



Newsletter

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Routers Demonstration

Demonstration by Tom Homan
by John Wilson

Tom Homan put on a great presentation on Routers. Big ones, little ones, and everything in between. Tom started off with the smallest of Routers, the Dremel Hobby Router, a nice little tool for all you hobby enthusiasts, with all of it's accessories, and moved up from there.

Trim Routers were next. Porter Cable and Rigid make nice ones that fit well in the palm or your hand. Tom doesn't recommend the Black and Decker, the quality just isn't there. General use routers serve many uses in the shop, and Tom likes the Bosch because it's quieter and offers



more features than many others, such as interchangeable bases. He likes his Bosch with the D handle because of its nice balance, control and the trigger activation feature. Porter Cable's 3-1/4 h.p. Router is the workhorse of the industry, great for use in a router table. It's got lots of power for those really big jobs.



Rollie Johnson says be careful though if your going to use in by hand with large bits because it can easily get away on you. Tom was particularly fond of his Bosch three-axis mill micro-fence plunge base which he uses in conjunction with his Bosch Colt 1 horsepower router with the variable speed option available on it. His Bosch Plunge Base has a great variable step stop

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CMWA Meeting Recap

Sauk Rapids-Rice Middle School on February 21, 2007 at 7PM. Recap adapted from secretary's meeting minutes

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CMWA Student Outreach

John Wilson, Chairman of this Springs Student Outreach Program, reports that as of March 30th six students have signed up. Registration is now officially closed per Jenny Mace, Community Education Coordinator. The class will be getting underway beginning Tuesday, April 3rd – 24th for four consecutive Tuesday evenings. Classes are from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm at the Sauk Rapids/Rice Middle School Woodshop, Room 916. Our Volunteers will be assisting the students in building a Peterson Bluebird House. John would like to take a moment to thank the following people for volunteering to assist him with this semi-annual event; Allen Mendel, John Caye, Alex Neussendorfer and Rollie Johnson. Thank you each for

offering your time and talent in making a difference in the lives of these children.

For those of you who have considered becoming volunteers for our semi-annual event, our next Outreach Program will begin again next Fall.

Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House

Tom Homan is collecting pop can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Please collect your pop tabs and bring them to a future meeting.



Monthly Door Prizes

Brad Knowles won this month's door prize of a scratch awl, sanding mat, belt cleaning stick and tack cloths.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, April 18th, 7:00 pm at the Sauk Rapids-Rice Middle School Woodshop. See map on page 4.



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.

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April 18th at 7:00PM at SR-R Middle School

Board Meeting:

April 18th at 6:00PM at Coborn's in Sauk Rapids

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system with eight stops to it. Tom says when ordering your base you'll need to specify what router you'll be using with it to have it properly made to receive your router. Tom loves his and highly recommends it to others as well.

Tom recommends that when building a router table, that you build it a little high and use feather boards as well. The combination is a real back saver versus always leaning over to hold your stock down firmly while you hand feed it in. To keep your routers in top shape, Tom recommends you keep your bases clean on the insides, clean your collets and bits with acetone and apply a good non-silicone dry lubricant to your collets and spindles. Use a product such as Top Cote spray for your bases to make router adjustments go smoother. When it comes to router bits, Tom says he would choose, Whiteside (the Cadillac of router bits), CMT, Bosch, Makita, or Amana.

Rolland Johnson piggybacked right off of Tom's presentation to demonstrate a portable knockdown router table for use on job sites. The plans can be downloaded from Fine Woodworking Magazine. He went on to show off a line of Woodpecker phenolic router plates, which he says are an excellent buy, and include numerous phenolic collar sizes with it. Rollie also encourages everyone to check out the new Tritan 2-1/4 hp table router now available for \$200. He says it's the hottest thing on the router market today. Rollie added that if you do a lot of mouldings on your router table you should consider using a power feed attachment, such as the one Seeco makes, with your table. A power feed will prevent kickback and provides a nice smooth job on you moulding's.





Scott Beatty brought a Veritas Spokes have to display

Recommended Reading
Making Great Furniture: 30 Inspiring Projects from Top Makers

Published by Guild of Master Craftsman Publications Ltd



Rolland Johnson demonstrated his Router Buddie Circle Cutter and Fence. According to the manufacturer:

"Router Buddy" - Is a multi-purpose base plate system that will fit most of the popular brand routers and is adaptable to fit all routers.

Learn more at www.practical-technologies.com



Rolland Johnson brought this mini plunge router.

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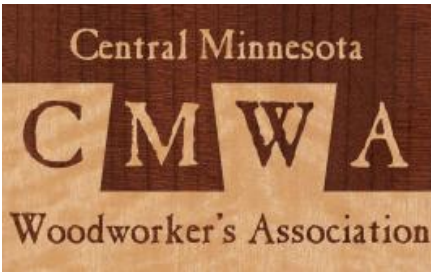
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