



Monthly Messenger

Central Minnesota Woodworker's Association

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Fellow Woodworkers Ron McKeever, President

I will use this corner of the newsletter each month to introduce you to fellow members of our woodworkers club. I will introduce myself first.

My interest in woodworking began in the fall of 1949 on an island on Lake of the Woods in Northern Minnesota. Well, maybe not exactly in 1949 but that was the year I was born.



At that time my dad had a sawmill that he used to produce wooden fish boxes. These boxes were used by the commercial fisherman to transport their fish to market.

I was introduced to woodworking by tailing lumber as it came through a planer that was driven by a 4 cylinder, Wisconsin air-cooled gas engine; my brother and I did not think it was much fun.

It was in high school shop class that I learned to enjoy building with wood. It was also in that shop class that I was introduced to printing. I pursued Graphic Arts as a career and have been involved with the printing industry for over 30 years now. For most of those years I've had a table saw and a few other tools, and have finished some projects as time permitted. I did make a crib and changing table for our first granddaughter last year.

I hope to have a little more time now that our 3 children are grown. Our youngest daughter just finished college in December and got married on January 17. Maybe after all of this I will have a little extra time to get serious about making sawdust.

December CMWA Meeting Minutes

Sauk Rapids Middle School 7pm – December 17, 2003

OLD BUSINESS:

- John Caye and John Wilson brought clocks they had made as samples for the Outreach Program.

NEW BUSINESS:

- John Caye announced the door prize plans approved by the Board of Directors for the coming year's meetings.
- The CMWA provided door prizes for the meeting:
 - Cindy Johnson – a rosewood marking gage.
 - Marc Hackett – a miniature pry bar.
 - Tom Homan – a Jorgenson wood clamp.
 - George Trettel – a stainless steel protractor.
- Cindy Johnson brought a door prize as well. A steel measuring tape with a "write-on" feature which was won by Byron John.
- Palmer Printing also brought note pads for all members present.
- Marty Mahowald proposed that members bring in a tool and tell if it performs as expected.
- Dan Iburg (treasurer) asked that membership dues be paid.
- The Officers and Board Member names for next year were mentioned. Bob Bernett moved to accept the slate. Motion carried.
- Jack Kelly brought a bread cutting board and knife sample, that he made as Christmas presents for family members.
- John Wilson brought a carved wall plaque he made.
- Lynn Kull brought in multiple samples of work done on his laser engraver/machining tool.
- For Sale: Ball Rollers for material handling. See John Caye.
- The meeting was adjourned so members could help themselves to the foods brought for this Holiday Get Together.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday January 21st, 7 PM AT MISSISSIPPI HEIGHTS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Enclosed is an envelope to submit your 2004 Dues. Please complete the form and submit a check.

January 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Next Meeting: January 21st at 7:00 PM at Mississippi Heights Middle School

Board Meeting: Jan 21st at 6:00 PM at Coborn's in SR

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January Meeting

Meeting held at Mississippi Heights Middle School.

Projects on Display



Ron McKeever made this band saw box from a solid chunk of oak.



John Wilson made this carving.



Jack Kelly made this breadboard and bread cutter.



Brad Knolls made this box with a flip up lid.



Lynn Kull recently purchased a VersaLaser that is able to "transform images or drawings on your computer screen into real items made out of an amazing variety of materials... wood, plastic, fabric, paper, glass, leather, stone, ceramic, rubber." –versalaser.com



CMWA Outreach Program

The CMWA is once again conducting classes as a part of the CMWA Outreach Program. For the second year in a row, the CMWA will host students for the one-night-a-week classes. Unlike last year, there will be two different class sessions. The project for one of the sessions will be a clock.



These clocks are some of the possible designs for the upcoming classes.

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Mississippi Heights Middle School



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