



# Plane Talk Newsletter

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## President's Message by Jerome Alterman

July is over, and hopefully so is most of the heat. And to celebrate, the General Membership Meeting, August 12th, will be our Ice Cream Social. This will be the first social gathering in quite some time, hope to see you there - BYOB (Bring Your Own Bib). The meeting will include a demonstration of

the CNC machine.

Woodchucks delivered over 100 Nevada shaped palettes for the Hello Project - [Click here](#) for article.

July set a record for new members with over five. Welcome to the club Kris McCain, Michael Pittel, Dave Weatherby, Jamie Greening, and the family of Lisa Nelson. Be sure to give them a "Woodchuck Welcome" when you can.

Boyd Jeffery was an integral part of the Woodchucks, and has been missed since 2020 by all who knew him. His son, Kirk Jeffery, is having a memorial service followed by reception on Saturday, August 7th beginning at 10:30 a.m. Details below in feature article - [Click Here](#).

**A reminder that dues for the next fiscal year are due. For those sending checks for their dues, please send them to: John Hasenau, 2605 Novara Ct., Sparks NV 89434.**

**If, due to Covid, you are having financial difficulties, there is assistance money set aside to help you with the dues. Please contact John Hasenau at (775) 636-5674 for additional information.**

## Schedule Highlights for the Month of August

Board Meeting, Shop, Tue 3rd @6:30 pm

General Meeting, Shop, Thur 12th @6:30pm

Toys SIG, Shop, S at 14th&28th@9am, Wed 4th, 18th & Sep 1st @10am

Lathe SIG, Shop, Tues 17th & 24th @6:30pm

TNT SIG, Shop, Thurs 19th & 26th @6:30pm

Carving SiG, Volpp's home, every Wed, 9am

Digital Workshop SIG, Zoom, contact Ron Flint

Scroll Saw SIG, Vacation, Nothing Schedule



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

August's General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday the 12th at 6:30 pm at the shop only (NO ZOOM). The meeting will begin with an ice cream social. The program will feature a CNC machine demonstration by the Digital Workshop SIG. Members are asked to comply with state mask-wearing requirements.

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### Toys by Donnah Wenstrom

**When:** Wednesday August 4th , 18th & Sep1st 10 to 1pm (Bring bag lunch) and Saturday August 14th, & 28th, 9:00 to Noon

**Where:** Clubhouse

**Program:** All Aspects of Toy Making

**Team Leaders:** Donnah Wenstrom, Julia Tachihara



### Lathe by Tom Doud

**When:** Tuesday, August 17th & 24th @ 6:30pm

**Where:** Clubhouse in the Lathe Corner

**Program:** This month we will be making Earring Stands and Ring Holders. These projects will incorporate both spindle and bowl techniques.

**Team Leaders:** Russ Lambert, Tom Doud, Mary Sedgwick



### Tools N Techniques by Ed Campau

**When:** Thursday June 19th & 26th, 6:30 to 8:30

**Where:** Clubhouse

**Program:**

The program for August will focus on three areas: continue to prepare the TNT corner of the shop; develop a cutting board project for a future program; refine the Table Saw demo for the September general meeting.

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



### Digital Workshop by Ron Flint

**When:** By Appointment with Ron Flint

**Where:** Zoom on the INTERNET

**Program:** Contact Ron Flint for information on classes.

**Team Leaders:** Ron Flint, Jerry Alterman



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### Scroll Saw by Jerry Alterman

**When:** Nothing Scheduled

**Where:** N/A

**Program:** The SIG is on vacation June, July & August



### Carving SIG by Paul Volpp

**When:** Wednesday August 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th, 9 to 11:30am

**Where:** Paul's Home

**Program:** The August 11th program will feature "Painting Your Carving" by Sue Pedersen

**Comment:**

Don't miss this opportunity to learn from Sue Pedersen. She is an accomplished artist and teacher. She paints all of Ron's carvings, and if you have ever seen any of Ron's painted projects you will appreciate her artistry.

Sue's major emphasis will be on painting the face. Topics include: Painting the eyes, Skin colors, How to blend colors, Dry brushing, Shadows and highlights.

Be sure to bring along one of your own pieces to work on and apply her instruction. She will go around the room and give individual help to each student. If you have your own favorite brushes and/or paints, feel free to bring them. We will also have paints available in class. Sue usually uses Jo Sonja paints.

**Team Leaders:** Paul Volpp



Captain Jerry has been trying to ditch this mask for sometime now!

Guess he will need to keep in on for awhile longer.!

## Feature Articles

### Boyd Jeffery Memorial Service by Kirk Jeffery

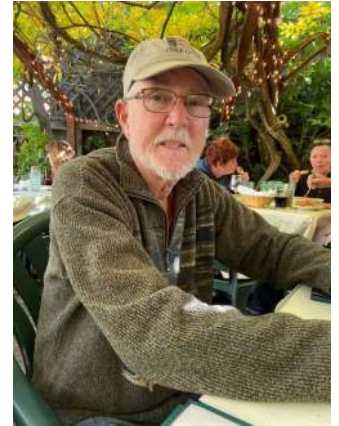
Boyd Jeffery's Memorial Service will be held Saturday, August 7 at 10:30 A.M. at the South Reno United Methodist Church, 200 De Spain Lane. All are invited. Masks are required.

A Celebration of Life open house will follow from 12:30-2:00 at 2020 Bucephalus Parkway, Reno. Tell the agent at the gate that you are attending the Jeffery function at the recreation center. Take the second exit from the traffic circle. The rec center is on the right when you exit the circle. There is parking in the rear of the center.

We hope many of the Jeffery's friends will help remember and celebrate Boyd's life!

If you have questions please contact [gayjeffery@gmail.com](mailto:gayjeffery@gmail.com).

In lieu of flowers please consider making a memorial gift to one of the following: Food Bank of Northern Nevada, 550 Italy Drive, Sparks NV 89434; South Reno United Methodist Church, 200 De Spain Lane, Reno NV 89511; Sierra Eagles Gold Wing Road Riders Association, 2370 Lincoln Meadows Drive, Reno, NV 89521; Nevada Wood Chucks, PO Box 20285, Reno NV 89515-0285, or a charity of your choice.



### WOODLORE about Beech by Pat Ekedahl

Beech ... a tree with European ties and an American heritage

Long ago, English bodgers [chair wood-turners] crafted the legs of Windsor chairs from beech trees they felled in the forest. The long-wearing wood also became peasant footwear in the shape of shoes and clogs. In the iron smelters of Germany, France and England, beech was the fuel.

The vast beech tree forests that once covered a range that included parts of Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and central Michigan were familiar to early European immigrants and travelers. Westward moving pioneers in the new land discovered that the American Beech grew in the choicest soils. So, with ax and saw, they felled the trees to plant crops. In doing so, they destroyed the nut crop of the then numberless [too many to count] passenger pigeon. This move, combined with mass hunting, spelled their extinction.

Today, although the blanketing beech forests are gone, the tree remains plentiful throughout the range. Its hard, pliable, strong, and pretty wood, however, primarily furnishes stock for paper. That's because kiln-drying beech in commercial quantities has its pitfalls. Yet, some beech does become woodenware and furniture parts, as well as barrels for aging beer.

Used in woodworking, beech steam-bends as readily as ash, it works well for chair legs and backs. In fact, this under-used wood could be made into any type of interior furniture, cabinets, flooring and trim. As drawers, beech actually becomes slicker as it rubs against other wood members. Wood-turners use beech for items such as goblets with delicate stems. It's also ideal for food-use vessels like cutting boards and spoons because it imparts no odor and takes abuse.

Info from Wood magazine winter 1997



Check-out  
Beech wood Spec-  
ification [here](#).

## Community Activity

### Woodchucks Deliver Nevada Shapes for Hello Project

by John Hasenau

The HELLO Project, who we worked with last year for Heart plywood shapes for the elderly to paint, has worked with us again this year to make Nevada plywood shapes. We were able to make 118 Nevada Shapes (2' tall x 16" wide) for the elderly to paint this year.

Production was aided by our new CNC machine improving the quality and consistency of the product and greatly reducing the resource time for production. Once the design, material acquisition and layout was done, a small team at the shop took half-a-day to produce these beautiful ¼" birch Nevada Shapes

Ms. Kelly Green, the Manager of the HELLO Project was extremely pleased with the product and will be distributing them to individuals for their artistic impressions to be added on them. The HELLO Project hopes to display the decorated shapes around downtown Reno in the near future.



Kelly & John



Kelly & Jerry

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### Toy Makers August Activities by Donnah Wenstrom

Beautiful turned race cars have been coming in weekly. Thank you Lathe SIG and all of you who work at home to increase our toy production. We now have 800 toys completed and bagged.

We received some beautiful jewelry box cases from a donor for Toys. Here are also some of the race cars made by our turners with drivers painted by Shirley, and some new giraffes and hedgehogs.



Race Cars



Giraffes



Hedge Hogs

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### Turners August Activities By Tom Doud

Here are a few turners showing off their work in July.



Terry Plys with turned top

Paul Cox with turned top



Julia Tachihara with turned top

Tops & wands turned during SIG meeting



### TNT Team August Activities By Christian Ziegler

The TNT corner is taking shape with team members installing a plane rack and adding a wall panel to an exposed exterior wall.

The team also did tool maintenance by replacing a failed side vice with a donated one. Furthermore, the rip fence gauge on the table saw was replaced.



Ed Campau doing metal work prep for wall panel



Wall Panel installed



TNT Corner with plane rack



Rod Procter & Paul Cox Installing side vice



Replacement side vice installed



Ed Campau applying fence gauge tape with Christian Ziegler assist.

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### Carvers August Activities By Paul Volpp

Here is a photo of a Wood Spirit done in our Seminar last month. A Rich Wetherbee design. Not painted yet!



## Other Activity

### Walmart Community Grant by John Hasenau

Nevada Woodchucks received a Walmart Community grant from the Walmart community grants team located at their distribution center on USA parkway, near RT 80.

Here are Walmart's words:

We are thrilled to support your work in our communities and share your desire to provide local impact.

By receiving this grant, you are part of a long history of Walmart's commitment to giving back to the communities where we operate. In fact, Mrs. Helen Walton used to say "It's not what you gather, but what you scatter that tells what kind of life you have lived."

Rick Burns (Richard.Burns@Walmart.com) is our contact at this facility and would like to be invited to the toy donation party.



### Board Meeting June 1 Highlights by Christian Ziegler

Since minutes not available at time of publication, I summarized my notes from the meeting in order of discussion:

- Will receive marketing grant from JC Weiss for brochures & business cards
- Club enjoyed strong surplus of receipts to expenses for year end.
- Projected budget for following year is expecting surplus.
- Planning summer picnic for September
- Woodchuck participation in Balloon races promenade is not happening again this year as only food vendors allowed.
- Moving club art from depot to Sierra Fine Arts .

## 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



## Membership Details page 1 of 2

### 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/](http://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

### Club Mail

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Mary Sedgwick	303-0223 M
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](mailto:chziggy@atechmar.com). Include photos or art separately—do not embed 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!

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