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CMWA Woodworker's Swap Meet 2006

by Roland Johnson

The second annual Woodworker's Swap meet was a qualified success. We had fewer attendees and one less vendor than last year, but given the fact that the Saturday the event was held on was the first warm, dry weekend day in nearly a month and it was the Minnesota duck hunting opener, it was pretty amazing we had the turnout that we did.



This year we had a concessions area that Scott Randall headed up and was much appreciated by the vendors as well as the attendees. Scott started the day with lots of good, hot coffee and pastries and treated us to home-grilled brats, hamburgers and chicken which were first rate, there were even tomatoes fresh from Scott's garden to provide a summer taste treat. A variety of candy, soft drinks and chips rounded out the concession stand. Thanks Scott for setting that up and running it for us.

We have had a few discussions about the future of the swap meet and would appreciate any input from



CMWA Meeting Recap

Tom Homan's Shop on Sept 16th, 2006 at 7PM Recap adapted from secretary's meeting minutes

Pocket Hole Jig Demonstration

Angelo Gambrino, Tom Homan and Tom Zak provided insight on the components and use of pocket hole jigs.

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Annual Swap Meet

- The annual CMWA Woodworker's Swap Meet was held on September 30th, 2006 at the Saint Cloud Armory.

See **Swap Meet** this page

Habitat for Humanity

- A group of CMWA members will be helping build cabinets for a Habitat for Humanity home that is being built on the south side of St. Cloud. The home will be completed in October. The group will be working at Tom Homan's workshop in St. Joseph. Please contact Ron McKeever, Scott Randall, or Tom Homan for more information.

Next Meeting

- Our next meeting will be held at **Sauk Rapids-Rice Middle School**.

club members. We realize it will take a few years for the meet to reach its potential but there is talk about moving the date of the meet to late winter/early spring in an effort to cash in on "cabin fever" and help draw a larger crowd.

I would like to offer a hearty thank you to all who helped set the swap meet up and provide the personal power to make it happen.

Thanks to: Greedo Goldenstein, Tom Homan, Dan Iburg, Cindy Johnson, Jack Kelly, Brad Knowles, Lynn Kull, Darren McKeever, Ron McKeever, Scott Randall, John Skalla, Cy Valerius, John Wilson, and Kurt Zniwski. Also, thanks to the St. Cloud National Guard Armory for letting the CMWA rent their facility. It's a great place to hold the meet and they are very considerate.

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Next Meeting: October 18th at 7:00 PM at **Sauk Rapids – Rice Middle School** Map page 4.

Board Meeting: October 18th at 6:00 PM at Tom Homan's Shop

Central Minnesota Woodworker's Assoc.

The CMWA is a group of men and women from around the St. Cloud Minnesota area who share a common interest in the art and business of woodworking. We meet monthly in Sauk Rapids and share information, techniques and topics of interest in the area of woodworking.

October Meeting

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Pocket Hole Jig

Tom Homan began the meeting by introducing everyone to the Kreg Jig K3 Master Kit with its add-on wings, as well as the various generations and variations of the Kreg Jigs sold since 1980, each with its own added enhancements.



Kreg introduced the Kreg Jig in 1980 with the advent of Self Tapping Screws. Interestingly this type of face frame construction actually was first introduced by the Egyptians thousands of years ago. The Egyptians used dowels instead of screws, but the concept was the same even back then.

Following Tom's introduction of the Kreg Jig he then introduced everyone to the evening's speakers, Angelo Gambrino and Tom Zak.

Angelo and Tom treated the group to a great demonstration on the construction of cabinet face frames using the Kreg Jig.



Some important suggestions about using the jig are:

Use a "corded" drill to drill the holes, because of the additional power and speed usually offered by a corded drill.

Always insert the drill bit fully into the jig before starting your drill.

Drill the holes at full speed to more quickly expel the wood chips.

Use a "cordless" drill/driver to drive the screws, being sure to set the clutch at the lowest setting to insure that the screw is not driven too deep. Then adjust the setting upward as needed to pull the joint tight.

Shop Fox offers the same drill bits sold with the Kreg Jig for only \$10.00, which is less than half of the \$20.00 Kreg charges for the same bit.

No gluing is necessary in making face frames this way, however, Scott Randal interjected that he always uses glue to be on the safe side.



Thanks for sharing your knowledge Angelo Gambrino and Tom Zak.

A special thanks to Tom Homan for offering his shop for the demonstration.



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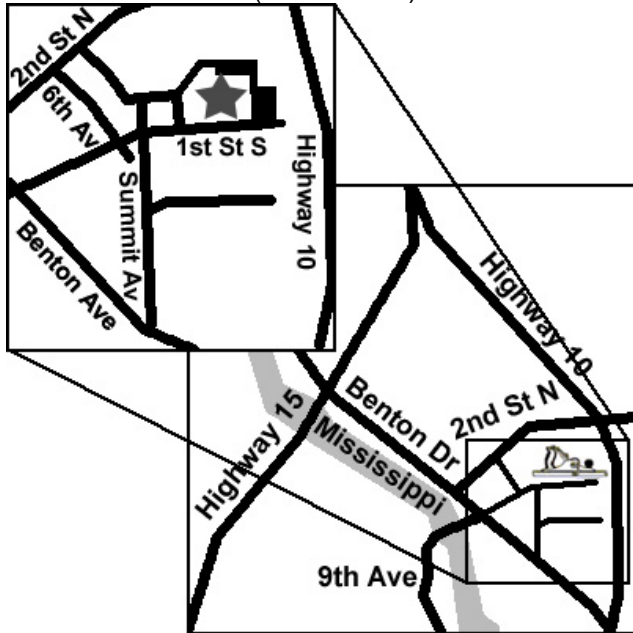
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