



ATTENTION !

**The August meeting will be held at
MOUNTAINEER TIMBER FRAMES,
500 Hunt Avenue, Charleston**

See directions below.

AUGUST MEETING

The next meeting of the Valley Woodworkers will be held at 6:30 PM on August 14, at **Mountaineer Timber Frames, 500 Hunt Avenue, in Charleston.**

Directions: From I-64 exit at Montrose Dr., proceed to Rt. 60 and turn right. Follow Rt. 60 and bear left and cross Patrick St. bridge. Get in right hand lane and proceed to Kanawha Blvd. Turn left on Hunt Ave., the first street after you pass under the CSX Railroad trestle. Go 5 blocks and cross Central Ave. Mountaineer Timber Frames is at the end of the block on the right. When you turn into Mountaineer Timber Frames, there is parking for two or three cars there. Proceed on through the ally/through-way to a church parking lot just past the building. **Please bring a lawn chair.**

JULY MEETING

There were 53 in attendance at the July meeting with six guests. Welcome to Roger LeMarier from Pinch, Jim Harrold and Joe Hurst from Parkersburg, Bob Summerfeldt, Art Surprise, and Andrew Surprise.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Glenn Pauley has graciously agreed to host the annual picnic at his home. The date hasn't been nailed down yet, but will be announced ASAP.

The following companies offer discounts to club members:

Woodcraft Supply Parkersburg, WV - 10% - Show membership card.
Klingspor Woodworking Shop - 10% - They receive our member list.
Hartville Tool - 20% - They receive our member list.

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If you ordered a Valley Woodworkers ball cap, and haven't received it yet, see Glenn Pauley.

SCROLLSAW WORKSHOP

The Scrollsaw Workshop was completed with great success. Participation was very good and the instructions were well received. Sometime within the next couple of meetings those that made light boxes will be asked to bring them in. More lights are going to be ordered for a cost of \$4.00 each.

AGENDA

The agenda for our August meeting is very brief when it comes to business.

The meeting will open with Bruce giving us a working tour of his shop. After the shop tour, we will have announcements and new and old business, if anyone has an item that needs to be addressed.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Woodworking encompasses many different professions and skills. This month we are grateful to see woodworking on a grand scale. Bruce Bode, a club member, will show us his timber frame operation in action. Thank you, Bruce.

Your officers met last month to plan upcoming events. These events are another workshop to begin in September, a club picnic for September, and our annual Christmas party. Details will be provided at our next meeting.

Allan McNeel

TREASURER'S REPORT

Steve Boster reported that there is \$4,124.61 in the club treasury.

The following companies provided materials for last year's Salvation Army Christmas toy project. Please give them special consideration when you need materials for your projects: Blue Ridge Machinery & Tool, Cabinet Supplier Inc., Coastal Lumber Company, Evans Lumber Company, J.C. Hamer Lumber Company, McFeely's Square Drive Screw Company, Teays Valley Hardware, West Virginia Marine, Klingspor Woodworking Shop & Woodcraft Supply.

TOY PROJECT

Andy Sheetz reported that we are well on our way with the toys with 20 or so sets of letters for the alphabet block wagons completed. He is also waiting to hear from the West Virginia Forestry Association on our request for hardwood.

MINI-DEMO

Peter Howell presented a demonstration on shop safety. Peter started with several statistics:

- Table saw accidents send more people to the hospital than other tools by a very wide margin.
- In 2001 there were 55,300 people injured using a table saw nationwide.
- Of those, 28,300 went to the ER.
- There were 3,113 that were hospitalized.
- 94% of the injuries involved fingers.
- 65% of the injuries were lacerations.
- 15% were amputations.



Peter Howell

Another major factor in table saw accidents is kick-back, where the saw blade grabs the work piece and throws it back at you.

We then gathered around the club's table saw where Peter went over the personal protective equipment one should use. As a minimum one should have safety glasses with side shields or goggles, hearing protection, and dust protection.

The table saw itself needs to be properly set-up and tuned. It also needs to have some sort of splitter or riving knife and a blade guard. Also discussed were push sticks, out-feed support, cutting narrow material, blade height and thin kerf blades.

SHOW AND TELL



Jerill Vance

Jerill Vance - showed a picture of the two table saws he has in his shop. The saws are installed near opposite corners of a nearly 6 foot square work surface that also includes two routers.



Bob Shingleton

Bob Shingleton - showed two toy airplanes he made. He also had a night light box similar to the ones we made in the workshop, but his was made to hang from a stand that he also made.

Tom Schottle - showed a cremation urn he made by request. He followed with a discussion on the size requirements for cremation urn.



Tom Schottle



Roy Reveal

Roy Reveal - showed a couple of pencil boxes with spline reinforced corners. He then explained how to cut finger joints with a finger joint jig on the table saw.

Bill Morris - showed a small turned box with lid. He also had a small vase made of Spalted Maple. He explained how he made the vase in two sections, then glued them back together and hid the seam with a groove he burned into the side of the vase with a wire.



Bill Morris

Paul Adkins - showed a duck and a trout that he carved from Basswood. He then paints the intricate carvings with such detail that they almost look real.



Paul Adkins

DEMONSTRATION

Our guest speaker in July was Jim Harrold, Editor-In-Chief of *Woodcraft Magazine*. Jim discussed his background before coming to *Woodcraft Magazine* and the direction in which he sees the magazine heading towards in the future.

He also went over the questions on the questionnaire he sent to the club members. This sparked a lively question and answer discussion. Jim said they would use the information from the questionnaire in magazine planning sessions.



Jim Harrold

To the members of the Valley Woodworkers of West Virginia

When I joined the Valley Woodworkers of West Virginia in 1995, there were only 15-20 members. We met in workshops of the members; most of the time is the shop of Curt Williamson. With our small numbers, everybody had a good seat and could see what was happening. Since Curt's shop was well equipped, the demonstrations of techniques and methods were performed using his equipment. His shop was also one of the major shops for making toys for the Salvation Army.

As the club grew, it became impossible to squeeze everyone into Curt's shop. We met for awhile at the Putnam County Career Center. They had some equipment that we could use, but they were mostly setup to teach carpentry. In addition, the tools were not maintained well and we had to spend a lot of time tuning them up before we could use them. When we returned for the next meeting, the tools were out of whack again. After a year or so, we were asked to leave because they needed the room that they had set aside for us. We met a few times at schools or libraries, but that did not allow us to actually teach techniques or methods. We were not allowed to make sawdust.

Glenn Pauley then allowed us to meet in an unused portion of his upholstery shop. This was an excellent place to meet and we could again teach techniques and methods using tools and machinery; although the machinery available was very limited. We eventually outgrew Glenn's place and he needed the space for his growing business. As a result, we are in our current meeting place in Dunbar. The Dunbar location is very good, but again we are a guest of the landlord and can be asked to leave at any time.

Besides not owning the building, our major limitation is that ever since we left Curt's shop, we have not had a fully equipped shop at our disposal. We have had to, in many cases, rely on crude drawings and verbal explanations on how to perform an operation or build an item to develop our woodworking abilities. Some of these demonstrations were very good, but most of them would have been better if we only had a complete workshop available to actually demonstrate the techniques being described. The lack of equipment has also made it difficult to have club projects were we all get together on a Saturday to jointly build items; be it lamps, tables, boxes, or toys for the Salvation Army.

To help rectify this shortcoming, I have provided a Grant of over \$10,000 to purchase equipment for the club. The equipment purchased includes a 10" SawStop table saw, a 15" Powermatic planer with helical cutter head, an 8" Powermatic parallelogram jointer with helical cutter head, an 18" variable speed Powermatic drill press, a 1.75 hp Powermatic filter cartridge style dust collector, a Fein Turbo II vacuum, and related accessories for the equipment. All that I ask in return is that you wear the proper personal protective equipment (safety glasses with side shields, hearing protection, and as needed, a dust mask) and that you demonstrate that you can safely operate the equipment before being permitted to operate it on your own. If you would like to volunteer to help make toys for the Salvation Army, that would be appreciated too. With the addition of this machinery, I foresee that our meetings and demonstrations will get even better.

I would also like to thank Woodcraft Supply who provided a discount on the Powermatic equipment and allowed the grant dollars to go further.

Peter Howell

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