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Calendar of Events

- January 8- Regular monthly meeting (Note date and time change!) Yacht Club 7:30 pm
Program: Dick Hoffmann will present "Bending Wood".
- January 24- Board meeting. Tanasi Grill 8:00 am (All members are welcome.)
- February 5- Regular monthly meeting. Yacht Club 7:00 pm.
Program to be announced.

Toys-for-Tots

On December 4th, our club added another memorable chapter to its long and enthusiastic support of the Loudon County Sheriff's Toys for Tots program. On display at the TV Community Church were over 500 member-crafted wood toys donated so that area kids could have a brighter Christmas. In addition, residents of Tellico Village filled collection boxes located throughout the community to the tune of 422 store-bought toys. Perhaps the highlight of the evening was the presentation of a check to Sheriff Guider in the amount of \$2272, coming from club members and non-members alike, to be used to fill unmet program needs.

This year's event again drew excellent attendance. A new wrinkle in the program were door prizes, which were awarded by random drawing to several lucky attendees.

Each year the club recognizes in a special way members who passed away since the

last Toys program. This year, the club took time to remember members Don Larson and Jim Marotta, both of whom were active supporters of past Toys for Tots programs.

It was, as always, an evening for memories.



President Tom Borloglou presents a check to Sheriff Tim Guider to support the Sheriff's Toys for Tots program.



Jack Wright built these colorful rocket scooters.



Larry Bollinger demonstrates how to use the stilts he made for this year's program.



Wes McNeal built these baby doll cribs with help from his wife Mary, who made the blankets, and his sister-in-law in Green Bay, who made the pillows and mattresses.



This year's Program Chairs Dave Sabel and Ken Harvey were all smiles as the evening successfully wrapped up.

Well, This is Quite a Story.

Dave Breen

Last year, after Al Billups (TVW member) passed away, his family had TV Woodworkers help clean out Al's basement shop including selling tools, wood, and other miscellany. The family donated all of the proceeds to our Toys 4 Tots program - over \$800. Shortly after the sale, Bill McKeel presented me with a shoebox full of truck parts that Al had saved. Al had been a member of a group I chaired several years ago. We made about 15 semi-trucks with trailers. Al purchased and saved parts for this one truck and trailer with the intention of making it for his family in the future. It was a project that he never was able to complete.

This year, Jim Hallihan and I assembled the truck, painted it red and planned to donate it to 2014 Toys 4 Tots. After considerable thought, Jerry Jeffrey called me and suggested that instead, we send this truck to Al's family since they have children and it would be a good memory of their grandfather. Jim Hallihan and I agreed with this idea so after it is displayed at T4T, we will send it to Al's family.



Call Out for Presenters...

The Program Committee is building the program line-up for our general meetings in 2015. If you are interested in presenting a program, or know someone who has a program that would be interesting to the membership, please let us know.

Contact Ned Miller at
tenned@gmail.com or call him at
585-200-2236

Wood Cutting

On December 9, members cut up a sizable inventory of logs and completely refilled the kiln with freshly cut lumber. Included in the inventory currently drying is both white and red oak, cherry, and osage orange. Watch for the future announcement of a wood sale so you can reload your own shop inventory.



Woodworkers Who Participated in Community Service Projects - 2014

**Charlie Anderson
Richard Bingham
Dave Breen
Larry Bollinger
Tom Borloglou
Barry Brandt
Dave Brunson
Chris Campbell
Lloyd Donnelly
Don Ellerman
Fred Evans
Bob Fagerline
John Forcum
Jim Hallihan
Ken Harvey
John Henning
Howard Hickman
Dick Hinze
Dick Hoffman
Chris Houle
John Johnson
Dave Jones
Don Kimbrel
Frank Kinnear**

**Jim Klein
Don Larkins
Don Larson
Ted Lethen
Thom Lewis
Ken Mack
Rick Mannarino
Jim Marotta
Stu McFadden
Bill McKeel
Wes McNeal
Ned Miller
Hugh Moore
Bill Peterson
Tom Ringenbach
Dave Ritzenthaler
Tom Schemberger
Don Schmid
Harry Schmidt
Tom Valenzo
Herb West
Harry Westcott
Jack Wright
Gene Yeager**

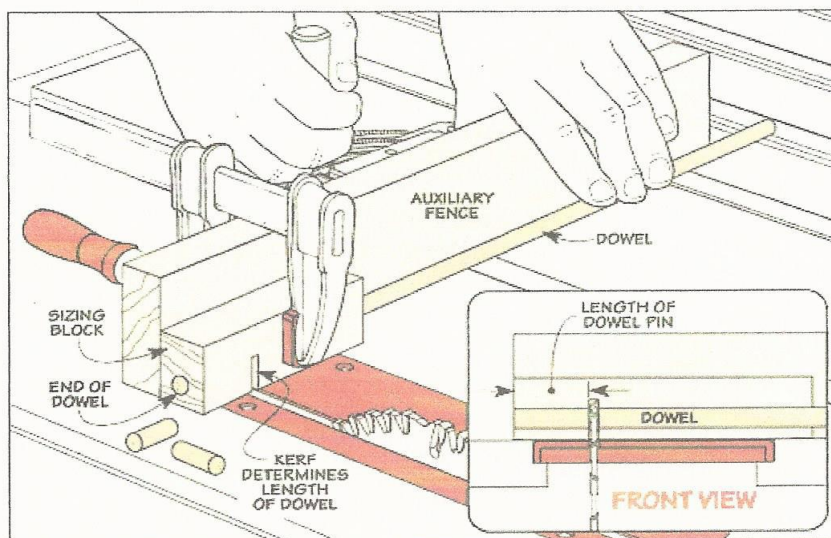
Tools and Tips

Dowel Pin Cutting Jig

Cutting multiple short dowel pins can be tedious work. So I made a simple dowel pin cutting jig to speed things up.

This jig only takes a few minutes to make and set up on your table saw. Then it's easy to quickly cut dowels to equal length without measuring.

It's simply a block of wood with a hole drilled through it the same size as the dowel to be cut (see drawing below). The block is then clamped to an auxiliary fence on the miter gauge.



To use the jig, first cut a kerf in the block at the desired length of the dowel. Next, pass the dowel into the hole. Position it flush with the end of the hole and make a cut. Then you can quickly push it through again to cut the next dowel pin to the same exact length.

I made blocks to accommodate several dowel sizes. That way I'm ready to size dowel pins when the need arises.