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New Members

Welcome to WWCH!

Michael (Mike) Chapman
James (Jim) Davis, Sr.
Michael (Mike) Hardy
Jim Spence

Pick up your Membership Directory and sign in at each meeting so you will be counted.

Happy to have you with us!

WWCH Calendar

May 11..... Toy Group Day Meeting
May 12.....CNC Router Splinter Group
May 14.....Monthly Meeting
May 19.....Furniture Splinter Group
May 25..... Toy Group Night Meeting
May 28.....Hand Tool Splinter Group
June 11... Monthly Meeting & Shop Crawl

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

News this month includes the formation of a splinter group for furniture building. I'm especially excited because it wasn't the Board's idea. It began with a member who enjoys building furniture asking around to see if other club members would be interested in meeting and building furniture together on a regular basis. The only Board involvement was when they asked for approval to make it an authorized splinter group.

Once the Board approved the new splinter group, the members then exchanged information and agreed on a plan and a schedule. This is a great example of how members can involve the club in new activities.

Is there an event you would like the WWCH to participate in? Or a speaker you think we'd enjoy? Let any member of the Board know what you have in mind.

Bottom line, each of you is the club.

Roslyn Hager, President

May Meeting Program & Raffle

May Meeting Topic:

Guitar Construction

Presented by: [Fred Sandoval](#)

The raffle in May will be the standard dollar raffle with one surprise. Tickets have to be purchased and surprise revealed just before the raffle is drawn.



Splinter Groups

CNC Router Splinter Group will meet on Thursday, May 12th, at 7:00pm at Patrick's place, 20734 Settlers Lake Circle North, Katy, TX, 77449. Please contact Mike Turner at 281-633-1807 for further assistance.

Hand Tool Splinter Group: Per group member requests, the meetings will be moved to Sunday evenings until further notice. The May meeting is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, May 22, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Mark Bolinger's garage in Sugar Land near Hwy 6 and 90A. Please watch your email for any changes or cancellations. Email Mark for directions or details at marksmithb@windstream.net.

Scroll Saw Splinter Group: Our April discussion meeting was a great success with a room full of folks and lots of good questions about the high end saws that were there. At our July meeting we will be talking about finishing. That is a topic that is always good for a few comments. There are many ways to finish our projects, and there are new products coming out all the time.

We always enjoy seeing what you have been doing in your shop during Show N Tell. We got to see several new items by our members at the April meeting. And of course, your Problems N Solution questions are always interesting.

Come see us at our next meeting on July 23rd!

Group contacts: Norm at scrollsaw@comcast.net or Denis at denis_muras@yahoo.com.

Toy Splinter Group continues to meet at Tim Shaunty's shop every second and forth Wednesday of each month. The second Wednesday group meets from 12:00 until 3:00 pm for those that wish to come during the day time and avoid the evening traffic. The forth Wednesday group meets in the evening from 6:00 until 9:00 pm. Coffee and cookies are served at both group meetings.

Everyone is welcome. Please come and help build toys for needy children to be given away in November.

For more information please contact Andy Anderson at 713 409-7030 or Tim Shaunty at 713 503-2284.

Furniture Splinter Group: The furniture splinter group will have their second meeting on May 19th at Lynn Cummings house located at 18315 Tangle Tree In. Houston, Texas 77084. For more information, email Lynn Cummings at Lmcummings@hotmail.com

Sawmill Splinter Group is for those who are cutting and milling their own lumber or are interested in doing so. We discuss sawmills and the projects possible with the lumber. Anyone with logs to mill or an interest in the sawmill can contact Bill Lindsey at bill_lindsey@comcast.net.

WWCH Collecting Toys

WWCH is collecting **STUFFED ANIMALS** to distribute to the police. They carry these stuffed animals in their squad cars to give to children when they answer domestic disturbance calls. These soft and cuddly toys are so helpful to a traumatized and tearful child when their world is turned upside down.

If you have access to stuffed animals that could comfort a child, bring them to a meeting and we'll take it from there.

Thank you, from the children!



WWCH Facebook Page

Did you know that the Woodworker's Club of Houston has a public group Facebook page? Members can post pictures of their work and see other's work as well. David Garcia has been posting a lot of his work there lately, and I share interesting woodworking posts I see on Facebook and other places.

To join the group, log into your Facebook account and enter "Woodworker's Club of Houston" in the search field at the top of the page. Once the results appear, click on the link for the group, then click on the Join button. Now you can post pictures of your work, and we can see what you have been up to between meetings. If you find an interesting woodworking item, please share it for all to enjoy!

Submitted by Denis Muras

New DVDs for the Library

I am very excited to report that new DVDs have been purchased for the DVD library! The following titles will be ready for check out at the May meeting:

- ◆ **Pyrography Workshop** with Sue Walters, a two DVD set providing a step-by-step woodburning tutorial and beginner's guide
- ◆ **Chairmaking Techniques** with Jeff Miller (Fine Woodworking)
- ◆ **Garden Chair** with Michael Fortune (Fine Woodworking)
- ◆ **Hand Tools: Tuning and Using Chisels, Planes and Saws** with Frank Klause (Fine Woodworking)
- ◆ **The Art of Bandsaw Puzzles** with Alex Snodgrass, Volume 1: Football, Snake and Duck
- ◆ **Workshop Safety** with Marc Adams

Please email me at lasessions@earthlink.net if you would like to reserve one of the new DVDs or any DVD in the library for pickup at the May meeting. The full collection can be viewed here: <http://wwch.org/Library/Videos.htm>.

There are several DVDs that are purchased but still need to be prepared for checkout, so keep an eye on the newsletter for future additions to the library. If you have any suggestions for new DVDs, please email me. I am always looking for ideas!

Submitted by Lisa Sessions

A Note from Bill Beggs

Editor's note: Recently, I sent a note to WWCH life member and founder, Bill Beggs, to see how he is doing. While I have not had the good fortune of meeting Bill, I thought those of you who know him would enjoy reading his response to the note:

Thanks for your inquiry. I'm not doing any woodworking right now, but I enjoy getting the newsletter each month. I don't know if you know it, but I was the founder of the club in 1983. I invited 27 Shopsmith owners to my house to discuss starting the club. 23 showed up and that was the start of WWCH. It makes me very proud to see how strong the club has become over the years. Keep it up and good luck to everybody. Bill Beggs

Reuse Warehouse

Did you know that construction materials make up about 38% of area landfill waste? To help reduce this, the City of Houston has a facility where you can drop off these materials. It's called the Reuse Warehouse, and they accept all sorts of materials and then make them available to 501C3 non-profit organizations for free. Recently, we dropped off an entire truck full of items that we cleaned out of the garage, including leftover tile, pieces of PVC pipe, treated lumber scraps, wire, and lots of other odds and ends that we as homeowners tend to collect over the years with the thought that we will surely use them "someday."

I am quite happy to keep this stuff out of the landfill and that it benefits non-profit organizations. You can find the location of the warehouse and more information about what they accept here:

[Reuse Warehouse Website](#).

If you have items that are in good enough condition to sell, another great option for donation is a ReStore, operated by the Habitat for Humanity. You can find more information and locations here: [ReStore Website](#).

Submitted by Lisa Sessions

Show and Tell

Show and Tell photos & write-up submitted by Gary Rowen

PRESENTERS

- Tim Shaunty Rolling Pins
- Larry Wenner Cutting Board
- Norm Nichols Toy Cars
- Ron Kuenning Race Car
- Gary Rowen Armoire
- Denis Muras Strip Sander & Doors
- Glen Edwards... Crosses, Pull Toys, & Indian Plaque
- Rick Spacek Marine Corps Plaques
- David Janowitz Cutting Boards & Book Holders
- Lynn Cummings Entertainment Center
- Steve Wavro Personalized Cutting Boards
- Dean Grims Turned Mallet, Cross, & Art Piece
- Any Anderson Knife Handle & Penguins
- Dave VanDewelker Vases
- Charles Volek Intarsia Quail
- Mike Turner Work Platform



Taking plans from toymakingplans.com, **Norm Nichols** fashioned this collection of Fat Fendered Freaky Fords. Bodies are mahogany with fenders of red oak or poplar. Giving a new meaning to "hot wheels", Norm heated up a pot of sand to scorch the wheels to black.



Doing a little bit of inlay crafting, **Ron Kuenning** fashioned this racer of mahogany and maple with wheels of plywood. Ron finished the racer with mineral oil and beeswax.



The hero of a retirement community bake sale, **Tim Shaunty** created door prizes by turning these rolling pins from walnut sandwiched with poplar. His wife felt they should be displayed instead of stashed in a drawer so Tim crafted stands for them. Tim finished them by soaking the pins in mineral oil.



Inspired by a demonstration at the February Woodworking Show in Pasadena and some instructions on YouTube, **Larry Wenner** crafted a 3D cutting board. A YouTube video showed him how he could use all of his remaining wood such that he would have no leftovers. Larry suggested visiting mtmwood.com for additional interesting cutting designs.



Showing slides of his armoire of red oak that he crafted for his wife, **Gary Rowen** explained how he constructed the armoire with frame and panel construction. Gary stated that, after making a patch for a accidental drill through at a joint, he realized that one patch would stand out. So he made seven more to make all the patches look like intentional joinery reinforcements.

Show and Tell

Denis Muras's sister is remodeling an old house and wanted bypass doors. Denis was happy to oblige. The tight grain tongue-in-groove wood used for the unfinished door comes from an old farm house.



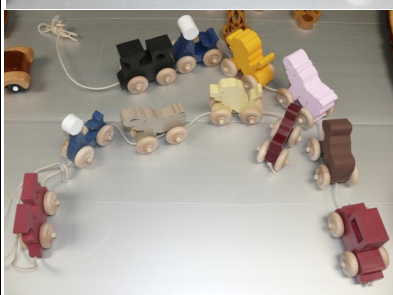
Denis also showed club members his completed homemade belt sander. He did not use the sander to sand the doors.



Rick Spacek showed club members two plaques honoring the US Marine Corps. Rick used a mat board for backing which he painted red in acrylic.



David Janowitz crafted this cutting board and recipe book and card holders from maple. The cutting boards were finished with mineral oil and the other items with polyurethane.



Glen Edwards showed club members his pull toy trains from patterns he acquired from Andy Anderson. The Indian head is made of what he believes is basswood. The crosses are of $\frac{3}{4}$ inch red oak. The Indian head and crosses are finished with spray polyurethane.



Lynn Cummings's daughter saw an entertainment center on Pinterest and wanted Lynn to make one similar to it. This one is made of maple with some plywood. This is Lynn's first attempt at dovetail joinery for drawers which was a challenge since he was dovetailing through plywood. The front of the drawers are of bird's eye maple embellished with iron hardware.

Show and Tell



Steve Wavro crafted these personalized cutting boards which were then soaked in a vat of mineral oil for a day. Steve used Open Office to print the patterns for the names. He was advised that TiteBond 3 is a recommended glue for cutting boards.



From Steve Good (stevedgood.com) plans, **Dave VanDewerker** crafted these vases from mahogany, cedar, and cherry and then finished with lacquer spray. He crafted the flowers from pine shavings.



Challenged by his wife, **Dean Grimes** crafted a mallet from oak and some decorative turnings, one from spalted Bartlett pear wood.



Using sycamore, wenge, and cherry, **Charles Volek** crafted this intarsia quail. Inspired by a demonstration at the February Wood Working Show in Pasadena, Charles finished with Waterlox which gave it a nice shiny finish.



Andy Anderson helped celebrate Norm Nichols's birthday by using a handcrafted knife handle of walnut finished with ArmorSeal to cut the cake. Andy showed club members how the penguins nest together.



Recycling parts from an old extension ladder and a found box spring, **Mike Turner** constructed this work bench that can also be used as a raised platform. Yes, it supports his frame.

Rumor Has It...

A little birdie told me that Bob Wink will be at our next club meeting and will be bringing a lot of WINK WOOD.



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NEXT MEETING

May 14, 2016

9:00AM TO 11:30AM

BAYLAND COMMUNITY CENTER, 6400 Bissonnet

Fred Sandoval: Guitar Construction

Guests are always welcome at WWCH meetings!

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Woodworkers Club of Houston

WWCH PURPOSE *The Woodworkers Club of Houston is a group of men and women of all ages and skill levels who promote, educate, and share the craft of woodworking. The club meets the second Saturday of every month from 9-11:30 at Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet at Hillcroft. Guests are always welcome at no charge. Membership dues are \$36 per year, or about the price of one good clamp!*

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