

Plane Talk

Western Piedmont Woodcrafters

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President's Letter

Greetings fellow woodcrafters,

Our next club meeting is scheduled for this Saturday, August 25, 2018, 9:30 a.m., at the Klingspor Woodworking shop in Hickory. The program topic will be bending wood. I will demonstrate steam bending cherry veneer to make shaker oval boxes. Tony Bradley will explain vacuum forming and radio frequency pressing, using forms to shape wood while curing the glue.

Our September picnic/tool swap/woodcraft contest is upcoming and I hope your contest entries are well underway. Prizes are to be awarded in two skill categories (novice/intermediate and advanced), so start making some sawdust, if you have not already done so.

We are planning our participation in the Klingspor Extravaganza to be held in Hickory on October 26-27. Contest prize winners are requested to exhibit their winning projects at our booth. Please keep these dates in mind and volunteer to assist in manning our booth on these dates. A sign-up sheet will be circulated soon to better plan our participation.

Soon, we will reopen our Woodcrafter shirt and cap ordering process. This is an excellent opportunity to show your pride in our club and to promote membership for prospective woodcrafters. Details will be discussed at our next meeting.

Don't forget to pay dues and renew your club membership and to sign up to bring food items to next month's picnic. A sign-up list will be circulated at the next meeting for those who have not yet had the opportunity to volunteer.

Charlie Brown, President

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Club Meetings

The club usually meets on the **fourth Saturday** of each month at **9:30 a.m.**, at the Klingspor Woodworking Shop, 856 21st St. Drive SE, Hickory. The exceptions are an annual offsite picnic, the October Klingspor's Woodworking Extravaganza, and a combined November/December meeting. Members are encouraged to present show-and-tell projects at the meetings. Guests are always welcome at our meetings.

Our next meeting is Saturday, August 25: Demonstrations and information will be presented for bending wood by three different methods: steam bending, vacuum forming, and radio frequency pressing. Club president Charlie Brown will demonstrate steam bending to make a Shaker oval box from cherry veneer. Long-time woodworker and club program director, Tony Bradley will explain vacuum forming and radio frequency pressing, using forms to shape wood while curing the glue.

September 22: Picnic, tool swap, and woodcraft contest

October 26-27: Instead of our usual October meeting, the club will have a booth at the Klingspor's Woodworking Extravaganza, Hickory Convention Center.

December 1: The November / December meetings will be combined into one meeting with a program (TBA) and lunch.

January 26: Spoon Making -- Sam Tallman

Please submit your ideas for programs and demonstrations to Tony Bradley through email at thewoodrat89@gmail.com.

July Meeting Program

Frank Freer, a member of the Hickory Woodcarving Club, and past president, discussed and demonstrated chip carving. He is an award-winning carver, specializing in chip carving, chain carving, and character carving. His twenty years of chip carving experience include over five years of instructing at a Colorado school for chip carving. In addition to presenting the program, he displayed some completed projects.



Shop tips and questions

Photos left to right: Charlie Brown shows a recently purchased hand-powered Bostitch staple gun that will drive 18 gauge brads. Johnnie Hipps shows a frame that he colored using steel wool and vinegar. Charlie Brown demonstrates a jig he made to easily cut sandpaper into more useful standard sizes.



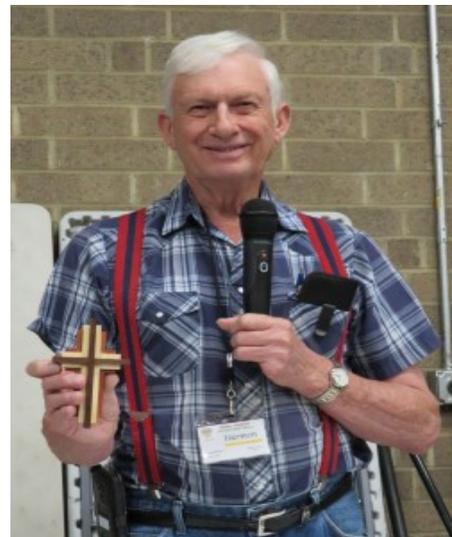
Show-and-tell

Left to right: Dick Knotts – burial urn, Art Carney – scroll saw silhouette, Steve Boyar – scroll-saw plaque



Show-and-tell

Left to right: Johnnie Hipps – carved box, Norman Hillmer – wooden cross



Membership

The club consists of about 70 Hickory-area woodworkers of all skill levels, from hobbyist to professionals. Guests are always welcome at our meetings.

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Application for Membership

NAME _____ Date _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL _____

Please print clearly to ensure that you receive informative club email.

TELEPHONE: HOME _____ WORK _____ CELL _____

Dues			Send completed application to: Western Piedmont Woodcrafters Treasurer 236 43 rd Ave. Dr. NW Hickory, NC 28601
<u>Month</u>	<u>Single</u>	<u>Family</u>	
July, Aug, Sept	\$30	\$40	
Oct, Nov, Dec	\$25	\$35	
Jan, thru June	\$20	\$25	

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