great meeting. The club would greatly appreciate any photos taken be made available for the website and photo album. You can bring hard copies or digital versions of your photographs to the October meeting. Digital versions are preferred; I will have the ability to copy your digital media at that meeting. If you have digital versions you can e-mail them to me at ohiolyons@yahoo.com. Please include WOW in the subject line.

We now have a WOW website. The initial focus will be on internal communications with members and lessening the administrative burden of steering committee members.

If anyone has a proposed feature for this website please bring it to the attention of John Lyons (ohiolyons@yahoo.com) via e-mail or at any club meeting. The website has a collection of newsletters currently. As time permits, functionality will be added. The website url is <http://westernohiowoodworkers.org>

FOR SALE

Shopsmith-16 speed floor drill press w/mobil base
Shopsmith-speed reducer
Delta-8" bench drill press
Two-dual mounted bench grinders w/ cabinet base on casters
One ton bench arbor press
Assorted lathe chisels
Black & decker 10" miter saw
One complete set of HSS router bits (craftsman)
Two Incra-Jig fixtures w/fence and other
Various jigs & fixtures

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