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Nov 4	General Meeting	Yacht Club	7:00 PM	Woodworking software
Nov 22	Business Meeting	Little Italy	8:15 AM	All Members welcome

October 25th Business Meeting summary

Treasurer Current club balance is \$25,753.

Community Service Projects

Ned Miller's group working on the bookcase and display case for the Dunbar school restoration. There has been a request to build 2 corn hole sets from Immanuel House. This will be put out to the Contract Service Request Group when it is formalized.

Wood Operations

The sale for the current kiln load of boards (cedar and poplar) is scheduled for Nov 1 at 9:00 am. The next cutting is scheduled for November 18. White oak will be cut into 5/4 boards.

Toys for Tots/Fantasy of Trees

Replaces general meeting. Scheduled for 2nd Tuesday, December 9, at the Community Church.

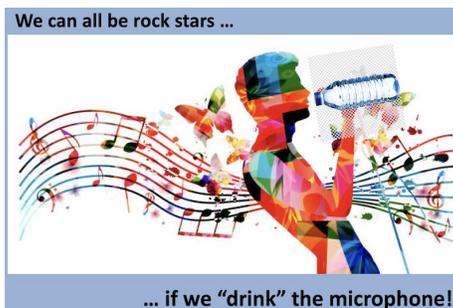
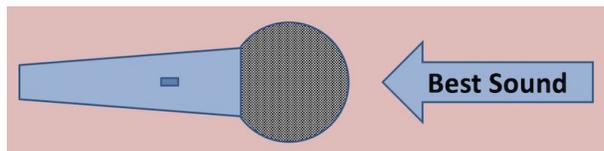
Programs

November's program will feature online software applications that are helpful tools for woodworkers.

For January Ned Miller is looking at a program to provide members with more information about the availability and use of club owned tools.

Microphone training - Ron Cirincione

Ron instructed the club on the best way to hold and use the microphone.



[How to Drink a Microphone presentation link](#)

Fantasy of Trees - Richard Ganch

We are looking for donations for the fantasy of Trees which will be held at the Knoxville Convention Center **November 26-30** (tickets for the event are \$10, \$8 for Seniors). All proceeds from the Fantasy of Trees event are donated to the East TN Children's Hospital. Last year, \$1.9 Million were raised. For this event, we are looking for higher value items that can be sold at the fantasy (in the past, members have donated many different types of items including intarsia projects, cutting boards, bowls, more intricate wooden toys, small tables, etc.) If you have items that you would like to donate to this very worthy cause, please contact Richard Ganch (219-688-2588)



Madisonville Boys and Girls Club - Richard Ganch

John Johnson and I met with the new manager of the club. Sierra Fischer has been with the organization for over 6 years and is replacing Jordan Campbell who was promoted to a larger area. She is still getting her feet wet and like a new substitute teacher, is getting some challenges from her students! We presented her with the money from the picnic's 50/50 raffle and it is much appreciated. We will be looking for woodworkers to help us create small cutouts for the children to decorate for Christmas. More to come on that. If you are interested in learning more on the Boys and Girls Club and/or possibly considering an individual donation, please view their website at "bgcocoe.org"

Thanks to everyone for all your help going into this holiday season. Richard Ganch (219-688-2588)

Toys for Tots - Richard Ganch



This year's toy building is moving along nicely. Eight teams and over 40 volunteers are creating a great mix of wooden items to be donated. Ben LaPointe will be contacting team leaders to set up a date to take pictures of your teams at work. We will be featured in an upcoming article in "The Connection" highlighting our efforts. December 9 is the date for the presentation of the toys to the Loudon Sheriff, it will be held at the Community Church hall, starting at 7pm. If any individuals are making toys but cannot deliver them on that date, please let me know and I'll pick them up. Please let me know what you are making, so I can insure we have ample table space to display your work. I am looking for volunteers to empty the bins that will be dropped off at eight locations for donated toys, the weekend of Nov, 1.

The locations are:

Wellness Center
Chota Rec Center
Welcome Center
Toqua clubhouse
Yacht Club
Library
Tanasi clubhouse

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Looking to add a woodworking tool or woodworking supplies to your collection?

Protected: Sale on Woodworking Supplies – Don't Miss Out!
Looking for woodworking supplies or have extras collecting dust!

[Link to woodworking tools or supply sales](#)

Give them a second life with a fellow club member! Click the button above to explore unique finds and share your own treasures with our creative woodworking community.

LINK to October Meeting on Google Drive [Club Meeting 20251007](#)

Anyone with the link can access the contents as a viewer

Caution some users non-gmail accounts may require a secondary authorization by me which I will do as soon as possible. Ben LaPointe benclapointe@gmail.com

Contents

New Member Introductions, TVWC Board Reports, Toys for Tots, Vintage Tools, Show & Tell

Volunteering has many benefits, including:

Skill Development – Learn new woodworking techniques, refine your craft, and gain hands-on experience from seasoned woodworkers.

[Link to Technique & Skill assistance](#)

Community Engagement – Meet like-minded people, make new friends, and build a sense of camaraderie within your local woodworking community.

[Link to Helping our Community](#)

Mentorship Opportunities – Share your knowledge with beginners and learn from more experienced members, creating a supportive learning environment.

[Link to Mentoring program](#)

Access to Tools and Equipment – Our club has specialized tools that members can use, saving you money and space.

[Link to Tools available to members](#)

Project Collaboration – Work on community projects, charity builds, or group commissions that enhance your skills and contribute to good causes.

[LINK TO Contract Service Requests](#)

Personal Fulfillment – Giving back to the community and helping others learn a valuable skill can be incredibly rewarding.

[Link to Beads of Courage donations](#)

Discounts and Perks – Our club has discounts with local suppliers. One major benefit to Club members is that the club produces low cost lumber for sale to its members. The lumber is priced at a fraction of the price charged by lumber yards.

[Link to Current Kiln & Barn wood lumber status](#) [Link to Wood operations](#)

Volunteers needed

Wood Cutting & Sales: Token and special sale policies under review; “Barn Sales” proposed for inventory and access.. **Contact Mark Laven lavenmark@gmail.com**

[Link to Log Cutting and registration](#)

Historic TVWC documents/items request: The club is revising the role and activities of the club historian, and is looking for volunteers to assist in converting archived print materials to digital media. If you have access to a scanner and are available to help us digitize our historical records, **Contact Ben La Pointe, benclapointe@gmail.com**

Meeting Programs: Requests for future program ideas - *Neil Wilson*

At every meeting we try and have a guest speaker, or member participation event. If anyone has a program idea, or wants to provide a certain woodworking experience you have, **Contact Neil Wilson crawil@charter.net**

Meeting Programs: Ned Miller is looking to add another member to the Program committee, especially someone who has contacts in the community.

Contact Ned Miller tenned@gmail.com

Writer: needed to reintroduce TVWC, highlight volunteer work, promote the website, and encourage log donations.

New Villagers Rep: More volunteers needed for future meetings.

October Program - Old and Vintage tools

[Link to Meeting video \(Strange Tools\)](#)

Several of our members volunteered to present some of their vintage tools. There were some very interesting and unique tools presented. If you did not get a chance to attend the meeting, use the link above to view these presentations.



Walter Ruhl

presented a Stanley #20 compass plane that is used to plane curved surfaces.



Doug Ingram showed us a brace with bits, a wooden level and a #78 Stanley Plane.



Glenn Nief presented a **Cutawl K-11 Sign Maker Scroll Jig Saw** that was invented 100 years ago. In the 1940's his father used this tool to make window displays in Detroit. Glenn showed us pictures of some of the displays that his father created and several items that Glenn has made with it. His presentation included a video of the tool being used.

The **Cutawl K-11** is a vintage, precision cutting machine known for its ability to make intricate cuts in a wide variety of sheet materials and thicknesses. It is particularly favored by sign makers, scenic designers, and prop makers for its unique 360-degree swivel cutting action. Designed to be guided over stationary sheet material rather than moving the material through a cutter.

A 1940's window display in Downtown Detroit. All of the people (Full size) were cutout with the Cutawl K-11 and hand painted by my Father.



[Link to video](#)

Cutawl in action - Three views of the video highlighting its unique 360-degree swivel cutting action

October Program - Old and Vintage tools

continued

[Link to Meeting video \(Strange Tools\)](#)

Bill Nance showed us a whole collection of various planes in different sizes and explained why you would use these different types and sizes of planes.



Ron Comtois brought a #4 plane that he had converted to a scrub plane. He also brought a card scraper and several spokeshaves.



Gary Martin brought in a full set of Pattern Maker Crank Neck Chisels which allow you to keep the chisel completely flat while keeping your fingers clear of the wood.



Dave Karofsky showed us an Eifel Geared Plier Wrench, a Stanley Push Drill and a Goodell-Pratt push Drill. Dave provided interesting commentary and history on these tools.



Ron Cirincione wondered “why do we still have all of this crap?”, then presented a Jigsaw Junior that he received as a gift when he was about 10 years old. It still works. In fact he has used it in model making. He also had several push drills and 2 pairs of pliers which he has not been able to identify. He asked the club and nobody was able to identify them either.



Dennis Smith presented several block planes and a couple of braces with bits that he inherited 10 years ago. He said that he pulled them out for the first time the day before the meeting to clean them up to present. Unlike the other tools presented today, Dennis is willing to sell these, so if you are looking to fill some space in your shop with vintage tool, give Dennis a call!



October Program - Old and Vintage tools

continued [Link to Meeting video \(Strange Tools\)](#)

Jack Ernst presented a Zyliss Clamp System that he still uses. He had a video showing how this unique, very versatile clamping system works. He said he purchased it at one of the club tool sales.



[Link to video](#)

Welcome New Members

TIP From: Nancy Kessler



Bruce Abel



Pat Dunham



Tim Pratt



An Aerosol Secret...

Have you ever noticed that there is a small dot on the top of our Aerosol cans? It's there for a reason!

Our straws inside the cans are not straight. They are angled toward the side of the can and have a circular bend at the bottom. The dot identifies the side of the can where the end of the straw is.



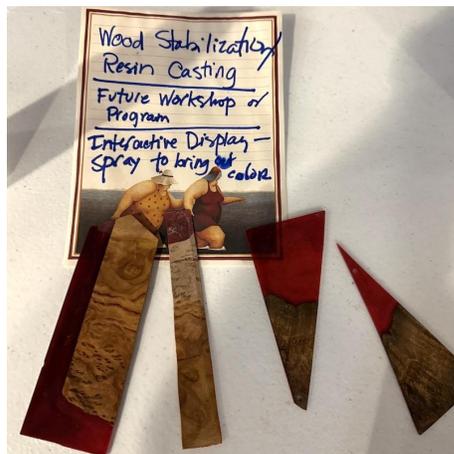
Almost everyone holds an aerosol can at an angle. If you turn the nozzle toward the dot, the contents will flow to the end of the straw inside the can ensuring you use as much of the contents as possible.



Dick Schneider announced that he is retiring from woodworking. A tool sale is scheduled for the second Friday in November. There are several high-quality tools that will be available.

Nancy Kessler has 3 volunteers willing to demonstrate sharpening at a barn session. The volunteers are not immediately available, however, so the sessions will be scheduled later.

- A router session will also be scheduled in the future.
- There has been no response to a request about having a bandsaw circle jig session. If you are interested, please contact Nancy.
- Bob Brown would be willing to sell the club his pressure pot if the club wishes to pursue a program or mentoring barn session on wood stabilization. It was decided to try to gauge member interest in this before any purchase takes place.



October Show and tell

[Link to Show and Tell video](#)

Bill Nance - Cutting Boards and Sycamore table

Bill and his wife do a show at the end of the month, so he brought some of the items that he made for the show. He showed us an end grain cutting board that, in his words, “Just by luck, the grain pattern came out really cool”. He also had a cutting board that started as a really warped piece of 2 inch oak scrap from the kiln. He cut it in half, planed both sides and put it back together to make the cutting board.

He also presented an end grain table made from sycamore root flare, a piece of wood that a neighbor gave him. He said that he has spent more than 100 hours preparing the wood. To finish the table, he used 2 coats of grain filler, 2 coats of sanding sealer and 5 coats of Crystalac.



Nancy Kessler – Laser Marquetry Plaque

Nancy made this plaque featuring her 15 year old dog, Otis, using laser Marquetry.



Chris Campbell – Snowman and Snow Woman Christmas Ornaments

The snowman was turned with the hat on. Once the turning is completed, Chris took them into her “miniature shop” to add the noses, arms, etc. She crocheted the hat for the snow woman and made the broom that the snowman is holding.



October Show and tell [Link to Show and Tell video](#)

Ron Comtois – Cherry Pepper Mill

Ron said that his wife doesn't like to have pepper mills on the table because the pepper gets everywhere. He turned this one out of Cherry. It sits in a base, so the pepper goes into the base and not onto the table. The mill was finished with 3 coats of polyurethane.



Barry Brandt – Maple Bowl

Barry said that this is his favorite bowl he has made because of the piece of wood that he made it from. The wood is Ambrosia Maple with really nice grain patterns. Since the piece of wood was not very thick, he added a segmented rim to make the bowl deeper.



Randy Brabant – Intarsia Horse

Randy's intarsia project was made from Cherry, Walnut, Yellow Heart and some other scraps. All of the wood started as $\frac{3}{4}$ inch. He said the most difficult part was making the piece to fit around the head.



October Show and tell [Link to Show and Tell video](#)

Ron Cirincione – Walnut Tables, Cabinet and Shelves

Ron made these furniture pieces from $\frac{3}{4}$ Walnut plywood sheets that he purchased from A&M Supply that he laminated together to make 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch plywood. The trim is $\frac{3}{4}$ inch walnut. His learning that he presented was that – if you are having quartz countertops made for more than one table with the same dimensions, make sure that you tell them if the tables are oriented differently.



Walnut Tables, Cabinet & Shelves
1-1/2" Laminated Walnut Ply
1-1/2" Solid Walnut Edges and Trim
Quartz Tabletops

[Link to presentation](#)



Wood Sale Oct. 4

Well attended and successful

Most of the wood from the October 4 wood sale was purchased. There were 42 buyers for the cherry, walnut, elm and maple boards.



Tool sale Oct 16

Well attended and successful



Large tool sale.... many new & unused, high quality brands such as Kreg, Incra, Mirodial, Whiteside, Irwin, etc.

Jet 1220 Variable Speed Mini Lathe
Delta SA350 Oscillating Spindle Sander
Porter Cable Omni Dovetail Jig
Hand Power Tools

Makita Drill Drive Set
Porter Cable Biscuit Joiner
Triton 2 /14 hp Plunge Router
Bosch GSR 12-15v Cordless Drill
Driver
Bostitch Oil Free Pancake Compressor
with extra tank

Bostitch SB 1000SX 2 in 1
Nailer/Stapler

Ryobi 3x21" Variable Speed Belt
Sander w/frame or flat surface sanding
In or Outfeed Height Adjustable Roller
Stand

Porter Cable Model 340 Qtr. Sheet
Sander

Ryobi 3 Piece Cordless 18v Kit- Angle
Drill, Stapler, Power Planer

Earlex Spray Station Pro

Craftsman Saws-All

Fein Multitool

Black & Decker Industrial Hammer Drill

Sand Paper/Sanding Discs

Finishing

Router Bits, Patterns, Jig, etc.

Table Saw Blades & Jigs

Work Tables

Hardware

Storage Boxes

Hammers, Pliers, Wrenches, Screw Drivers

Measuring & Marking Tools

Clamps-Panel, Quick, Bessey, Irwin, Corner,
Band, etc.

Safety – Feather Boards, Gripper, etc.

Turning -Air Shield Pro, Collet Sets, etc.

Shop Lights

And More

Wood Cutting Oct. 21

The October 21st cutting went smoothly until the very end when a surprise hail storm hit. The kiln ended up with a load of 56 cedar and 494 poplar boards. The bug kill for this load is ready to go.

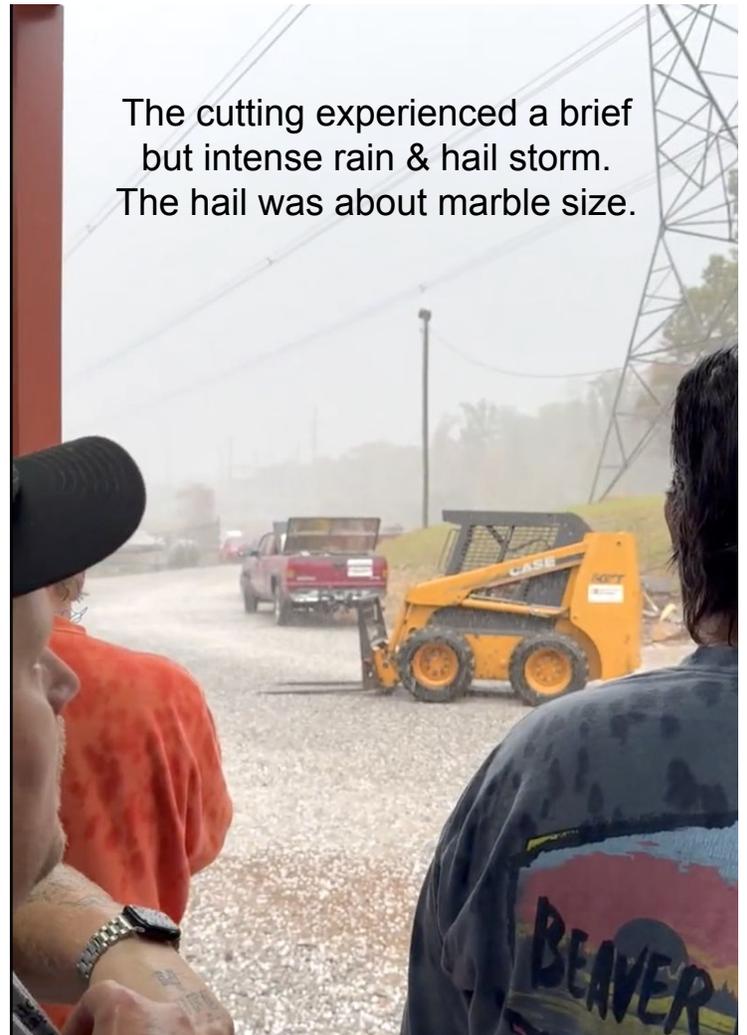
Summary

Wood Placed in Kiln				
Group	Board count	Log Count	Cut BF	Species
1	117	16	656	Cedar
	68	8	449	poplar
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Total	185	24	1105	

Log Source	Log count by donor
Cortis club	3 21
	Grand Total 24

We still have 152 logs in the yard. Most of the logs are Oak, poplar and Hickory. We need to have some other logs donated if you would like other types of wood to purchase. This wood will be available at the next wood sale in about 2 weeks.

Woods Ops Team.



The cutting experienced a brief but intense rain & hail storm. The hail was about marble size.

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Wood Sale Nov. 1

A beautiful day for the 27 buyers that showed up for the Poplar & Cedar wood sale. Everyone got as much as their heart desired or their pocket book could afford from new kiln wood plus there were some barn sales. The unsold wood from the kiln was placed in the barn for future sales.

If you would like to purchase wood from the barn please contact anyone on the wood operations team. Remember to record your purchases on the clipboard hanging on the center pillar in the barn. The record of the barn sales is used to update the barn inventory which is posted on our website under Kiln Status.

Results of Wood Sale on Nov. 1, 2025

cash value

Money collected \$769 includes barn sales from Prior inventory

Poplar placed in barn 147 24 boards

Cedar placed in Barn 212 51 boards

Donor share Group 3 43 6 boards

1171 includes barn sales from Prior inventory

\$66 est Barn sales

Brought to you by the Woods Operations Team

Larry Gardner

- The next cutting is scheduled for November 18. White oak will be cut into 5/4 boards.
- Vince Evans will be looking at 2 lots that will be cleared for building in January to see if there are any trees the club would be interested in obtaining.

