



Plane Talk Newsletter

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This is a publication of Nevada Woodchucks, Inc. , a Nevada Domestic Non-Profit Corporation. The members are woodworkers from the Reno, Sparks, Carson City, Dayton, Minden, Gardenville, Fernley, Lake Tahoe & surrounding area.

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www.nevadawoodchucks.org

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President's Message by Jerome Alterman

June is vacation month for quite a few members, and since the mask restrictions have been relaxed, now may be a good time to finally get away. Remember to stay safe and take care. The CNC machine is completely assembled, the next step is getting used to the new software and how it works.

It's a bit different from the older version and quite a few operations are different. [The digital workshop SIG] will be back on track in July, and should be making dust, a lot of dust, before the month is over. And speaking of dust, the Toy group can use help in producing more toys. If you have available time and would like to contribute, contact Donnah for more information. The Lathe group is contributing by making (offset turned) racing cars. Contact Tom Doud if you want to help. Let's see if we can supply more toys than last year (~1400) to the charities.

The club now has it's own Zoom account for use by those wanting to present a Zoom meeting. This account will be used not only for board meetings and general membership meetings, but for those SIG's wanting to broadcast meetings to the membership at large.

If you desire the login/password contact me via e-mail.

Take care, stay safe

Schedule Highlights for the Month of June

Board Meeting, Zoom, Tue 1st @6:30 pm

Annual General Meeting, Hybrid Zoom, Thur 10th @6:30pm

Sierra Arts Festival, Reno Plaza, Sat 26th, 10am—[See Page 6](#)

Toys SIG, Shop, Sat 5th & 19th @9am, Wed 9th & 23th @10am

Lathe SIG, Shop, Tues 15th & 22nd @6:30pm

TnT SIG, Shop, Thur 17th, Sierra Arts Festival, Sat 26th @10am

Scroll Saw SIG, Vacation, Nothing Scheduled

Digital Workshop SIG, Vacation, Nothing Scheduled



All programs and projects of the Nevada Woodworkers are supported, in part, by the Nevada Arts Council, a state agency, which receives support from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency



The Sierra Arts Foundation supports Nevada Woodchucks activities in the Reno area.

Membership General Meeting

June's General Membership Meeting will be held on **Thursday the 10th** at 6:30 pm. The Zoom meeting will be broadcast from the shop with the ability to give live demonstrations. Members will be allowed to attend at the shop, preferably those who have been vaccinated. This a "Hybrid Zoom" meeting. If non-vaccinated members attend — MASKS are a must as well as social distancing. Zoom meeting announcements will be sent via email.

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Toys by Donnah Wenstrom

When: Saturday June 5th & 19th, 9:00 to Noon and
Wednesday June 9th & 23rd, 10 to 1pm (Bring bag lunch)

Where: Clubhouse

Program: Making toys! You may come and stay for the SIG or pick up toys to work on at home

Team Leaders: Donnah Wenstrom, Julia Tachihara



Lathe by Tom Doud

When: Tuesday, June 15th & 22nd @ 6:30pm

Where: Clubhouse in the Lathe Corner

Program: Between new members and requests for sharpening tips, the June Lathe Sig will focus on sharpening!

Team Leaders: Russ Lambert, Tom Doud, Mary Sedgwick



Tools N Techniques by Ed Campau

When: Thursday June 17th, 6:30 to 8:30
Saturday June 26th, 10am to 4pm

Where: Thursday at Clubhouse
Saturday at Woodchucks Booth, Sierra Arts Festival, Reno City Plaza

Program:

The Thursday meeting will be preparation for demonstrations at the Saturday Arts Festival. The focus will mostly be using hand tools for different woodworking techniques. We may even come up with contest or two. So come out Thursday night and share your ideas and any art you what to sell! You may even get a demo spot on Saturday.

Team Leaders: Ed Campau, Tom Doud, Bob Dietrick, Christian Ziegler



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Digital Workshop by Jerry Alterman

When: Nothing Scheduled

Where: N/A

Program: The SIG is on vacation until July.

Comment: The CNC machine is 99% assembled and testing has begun. We'll most likely begin making sawdust in July as vacation time is here.

Team Leaders: Ron Flint, Jerry Alterman



Scroll Saw by Donnah Wenstrom for Jerry Alterman

When: Nothing Scheduled

Where: N/A

Program: The SIG is on vacation June & July.

Comment: Since no one has showed up for the last three Scroll Saw SIG meetings, Jerry and Donnah have decided to cancel it for at least June and July. If anyone is really interested in learning how to use the scroll saw or needs help with a special scroll saw project, please contact Jerry or Donnah who will try to make special arrangements for you. In the meantime, enjoy your summer.

Team Leaders: Jerry Alterman, Donnah Wenstrom



Carving SIG No Report submitted

When: No Public Announcement

Where: N/A

Program: N/A

Comment: Contact Paul directly for information

Team Leaders: Paul Volpp



For non-vaccinated members, Captain Jerry says please wear a mask at all group face to face meetings and maintain a safe distance from others.

You may not want to go as far as Captain Jerry did for this photo—but it would work!

Feature Articles

WOODLORE about Western Red Cedar by Pat Ekedahl

WESTERN RED CEDAR the Pacific Northwest's durable tree of life. Northwest Coast Indians had been using western red cedar long before botanist Louis Nee came across the tree on Vancouver island in 1794. Carvers among the region's tribes shaped into masks, ceremonial boxes, totem poles (many of which still stand.)

The lightweight, easy-to-work wood was also split in planks for lodges, and as hollowed-out trunks, worked into ocean-going canoes. The tough, sinewy bark provided the tribes with material for woven baskets, braided rope, and fishing lines. No wonder the native people called this species "tree of life."

When the first pioneers ventured into the wildly beautiful land, they took advantage of the western red cedar's attributes, too. Because it was long-lasting, they split wood into shingles, shakes and siding for their homes, which today accounts for the wood's greatest volume.

We think of the western red cedar as a tree of the most coastal forests from California to British Columbia and southern Alaska. Western red cedar climbs up into the Idaho and Montana mountains too.

Perfect for the outdoors, western red cedar withstands the elements as decks, fences, furniture, play structures and sandboxes. Indoors, the wood makes attractive doors, moldings, wall treatments and even cabinets.

For those with some artistic talent, the wood can be easily carved and turned. [Info from WOOD January 1995]

All for now, Pat



**THE WOOD
DATABASE**

Check-out
Western Red Cedar
wood Specification
[here.](#)

Table Saw Accessories Review by Rod Procter

Re: SawStop Zero clearance plate by Infinity Tools

Are you tired of paying over \$30 for each Zero clearance plate for your SawStop Table Saw? This [Insert Plate] solves one of my peeves with the SawStop.

Infinity tools has a plate with replaceable inserts. You can now afford to have a different plate for each blade or angle. Easy to change inserts are available at 4 for \$15.90. Plate is \$119.90. Available at www.infinitytools.com

Re: Flip Stop by Woodpeckers

Several reasons to consider the Flip Stop:

- Micro adjustments for the rip fence.
- Dado's without changing to a dado blade. Changing to a dado blade for a few dado's is always a chore for me on the Saw Stop.
- Repeatable cuts. You can change the rip blade for a different width cut, then go back to your original setting with accuracy
- Set up multiple repeatable width cuts.

Installation is easy. The quality and materials are fantastic. All my test setups worked like a dream. Woodpeckers currently only makes this accessory for selected models of SawStop and Powermatic, Available at www.woodpeck.com.

Best of all they are MADE IN AMERICA!!!!



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Woodchucks Recognized at Veterans Planter Box Dedication

by Christian Ziegler

Veterans living at the new Veterans Retirement Home in Sparks requested a gardening activity. The Community responded with eight planter boxes for their use in the home's four court yards.

On Friday, May 21, Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS) held a ceremony at the home and recognized the 10 community organizations that made contributions for the planter box deployment. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to each organization by Kat Miller, Director of HDVS.

Amy Garland, Deputy Director of Health Care for NDVS was the host for the ceremony. Amy sent a formal letter to the Nevada Woodchucks stating "Thank you for your contribution to the Northern Nevada State Veterans Home (NNSVH) Planter Box project! Your excellent craftsmanship will be enjoyed for many years to come as the veterans at the NNSVH will be able to plant and harvest year-after-year, thanks to these well-constructed planter boxes."

"The Story of the Planter Boxes" was a keynote address by J. R. Stafford, Chapter 989 President, Vietnam Veterans of America. J. R. Stafford lead the team of community organizations from start to finish. JR described two phases of the project, one to build the planters in 2020 and one in 2021 to outfit the planters with watering, soil and plants.

He explained how Nevada Woodchucks working with supplies and personnel from Home Depot Carson got the boxes built and delivered in the fall of 2020. The other seven organizations contributed supplies in 2021 to outfit the Planters.

KOLA TV News was there and wrote a news story.

Woodchucks in attendance were Ed Campau, Dale Pappas, Judith Ziegler, & Christian Ziegler.



May 24, 2021

At: Jerry Ackerman
 To: Nevada Woodchucks, Inc.
 P.O. Box 20085
 Reno, NV 89513

Dear Jerry:

Thank you for your contribution to the Northern Nevada State Veterans Home (NNSVH) Planter Box project! Your excellent craftsmanship will be enjoyed for many years to come as the veterans at the NNSVH will be able to plant and harvest year-after-year, thanks to these well-constructed planter boxes.

Other Seven Organization
 Home Depot, Summit Ridge, Reno
 Rotary Club of Sparks
 The Katie Grace Foundation
 Family Garden Club
 Rayco Drywall
 Rail Garden Center
 Wild Whimsical Women



Click [Here](#) for link to KOLA News Article

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Sierra Arts Festival by John Hasenau

The next Art Sale will occur on June 26th and will be with the Sierra Arts Group in Downtown Reno on the Plaza. Woodchucks may sell their art at the Woodchuck booth, be aware there is a 30% commission to Sierra Arts and a commitment to helping man the booths during the day. Please contact John Hasenau to reserve a display spot.

The festival begins at 10am and goes until 9pm.



Woodchucks Helping Woodchuck Build Ramp

by Christian Ziegler

Tom Doud needed a ramp and rail for his rear entrance to ease access for his wife. Ed Campau helped Tom design the ramp. John Hasenau, Todd Williams and Rod Proctor helped Tom construct the ramp this May.

This activity is a common attribute of the Nevada Woodchucks, not only helping others within but outside the organization as well.



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100 Toys for the Kids by Donnah Wenstrom

This is a new design we found recently. We had to modify the pattern slightly after putting several together, as we found the head was so heavy that the moose tipped over and landed on its nose! So we moved the handle hole forward a little and made it a bit smaller. Success! We oiled them, as the wood was so beautiful and moose-colored. We happened to have eye buttons of walnut that were the right size to enhance the final product. Other toys below.



Triceratops puzzle



Ducks on Wheels

Food trucks with
lettering done by
Digital Workshop SIG



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Turners May Activities By Tom Doud

Photos taken during May 25th SIG session during Show & Tell



Julia Tachihara, Todd Williams, Gary Raines, & Len Taylor discussing show & tell - notice the race car blanks that was general meeting topic & zoom demo.



Bowl from a board by
Russ Lambert

Hollow vessel by
Gary Raines



Digital Workshop Activities By Jerry Alterman

Over 100 flexible, articulated toys have been 3D printed and passed to the Toy SIG. The material is corn based and therefore is non-toxic and biodegradable. However, it is not recommended they be used for snacking.



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Tools & Techniques May Activities By Christian Ziegler

The May program was about progress on the grinder stand for the lathe SIG.

Drawers were installed, top extension added, back installed, and two of the drawer oak fronts milled and installed with pulls. Two more drawer fronts were milled and because of size had to be glued into panels.

These last two drawer fronts need to be installed with pulls and the construction will be complete. All that remains will be applying finish.



Keith Neubert (new member) preparing drawers for the guide installation

Paul Cox & Keith Neubert installing the drawer



Ed Campau & Rod Proctor preparing the stretchers

Ed Campau getting the glue applicator ready for the panel glue-up



Paul Cox marking the placement of the drawer fronts

Ed Campau & Paul Cox almost done



Scroll Saw SIG Activities By Donnah Wenstrom

Attendance in May was down but the Scroll Saw team is certainly willing to assist any member in making fret work design pieces. These are examples of items you can make in the Scroll Saw SIG. These were made by Donnah Wenstrom.



Bowl on stand



Candle Stand



Fret work Bowl

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Donations by Jane Phillips

Janet Phillips made donation to the club of root burls on behalf of her husband Mike Phillips. Mike was a well established and globally recognized turner and passed last May (2020) due to an unfortunate accident.



In addition to the root burls, Janet gave us Mountain Mahogany root burls, two huge buckeye root burls and a walnut block. Pics of the buckeye burls and the walnut block are to the right. Plans for these are to stabilize and fill with acrylic the buckeye burls and then to core the buckeye as well as the walnut to maximize the yields from them as a club project.



Donations by RIKON Tools

Rikon Tools donated a replacement bed for a mini lathe. The club was donating this lathe to a younger member who has shown great interest and potential in the woodworking art. Unfortunately the lathe was dropped and the bed was badly damaged. Rod Burrow, Rikon Tools product manager, offered to replace the bed at no charge except for shipping.

A thank you letter was sent to Rod. We value the relationship with RIKON & consider them a supplier of high quality equipment such as the Rikon Mini-Lathe.



Spring Shop Cleanup photos by Tom Doud

Early on May 22nd, eleven Woodchucks began a thorough cleaning of the shop. This group included two new members, Keith Neubert and David Hardy.



Ron Flint, John Hasenau,
Terry Plys, Jerry Sauer & Russ Lambert



Tim Rocky, Ed Campau & Terry Plys



Keith Neubert (new member)
& Jerry Sauer



Russ Lambert & David Hardy (new member)



Tim Rocky & Todd Williams

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Board Meeting May 4 Highlights

John Hasenau chaired meeting from the shop live via Zoom broadcast with Paul Yarmolich. Nine of eleven Board members and two committee chairs in attendance.

- Finances look good with positive cash flow over last 10 month. Received "Letters of Intent" to donate funds from Dreyfus & NV Energy.
- Actions set for "Onboarding" of 5 new members. Tom Doud shall be the first contact.
- 30 respondents on survey
- Roadriders on FM 104.1 - advertising with woodchucks endorsement
- June 26th Sierra Arts Festival , will have booths, members can show their wares, demo's okay
- Balloon races on this year - need leader to attend - details on promenade booths unclear - will likely change

Raffle Details

Raffle At General Meeting is Suspended for Now!

Shopping

Thanks to local suppliers who sponsor the club through discounts to members.

Master Craft, 1460 Linda Way, Sparks	356-1772
Apex Saws, 570 Kietzke LN, Reno	329-3076
Woodworking Source, 9736 S. Virginia ST, Reno	624-9174

Woodchuck Logo Wear Items [Contact Terry Plys](#) [click here for phone list](#)

Baseball Cap	\$ 9.00	Baseball Cap name on back)	\$11.00
T-shirt (gray or tan)	13.00	T-shirt with pocket (gray or tan)	14.00
Bibbed Apron	17.00	Wood Turner Smock	65.00
Hoodies with zipper	50.00	Pullover Sweatshirt	28.00
Winter Jacket	60.00	Light-weight Jacket	65.00

Above includes one small 'Woodchuck' embroidered logo.

Sizes 2X and larger add \$1.00 more per "X"

Add-on's: Add your name on item for \$6.00; Larger Logo on back of jacket & sweatshirt for \$30.00

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Board of Directors includes:

Jerry Alterman President
 Mary Sedgwick Vice President
 Paul Yarmolich Secretary
 John Hasenau Treasurer
 Russ Lambert
 Bob Dietrich
 Edward Campau
 Donnah Wenstrom
 Tom Doud
 Tom Mattis
 Todd Williams

SIG Program Leaders

Lathe Tom Doud & Russ Lampert
 TNT Edward Campau & Bob Dietrich
 Scroll Saw Jerry Alterman & Donnah Wenstrom
 Toy Donnah Wenstrom & Julia Tachihara
 Carving Paul Volpp
 Digital Workshop Ron Flint & Jerry Alterman

Committee Chairs

Newsletter Editor: Christian Ziegler
 Webmaster: Kirk Jeffery
 Facebook: Julia Tachihara
 Logo Wear Items: Terry Plys

On-line Shop Safety Test:

All our new members must complete the on-line Shop Safety Test. In order to take any classes or participate in any of the Woodchuck SIG's. This Shop Safety Test is a requirement to use shop tools and equipment.

After completing the Application Form and paying your membership dues, you will receive an acknowledgment e-mail that includes the password. You can then take the test.

To take the test, go to the members only section of the web-page and click on the link to the safety test. It will ask you for an e-mail and your name. Take the test and it will e-mail the results and the correct answers (if you missed any) back to you.

Example: go to www.nevadawoodchucks.org/members-only/ enter password, select Safety Test.

Monthly Business Meetings

Board Meetings — any Member can attend.
 1st Tuesday of the month, 6:30 pm

Membership General Meetings
 2nd Thursday of the month, 6:30 pm

Clubhouse Tool Safety

Always Wear Safety Equipment

ear & eye protection, latex gloves for finishing

Wear The Right Clothes

wearing baggy or loose clothes might get caught in a cutting head or saw blade.

Avoid Using Anything That Can Impair Your Reaction Time and Judgment

for example no alcohol or other intoxicant

Disconnect Power

before changing blades or bits on your power tools

Use A Single Extension Cord

too many cords can be confusing & a tripping hazard

Never Use Blunt Blades & Bits

dull tools will need to be made to work harder to cut and as a result can bind or kick back.

Check Stock for Existing Metal

spinning blades and metal (like nails) will harm the operator, & damage stock and the cutting head.

Work Against The Cutter

ensure that the blade or router bit cuts against the motion of the wood instead of with it

Never Reach Over A Running Blade

always wait until a spinning blade has stopped moving before reaching to remove waste or cut-offs

Use a Push Stick

use a push stick on stationary power tools

Minimize Distractions

finish what you were doing when working with a power tool before engaging in other activities

Seek Hands-on Tool Training

seek hands-on assistance for safety awareness any-time using a shop tool for the first time

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Board Members & Committee Chairs

See phone list on the right

Clubhouse Address

405 Western Rd. #36, Panther Valley

Club Phone Message

775 -241-3872

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Paul Volpp	853-3432
Paul Yarmouth	925-989-0789
Ron Flint	224-5318
Russ Lambert	359-4554
Terry Plys	219-4381
Todd Williams	240-1286
Tom Doud	233-5585 M
Tom Mattis	530-721-5362

Key: H is home, M is Mobile

Editor's Notes

Article Deadline

20th day of prior Month of Issue

Any article received on or before the 20th will be included in the next issues. Any article after the 20th may not get in, although we will try. If not, it will go in following month if still appropriate.

The newsletter is published at the beginning of each month.

You can email copy of your article to chziggy@atechmar.com. Include photos or art separately—do not imbed photos in text or email as it is difficult to pull it out. The publisher may edit your text to fit, improve grammar or clarity.

Any urgent questions you can call or text Christian Ziegler on mobile 805-209-9640.

Acceptable Articles

Any woodworking creation done by a Woodchuck whether done in the club shop or at home.

Any community activity that would be of interest to the Woodchuck members.

Any woodworking subject you would like to share with the Woodchuck community.

Any woodworking related item you would like to sell—no commercial ads please!

PDF & Hyperlinks

This newsletter is published as a pdf digital document. Hyperlinks have been imbedded to facilitate navigating throughout the document. The Hyperlink is shown as an underlined word/words—clicking this word should move you to the intended page or website.