



Plane Talk Newsletter

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President's Message by Jerome Alterman

October is here, and along with it is the beginning of the end of the year and all the festivities that go along with it.

And speaking of festivities, for those who were unable to attend the annual picnic/BBQ, you missed a good time. We not only had the opportunity to see old friends again, but we also had some new members attend. For those of you who were there, thank you for making the picnic a memorable time.

With the new year quickly approaching, take some time to ponder what you would like to see the club doing in the new year, where we should be headed, and how we can achieve these goals. Just something to think about as the ghosts and goblins get ready to pounce upon us.

Schedule Highlights for the Month of October

Board Meeting, Hybrid, Tue 5 @6:30 pm
General Meeting, Shop, Thurs 14 @6:30 pm
Toys SIG, Shop, Sat 9 & 23 @9am, Wed 13 & 27 @10am
Lathe SIG, Shop, Tues 19 & 26 @6:30pm
TNT SIG, Shop, Thurs 21 & 28 @6:30pm
Carving SiG, Volpp's home, every Wed @9am
Digital Workshop SIG, shop, Sat 2, 16, & 30 @9am
Scroll Saw SIG, shop, Thurs 7 & Tues 12 @6:30pm

The event details within Plane Talk are transcribed manually from the Calendar displayed on our web page. Since calendar events may change throughout the month, please check this on-line calendar to confirm current event status or have a concern on the validity of the manual transcription. Click [HERE](#) for on-line Calendar.



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

October's General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday the 14th at the shop (NO ZOOM.)

The program will feature a demonstration by the Tools & Technique (TnT) SIG on using hand planes in today's workshops. Topics to include sharpening, adjusting and when to use which plane. Some members have requested info on how to restore old planes, so that topic will be addressed as well. You can bring your plane to the meeting to have it addressed as well.

Also, about a 1,000 board feet of wood will be available to club members prior and after the meeting. The wood was donated by the family of the late Woodchuck, Keith Bonzer. The club would appreciate an appropriate \$ donation in the "tip jar" for any wood taken home.

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Toys by Donnah Wenstrom

When: Saturday October 9, & 23, @ 9am to Noon and Wednesday October 13 & 27, @10am to 1pm (Bring bag lunch)

Where: Clubhouse

Program: All Aspects of Toy Making

Team Leaders: Donnah Wenstrom, Julia Tachihara



Lathe by Tom Doud

When: Tuesday, October 19 & 26 @ 6:30 to 9pm

Where: Clubhouse in the Lathe Corner

Program: For October's Lathe Sig we will be making small Holiday gifts; ornaments and such.

Team Leaders: Russ Lambert, Tom Doud, Mary Sedgwick



Tools N Techniques by Tom Doud

When: Thursday October 21 & 28, @6:30 to 8:30pm

Where: Clubhouse

Program: We will be building the Bookcases for the Sparks Heritage Museum. We will be ripping, milling, assembling, and finishing several bookcases. Members are encouraged to participate in this project.

Other sessions may be scheduled as needed to complete the project and deliver them to the Sparks Museum.

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



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Digital Workshop by Ron Flint

When: Saturday October 2, 16, & 30, @ 9 to 11:59 am .

Where: Shop

Program: CHAT TIME about Digital machines, questions, answers, planning, and future projects.

Demo - The basic work flow of designing and cutting a project using our computer-numerically controlled (CNC) router.

Team Leaders: Ron Flint, Jerry Alterman



Scroll Saw by Jerry Alterman

When: Thursday October 7 & Tuesday October 12, 6@:30 to 8:30 pm

Where: Shop

Program: The scroll saw group will be making items for Halloween and/or Thanksgiving, your choice.



Carving SIG by Paul Volpp

When: Wednesday October 6, 13, 20, & 27, @ 9 to 11:30am

Where: Paul's home

Program: To be determined.

Team Leaders: Paul Volpp



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WOODLORE about Box Elder by Pat Ekedahl

BOX ELDER, the lowliest maple of all. Fast growing box elder was widely planted throughout the Midwest for street shade and windbreaks until early 20th century. However, because it lacked beauty, resistance to storm damage, and long life of its more glamorous cousin, the sugar maple, the practice was eventually discouraged.

However, the Box Elder was welcomed in the open reaches of the Great Plains through which flows the Missouri River. Able to endure climate extremes and drought, it grew to greater stature, providing needed shade and shelter from the ever present winds. Its seeds, like tiny helicopters, swirled with the breezes to find new homes for sprouting, and grew where nothing did before.

A true maple, box elder even today is tapped for its sweet sap, which is made into syrup and sugar. This is especially true in western range, where preferred sugar maple fails to grow.

Box Elder's comparatively soft, light wood never attained the woodworking status of the hard and often distinctively grained sugar maple. Yet, where it grows to any great size, it finds its way with other nondescript maples into slack barrels, boxes, and crates, wooden-ware, and inexpensive furniture.

Info from WOOD April 1998



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Western Hemlock
wood Specification
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Cat Houses by Ron Flint

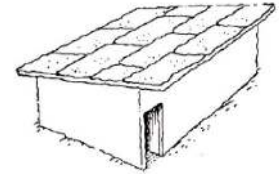
Question: What can be assembled from 25 4'x8'x1/2" and 13 4'x8'x1/4" sheets of plywood?

Answer: 25 cat shelters of course!

Back story: Remember the community project where the Nevada Woodchucks paired with The Home Depot to create six planter boxes for the Veterans Home? Members from The Home Depot and the Woodchucks assembled the boxes, and the Woodchucks delivered them where they are in use today.

This Fall, a request was made where we can again add to our tool belt of community projects with The Home Depot. The Humane Society of Carson City has requested help in construction of the cat houses and The Home Depot will be providing the supplies necessary to build them. Our CNC machine will do the cutting of 38 sheets of plywood needed for the shelters. There are 50 2"x4"s to be cut, and our goal will be for the teams of the Woodchucks and The Home Depot to assemble 12 of the shelters, along with insulation, laminated flooring, and hinged shingled roofs.

We're looking for Woodchucks that want to get involved in this worthwhile project. More information and updates to follow as we receive them.



Completed shelter

Cat House Design

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Girl Scout Jewelry Boxes by May Sedgwick

Mary Sedgwick assisted Girl Scout Group 398 in constructing jewelry boxes to earn their "woodworking badges."

Mary re-sawed the wood to thin it, cut the pieces to size, rabbited the edges, and covered the bottom with fabric to make 7 Kits. Mary designed the art work and Charles Johnson laser engraved each lid and the girls colored them with colored pencils. Five scouts, 10 to 12 yrs in age, each assembled one completed jewelry box.

It was a lot of fun with one major kink. The scouts ground-out the x's in the Phillips screws into divots. We didn't anticipate this happening. But thanks to tools Ed Campau had in his truck, he and Tom Doud were able to fix this.

A "Thank You Note" was signed by the girls and many remarked that this is a forever keepsake.



Scouts thank you note



Completed Jewelry Box

Kit prepared for Scout



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Toys Appreciation by John Hasenau

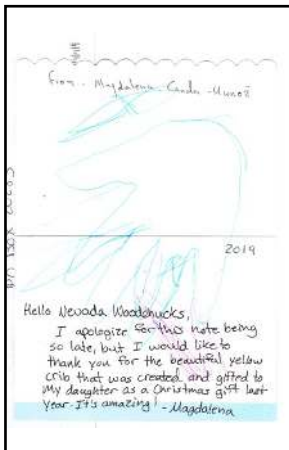
Our toys that we distribute each Christmas have a lasting impact on the recipients as demonstrated by this thank you note. The thank you note reads as follows:

Hello Nevada Woodchucks

I apologize for this note being so late but I would like to thank you for the beautiful yellow crib that was created and gifted to my daughter as a Christmas gift last year—It's amazing!

-Magdalena

Here is a picture from last year of the cradles packaged for delivery.



The "Crib" was most likely from one of these cradles from last year.



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

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

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Toy Makers Activities by Donnah Wenstrom

These airplanes are our first toys made on our new Digital (CNC) machine. We currently have 24 of them. Ron Flint tells me he puts one coat of lacquer on the pieces before the planes are assembled, and a second coat after assembly for a nice smooth sheen. The colorful propellers were made on his 3D printer. Nice job, Ron! Thanks.

The articulated dinosaurs were made on a 3D printer - Nice Job, Jerry! Thanks



Air planes from parts cut out on digital router



Articulated Dinosaurs made on 3D printer

Lathe SIG Activities By Tom Doud

Photos from the lathe SIG Show & Tell at meetings in September.



Finished bowl from coring demo



2 Wanes, 2 bowls, 2 lidded bowls, 2 pen display holders made on digital router



Engraved note book folder (engraved with laser), Band-saw Moose, pen holders



First try at lidded football chip bowl made on digital router

Turner's Activity By John Hasenau

Stan Merrell sent photos for a 19 rows high, open, segmented bowl he completed while away from Reno!!

On a side note, Stan would be interested in returning to NV for a month, and would do segmented bowl classes during that time!!



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Carving Activities By Paul Volpp

Vikings ready to attack! Just kidding. Christmas presents for my Norwegian relatives.



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Annual Picnic by Christian Ziegler

Saturday September 11 saw a great turnout for the BBQ at the shop. Pulled pork, hot dogs and hamburgers were flying off the grill.

Paul Yarmolich kept up with the demand as members filled three tables inside.



Tool Sale Oct 9th by John Hasenau

Being held at Paul Cox's home 50 Virgil Dr. Sparks, NV 89441. Major items include multiple work benches, a table saw, large air compressor, a mortising machine, a stationary 4" belt sander as well as a garage full of hand/power tools. Paul and the Woodchucks are assisting a widow from his church in putting these items into the hands that will use them well. Paul is seeking help for moving things to his house and for assistance from members on the sale day. Please contact Paul if able/interested (775-622-7018).

October Art Sales by John Hasenau

The Sierra Art Callaery has tow art shows this Month. These events providesopportunities for local artist (within 100 mis of Reno) to sell their art.

Two of our members, Todd Williams and Russ Lambert are taking advantage of two art sales to display their work. If any member would like to participate with them here are the particulates.

OCT 16th: Lakeridge Golf Course 2-6 PM, Leader is Todd Williams, Please communicate with Todd (775-240-1286) if you have art you want to sell, or participate in the sale. This is sponsored by our art partner, Sierra Art Gallery and a 30% commission is required for sales.

OCT 29th: Pioneer Plaza 12-4 PM. Leader is Russ Lambert. Please communicate with Russ (775-359-4554) if you have art you want to sell, or participate in the sale. Again this is sponsored by our art partner, Sierra Art Gallery and a 30% commission is required for sales.

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Rocking Airplane Build by John Hasenau

Construction of a rocking airplane is occurring. If interested in participating please contact John Hasenau (775-636-5674). This is an item that will eventually be raffled/sold off to raise funds for the club.

Board Meeting September 7th Highlights by Christian Ziegler

The meeting was a hybrid - Zoom and in person -with eleven members in attendance of which eight of the eleven board members were in attendance.

Paul Yarmolich submitted the minutes shortly after the meeting. Except for the usual financial review, all the other topics are covered in this newsletter's articles.

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 Ply. 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

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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 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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