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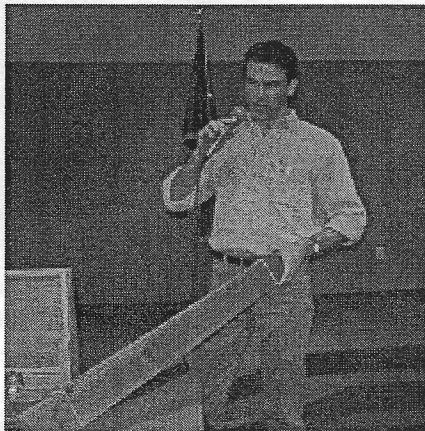
Todd Hall was nominated from the floor to fill the position of Club Treasurer. He has agreed to serve the club for the 2003 year. James Robertson was nominated to fill the director at large position. Both members were elected without opposing votes.

Your 2003 Officers and Board Members are:

Ken Kooser, Club President
Paul Koury, Vice President
Gary Rowen, Secretary
Todd Hall, Treasurer
Justin Kelly, Communications Director
Art Chester, Sr. Board Member
Joan Loggins, Sr. Board Member
Al Morrow, Board Member at Large
James Robertson, Board Member at Large

Communicate with your leadership, tell us when we excel and let us know where we can improve.

Below: Frank Dorr shows club members a piece of cedar that he tore out from his patio. Frank said that a swarm of carpenter bees had made some unique patterns in the wood.



New members:

The following people joined our club in February. Please extend a warm welcome to:

James Powers

Cathy Feuling

Michael Whitehurst

Fenton Hall

Victor Scherer

Gary Hall

David Haslip

Burke Nail



Above: Choo Choo!!! This train plaque was scroll-sawn by Denis Muras. Denis said that it took him a total of ten scroll saw blades to complete this project.

SPLINTER GROUP STIR-UPS

BY TODD BURCH

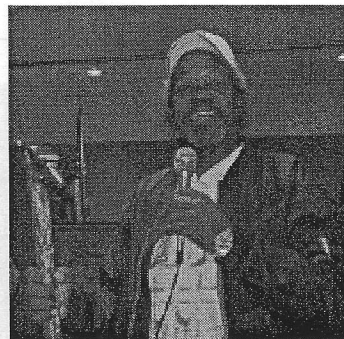
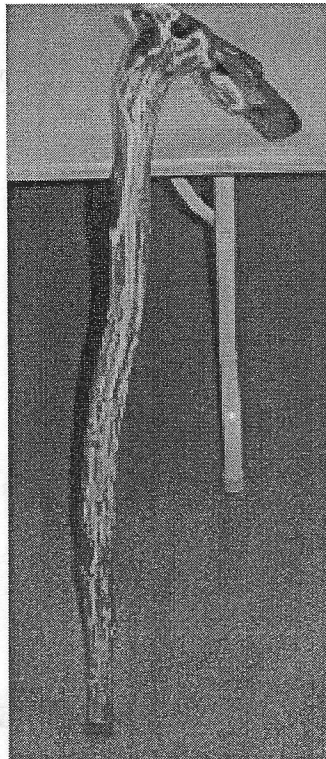
What's a Splinter Group?

Typically, Splinter groups are geographically based small groups of WWCH members that get together at someone's shop to enjoy some hands-on woodworking. There is no set agenda for these groups, and the regulars that attend the meetings usually set the direction. The intent of the groups are to help everyone hone each others skills. You can also offer and get advice and ideas about projects you might be working on. And, the intent is also "hands-on" woodworking. In the past and on behalf of the WWCH, Splinter groups have made and donated picnic tables and bookcases to needy organizations and designed and made toys for local hospitals.

If you are new to the club or haven't participated in a "splinter" group before, I would recommend it. Whether you are a seasoned veteran or a woodworking "newbie", everyone that participates gets something out of it. Also, beyond just attending a splinter group, consider hosting one too. And, being the frugal types that we woodworkers are, the price is right too - FREE!

New Splinter Group Forming in Katy

Starting in February, there's a new Splinter group available to attend. If you live in or near the Katy area, or otherwise don't mind driving out to Katy, you can come to the new Katy Splinter group meeting at Todd Burch's house. For now, they will meet once a month on every 4th Wednesday from 7PM to 9PM. Watch the WWCH.ORG web site bulletin board for updates to meeting times, schedules and proposed agendas. Call Todd Burch or email him (tburch@burchwoodusa.com) to let him know if you will be coming to the meetings.



Above: Larry Washington shows off his beautiful walking stick. It is made out of cedar and is finished with an epoxy resin. Very nice job!!!



Above: A very original-style game table created by Gene Volentine. It was crafted from mahogany.

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REMINDER!!

Dues are \$24 per year.

Dues are prorated for
new members ONLY.

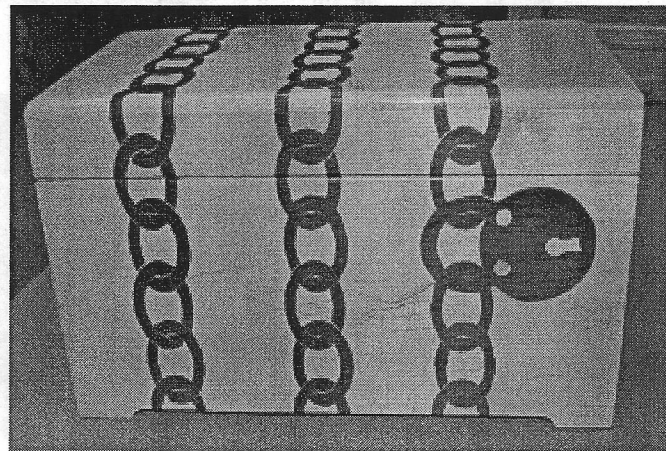
Renewing members in
March: \$24.

New members in
March: \$20.



Upcoming Programs

March's program will be given by Bill Harrison and/or Randy Kuhn, manager of Circle Saw Industries. The speakers will address saw blades and which blade for which job as well as several other topics. This is one meeting you don't want to miss. Be sure to make it to March's general meeting!!!!



Above: One of two inlaid boxes by Lon Kelley. Notice the pirate chest lock-box design. This is a great piece of work, Lon. Very well done!!!

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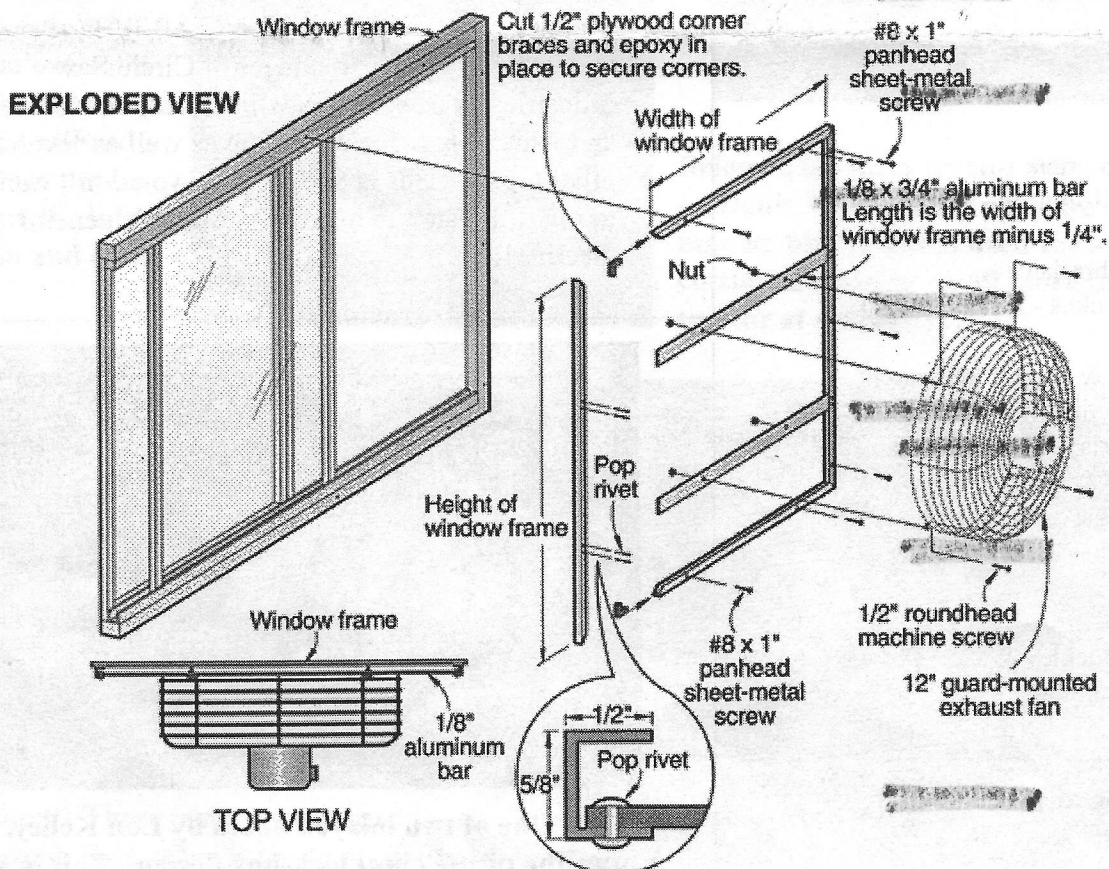
PROJECT OF THE MONTH -- RIP-FENCE SADDLE

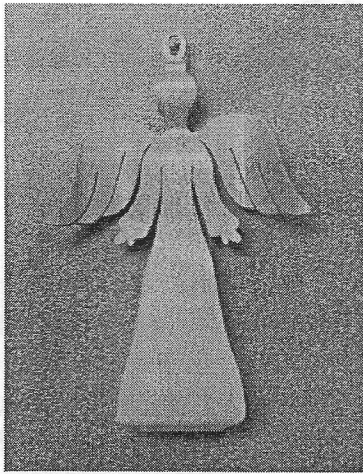
Looking for a fast, inexpensive way to improve the air quality in your basement shop? Then we think you'll like this idea. Our setup allows you easy access to the sliding window in front of the fan, and it doesn't block light like a fan with a plywood support would.

To build the support, we used hardware-store 5/8" aluminum U-channel screwed to our existing metal basement window frame. We pop-riveted the 12" guard-mounted exhaust fan (available from Miller Hardware, Des Moines, IA 515/283-1724) to two strips of 1/8x3/4" aluminum that in turn were riveted to the U-channel. The size of the fan will depend upon your window size. Our 12" fan with 1/30 horsepower delivers 700 cfm and has a totally enclosed motor suitable for dusty environments.

WARNING: Do not use the exhaust fan in an area where pushing air out of the workshop room can reverse the flow of the chimney for the furnace and possibly bring exhaust gases into the house. The structure we used the fan in was warmed with electric heat and didn't require such a precaution.

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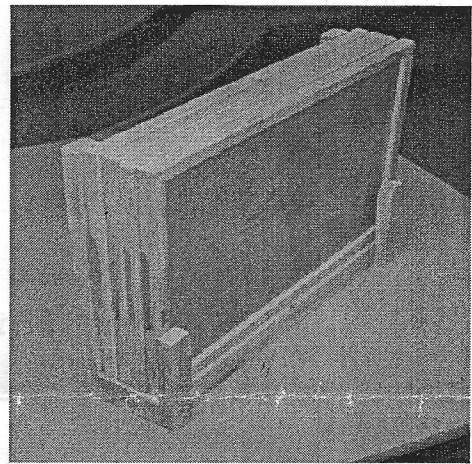


Right: Joseph Rice shows off a mahogany bowl that he turned on his lathe.

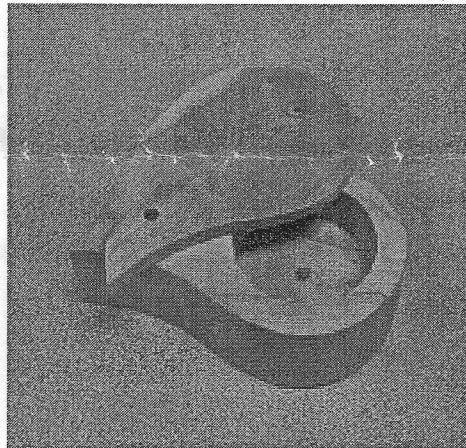


Left: One of two angels that were scrolled by Todd Hall. One was made of cedar and the other aspen.

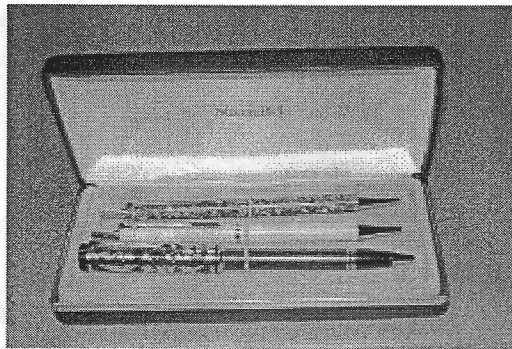
Right: Chuck Maxwell was in a hungry mood as he showed off his collection of TV dinner trays. The collection are legless and are constructed from oak.



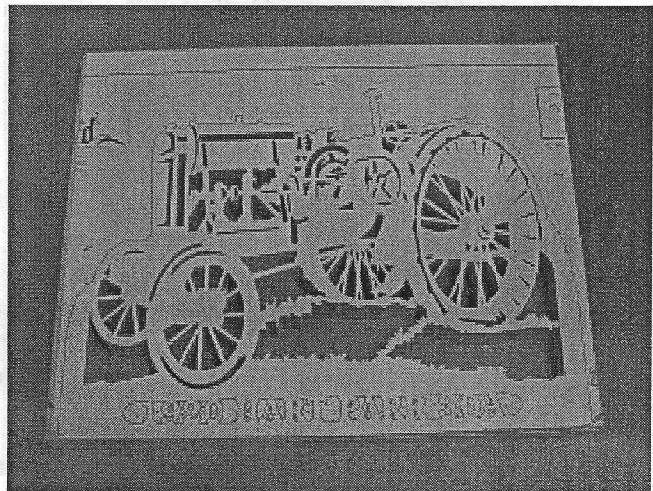
Right: Todd Hall made this teardrop box from one solid piece of cherry. Todd utilized a walnut pin to allow the lid to open and close.



Below: This farm tractor was scrolled by Denis Muras using a Flying Dutchman #5 blade. Denis used the stack cutting method to scroll more than one tractor at a time.



Above: These pens were turned by Joseph Rice. One is made of cocobolo and the upper two pens are made of Corian. Very nice!!



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MARCH:

3/8/03 - Meeting at the Bayland
Community Center - 9:00 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

Following the March meeting, there will be a tool sale. All kinds of tools will be sold. Tool sale will be held in the Whataburger parking lot at the corner of Hillcroft and Bissonnet. For more information, contact Buddy Grant.

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