

#### Calendar of Events

November 1	General Meeting	Yacht Club	7:15 PM	Wood species identification
December 1	Board Meeting	Sloan's	8:15 AM	Open to all members

## **Board Meeting Highlights**

The TVWC Board met on October 20, 2018. Twenty-six members were present. The following items were discussed and, as appropriate, acted upon.

<u>Treasurers' Report</u> Current balances are: Club Operations - \$2116; Wood Operations - (\$644); Kiln Amortization Fund - \$4300; Toys for Tots - \$730. Total Ending Balance: \$6502.

<u>Service Projects</u> We have had 25 service projects year to date. Two of these projects are still open.

<u>Membership Report</u> With two new members joining the club last month, we now have 171 members in the club.

<u>Programs</u> N. Miller thanked J. Chapman, J. Cafferata and J. Fellers for hosting the shop tours this month. The November meeting will feature Dick Hoffman who will speak about the

characteristics of various species of wood and their qualities. The December meeting will be the Toys for Tots presentation.

<u>Club Kiln</u> The present load of lumber drying is the kiln will not be completed until the middle of December. A motion was passed to dispose of the patterns being stored in the kiln. These patterns will be brought to general meeting in November for members to claim before they are disposed.

The kiln monitoring system is close to being ready. The computer has been set up and WiFi is available. A temperature probe needs to be installed and a program needs to be installed to read the data from club members' home.

<u>Wood Inventory</u> There is approximately 1250 bf of lumber in the kiln which includes maple, walnut, white oak and hickory.

<u>Wood Cutting</u> The next cutting is tentatively scheduled for December. It was noted that logs will not be painted until the species has been positively identified. No date has been scheduled for the next wood sale.

<u>Wood Survey</u> The final results of the club's wood survey have been completed and this information needs to be reviewed with the club at the November meeting.

<u>Stored Lumber</u> There were only two members interested in selling any of their excessive lumber to club members so this project will be dropped.

<u>Toys for Tots Update</u> This year's Tots program has 15 teams and 71 members making toys. Photos of teams and workers are currently taking place. Collection boxes for donated toys from the community will be placed the first week of November.

<u>Bulk Lumber Purchasing</u> D. Schmid, B. Brown and R. Cirincione visited Cline Lumber to discuss arrangements for the club to purchase bulk lumber from them. Cline deals in much larger sale volumes with most of their customers than they would with us. Thus, they were not willing to mix species within a delivery and they do not have all species available at all times. Despite attractive pricing, the club felt there were better options for the club to purchase an assortment of lumber.

<u>Club Log Purchasing</u> D. Hoffman was commended on his efforts to find an assortment of logs for the club to purchase and have milled into boards. The initial logs purchased will include walnut, ambrosia maple and sycamore logs. Dick also explained the protection we have against inferior wood. L. Donnelly reviewed the process for members to purchase and pre-pay for the lumber. These logs will be milled sometime in December.

<u>Power Tool Donations</u> Several power tools were donated to the club and are available to club members for purchase. Many of these tools have already been purchased with the funds being donated to Toys for Tots.

<u>New Membership</u> R. Cirincione reviewed a proposal created by a small team of members to heighten interest and involvement in the club with new and potential new members visiting a general meeting for the first time. The Board was very receptive to the idea and offered many suggestions. The committee will review the Board's input and then finalize a plan to be implemented at the first of next year.

> Welcome New Club Members Larry Schaefer Robert Thompson

#### General Meeting – Shop Tours

In place of our regular meeting, the club toured the shops of three members: Joe Cafferata, Jim Chapman and Jack Fellers.

Joe Cafferata runs his woodworking business out of his converted 2 ½ car garage. Due to space limitations, Joe has had to optimize layout and workflow.



Joe talking to the members



Custom made lefty bench



Low height work area for convenient cabinet work



Homemade jigs



Joe demonstrating turnbuckle stand for plywood sheet storage



Storage cabinet for routers and bits



Table saw for cutting plywood sheets

Jim Chapman's 800 ft<sup>2</sup> shop is equipped with Festool and Powermatic tools used primarily for furniture making.



Jim discussing with members his current project – a walnut inlay table



Close-up of table inlay



Jointer and planar setup with vacuum system



Bits and pieces from 3D cutting boards



Workbench with project inlay table legs



Sanding station



Examples of inlays

Jack Fellers' garage doubles as his shop and is equipped with high end power tools. He has been creatively using spiral staircase cutoffs to make various wood projects.



Checking out the table saw



Well used lathe



Some of Jack's projects



Jack's board game

Photos contributed by Rob Dolson



Discussion after the tours

#### Put Keim on Your Bucket List By Tom Ringenbach

Four years ago, as a newly minted newsletter editor, I published (Nov., 2014) a short report on my visit to Hartville Hardware, located in the town by that name in Ohio. This seven-acre mega-store carries about anything a woodworker might ever dream of owning.

A couple of months ago, on another visit to family in that area, I ventured south from my hometown (Canton) into Amish country and the quaint village of Charm, Ohio. Charm is the home of Keim Lumber, a retailing wonder to behold!



Lobby

Keim carries a larger selection of power tools than you will likely find in any woodworking specialty store or big-box home improvement center. For example, there were several aisles devoted solely to DeWalt tools, as well as separate spaces for other manufacturers.



DeWalt Display

The real showpiece of their store for me, however, was the large selection of exotic woods. Central and South America, Africa, and Asia, as well as North America are well represented in sizes all the way from pen blanks to dimensioned lumber to natural edge slabs, and prices up to \$6500 (if you're looking to build a conference room table for a board of directors!)



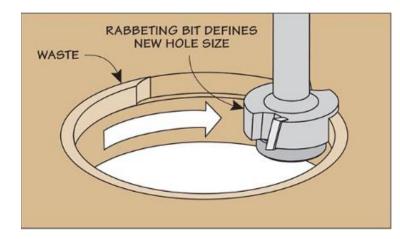


Keim offers a mail order option and virtually all their exotic lumber is pictured and priced on their website. (<u>www.keimlumber.com</u>) However, nothing beats an in-person visit!

# Tools and Tips

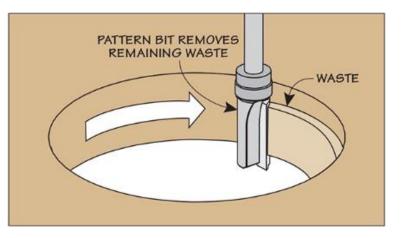
### Enlarge a Hole

Like most woodworkers, I make the occasional mistake when working on a project. Some are easy enough to fix, while others are more difficult to address. One of the challenges I encountered recently was to increase the size of a hole that was cut 1/4" too small.



The location of the hole had to be exact and I knew it would be difficult to accurately center the workpiece directly under a larger bit. To solve the problem, I turned to my hand-held router and a pair of router bits. I started with a rabbeting bit set to cut 1⁄8" deep. The bottom edge of the hole was used to guide the bearing of the bit as I routed around the entire circumference of the hole.

Then I switched to a pattern bit. With the bearing of the bit held firmly against the newly cut rabbet, I was able to remove the rest of the waste from the hole (right drawings). The end result was a perfectly centered hole that's just the right size.



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