Peoria Area Woodworkers News Letter August 2011

The next club meeting is at Liberty Hall in Marquette Heights on Sept 21 at 6:30pm.

New club officers are now in place. Jim Seeley is President and Mark Padesky is Vice President. Other officers remain the same.

Norm Bartlett reported we have \$1600 in the club treasury and that he is now collecting dues for next year. The dues are \$9 for retirees and \$18 for regular membership. Bring your check to the meeting or mail to Norm at 1017 S. Maxwell road, Peoria, IL 61607.

Russ Marie reported that the Grundy County Woodworkers is sponsoring a raffle for \$5 tickets. The prizes are two blanket chests, a step ladder and a log bench.

Our club will look into taking a tour of a saw mill operation near Canton. It would likely be an evening tour. Russ will look into the details.

Dave Esme proposed developing a club web site. It would enable potential members to learn about our club and also store news letters to record club activities. The cost would be about \$150 to the club and Dave volunteered to set it up. He will report back at the next meeting. There was interest in developing this web site.

Show & Tell:

Vic McDonald showed a unique cat fish intarsia made from butternut, walnut and cedar.

John Freimuth displayed a jewelry box made for his granddaughter made from stained white oak. sorry John, I missed the picture)





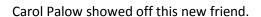
Roy Johnson showed a riding toy bank -- a rocking swan, made from plywood and walnut. The body of the swan was several layers of plywood which he hollowed out to reduce weight and then added the bank feature to utilize the hollowed out area.

David Grob showed a burial urn box made from Brazilian cherry. Made for his father who passed away this spring.

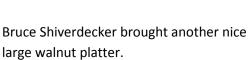




Paul Cobb showed some bird houses he purchased at the farmers market.







Program: Paul Cobb put on a slide show of the last three years of show and tell in our club plus information about his woodworking club in Arizona. We have a wide variety of talent in our club here in Peoria.

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Peoria Area Woodworking Club

- info from August 17th meeting.-ADDITIONAL STUFF

Jim Seeley announced in the meeting that we are having a 2x4 contest at the October meeting. Each member will start with a standard 2x4 and make a project for display at the October meeting. Club members will then vote on the best or most interesting project and the winner will receive a \$100 gift certificate. You do not have to use the whole 2x4, but you cannot use more than the 2x4 piece. So let's get innovative !!!

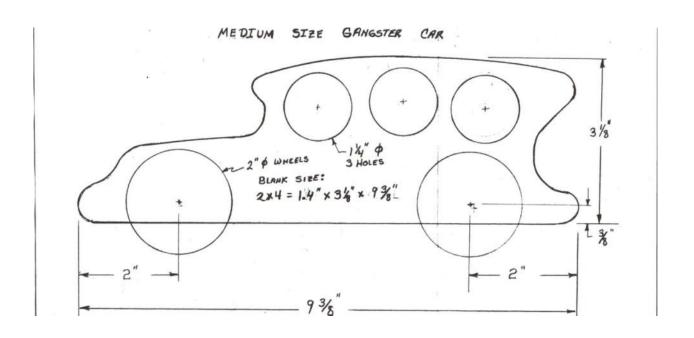
During his program presentation Paul Cobb proposed that we have a project to make cars like the gangster cars that AJ Gatzemeyer has been making for the doctors treating children with heart problems. The cars are given to each child upon their office visits. AJ has been doing this for several years. Lets see what we can do to help out AJ and make those kids smile. I enclosed plans for the cars AJ builds. You do not have to follow his exact plans, but keep them simple. We will collect them at the next several meetings. Sounds like a great program.

Here are a few notes from AJ:

No, I did not use a sealer. Applied three coats of the diluted Tractor Enamel Paint. The reason I diluted the Tractor Enamel Paint was that the first time I painted some cars, I used the paint as is right out of the can. The paint is too thick and I ended up with sags and runs. I found that diluting the paint 50% with Mineral Spirits eliminated the sags and runs problem.

I have purchased wheels and axles from Craft Parts. You can order online at www.craftparts.com

Usually, I just drop off a bunch of cars. I guess the 3-6 year old girls also enjoy the cars. The last time, I included some boxes for the girls..



SMALL SIZE GANGSTER CAR

