



Bench Talk

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Points of Interest:

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- Dream Garages and Shops
- Scouting for Help

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February Program: Restoring “Woodie” Cars

By: Steve Lockhart

I met Dave Martin while in Florida a few years ago. The beautiful Ford Sportsman he restored (the wood) was on display at a woody car show. As soon as I noticed he was from Brussels, WI, I started hoping I could get him to come to the NEWWG and do a program. We finally connected!

I don't claim to be an expert on evaluating car restoration but I know excellent workmanship when I see it. Dave's workmanship is as good as it gets! Plus, the parts seem to all have very challenging shapes.

Instead of a prepared talk, our program will be a conversation with Dave. He will bring some photos to show and (hopefully) there will be lots of questions like “How on earth did you do that?” If the audience is shy, Dan Alesch and I will be prepared with some “softballs”.

The following quote copied from Dave's website (www.martinantiquemarine.com) captures what his business is all about:

“I started in custom woodworking in 1986, and since then have built or restored things from multi-million dollar sport fishing yachts, to mahogany runabouts. From wood bodied cars to wood steering wheels. I have the knowledge, experience, and specialized tools to make just about anything you could want or imagine from wood.

Have a project in mind, or just a wood related question, send me an Email, or give me a call, I'd be happy to hear from you!”

I look forward to our session with Dave Martin.

Steve

Guild Web Site (www.NEWWG.org)

By: Paula Martens

To make our new web site one of the best we need help from our members:

- Web sites with the most traffic (i.e.: linking between sites) get increased search engine performance, which means a higher position in the hierarchy for search results. To increase traffic, we need guild members who have personal web sites to link back and forth with the guild web site. If you have a web site, please

consider placing a link in yours to the guild's site, and the guild will in turn link to yours.

- Submit photos of some of your work so we can showcase some of the terrific work our members do. Send to Andrew at ravinheartrenditions@gmail.com or myself at robertpaulamart@centurytel.net.

Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting Held: January 24, 2012

Present: Pete Schuh, Rob, Paula & Lyle Martens, Steve Lockhart, Fred Juengst, Dan and Jane Alesch, Bob Welhouse, Ted Zabel, Andrew Detloff

Absent: Pete Schuh, Lee and Tom Carlson

- **Last months meeting minutes:** Approved
- **Treasurer's Report:** Lee C.— Approved. Current assets \$6,520.06. Last year this date \$7,776.84.
- **Membership Report:** Fred J— Stable. Several cards were sent for overdue renewals, and we had 5 new members join. Discussion was positive as to extending honorary membership privileges to monthly program presenters.
- **Public relations:** Ongoing
- **Programs Review:**
 - **February:** David Martin / Restoring Woodie cars
 - **March:** Spring Show
 - **Future program , not scheduled yet:**

Kevin Smith / Wood Joinery or similar subject

- **Program suggestions:** Andrew Madsen/guitar building, Bill Macier/Building a dulcimer, Andrew Detloff/Woodworking on the Web, Handsaw sharpening
- **Editor's Report:** Articles due noon, February 5th.
- **Librarian's Report:** No report
- **Special Activities:** a) Large raffle prizes for spring show are finalized and will be posted on the tickets and posters, b) Tool crib will return—contact Tom Carlson if interested, c) CP Center projects are ongoing.
- **Web Report:** Web Site continues to get updated with improvements
- **Spring Show:** March 31 & April 1, 2012
- **Next Board Meeting:** February 21, 2012 —Alesch home

Membership Report

Submitted by: Fred Juengst

I sent out 3 postcard reminders this month and dropped 2 people for non-payment of dues. Unfortunately, five rather active members did not respond to the postcard reminder. We decided not to drop these folks in the hope they will respond soon. We now have 152 members on our roster.

I will not be at the next meeting or the show. However, Jane will collect dues and new memberships at the February Guild meeting and she will have with her the most recent name tags. John Nowak agreed to take dues and new memberships at the Spring Show as he did last year. John will also have the newest box of name tags. (The name tags

for the last 5 new members are not in the box as I need 6 names before I can submit them to Global Recognition for manufacture).

If you want to renew your membership, make no marks on the postcard reminders you send back with your dues. Until after the show, send your dues payment to Jane Alesch, 909 Forest Hill Drive, Green Bay, WI 54311. If not renewing, print your name on the postcard and drop it in the mail so I know you are resigning.

Thanks, Fred (920-469-1919) or mdjuengst@aol.com

Upcoming Events

Upcoming program events include the following:

- **February 17, 2012:** David Martin / Restoring high-end, vintage woody cars
- **March 16, 2012:** NO PROGRAM
- **March 31 & April 1, 2012:** Annual Spring Show, Southwest High School

- **April 20, 2012: ??**

Mark your calendars.



Member of the Month: Bob Yancy

By: Paula Martens

- **What is your specialty in woodworking?** Carving. I carve caricatures and whimsical figures, as well as signage.
- **How many years have you been woodworking?** 30 years.
- **What is your favorite wood to use and why?** Basswood is my favorite, it is the choice of most carvers since it is soft, easy to work with and doesn't splinter.
- **What project do you take the most pride in?** I carved a 4 foot high St. Francis out of pine for a neighbor's collection.
- **What is the best deal you have ever gotten on a woodworking tool?** A Diossud carving knife. It is by a German maker that is now out of business. I got it for nothing.....the best deal I ever got !!
- **Do you have any tips you can give us?** Keep your work clean and sharp.
- **Do you have any mentors?** No.
- **In your personal library, is there a particular book that you feel others might benefit from?** For caricature carving, I think Harold Enlow is about the best for beginners and skilled.
- **Are you school-taught or self-taught?** Self-taught.
- **Top three tools you absolutely can't live without?** Carving knives and palm chisels.
- **What's the farthest you've travelled to get a special tool, or a special wood?** Not very far, right in our own backyard, WoodCraft in Appleton, and Oconto for wood from Uncle Al's.

Dream Garages and Shops

Submitted by: Benjamin Allen / Project Editor, Dream Garages and Shops

The NEWWG received a request from Benjamin Allen via our web site asking that we share this message with our guild members. A January 2013 'newsstand only' magazine will be published and they are seeking entries of **Dream Garages and Shops** to include in the publication. Guild members who are interested in submitting their garage or shop for possible inclusion in this publication can access the WOOD Magazine for details. The actual request reads as follows:

“Dream Garages and Shops

The editors at WOOD Magazine are moving beyond just woodworking shops for an upcoming newsstand special titled Dream Garages and Shops. This idea-rich publication will include a cross-section of small to large garages as well as shops of varying sizes situated in garage, basement, or detached-building spaces. If you have a photogenic garage or shop, please visit woodmagazine.com/garageshops for details on how to submit your garage or shop for review and possible publication. “

The Woodwork Guy, By: Dan Alesch

Useful information for novice and expert woodworkers alike.

Dear Woodworker Guy...

Q: What's the difference between a major glue up and a major screw up?

A: Aren't they the same thing?

Q: How can you tell when your carving gouge is sharp enough?

A: When you can barely hear it as it slices effortlessly through wood and barely feel it as it slices through your finger, staining your carving irreparably with blood.

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Spring Show: March 31 and April 1, 2012

By: Jane Alesch

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find the Spring Show Sign-Up Form letting me know who will be at the show, and when, where, what you will be doing. Please fill the form out **completely** and return it as soon as possible, or bring to the February 17th meeting. My home and email addresses are on it. It makes my life tolerable if all the info is on the same sheet. I need to know the style and kind of wood on your raffle prize, not just “bowl” Thank You. If you are able, send it electronically.

It is time to get in full gear. Confirmed tool prizes include:

- Makita 18V LST 211 Lithium-ion cordless 2-pc Combo Kit (hammer driver-drill & impact driver Plus Makita LSLMOW flashlight (courtesy Makita Rep, Woodworkers Depot and the Guild)
- Wecheer Rotary & Carving Tool Kit WE-320 Goodie Bag (courtesy Woodcraft of Appleton and the Guild)
- Porter-Cable 691 Router and Kreg K4 Master System

(courtesy Porter-Cable and Kreg Reps)

- Freud 10” Glue Line Rip Blade (courtesy Freud)

PLEASE, PLEASE SUPPORT ALL OF THESE WONDERFUL COMPANIES. If any more of you have your raffle prize by the 17th, please bring them as we need some stuff for publicity. Something **NEW** this year, Darlene Martens has searched out special “woodworkers” fabrics and has donated a special handmade **QUILT** for the raffle.

Tickets will be available at the Feb 17 meeting. You will be asked to take at least 4 or 5 books (\$20-25) to buy or sell, along with large posters & smaller handouts and SIGN your name. Those who do not make it to the meeting and sign the sheet will be mailed all of the above.

Every member is entitled to one table/floor space for display. As space permits (and it has so far) you may have 2 tables.

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Wood-Word Thoughts

Guild President, Rob Martens

With the Spring Woodworking Show quickly approaching at the end of March we are all getting our best projects and work together to display. Part of the success of the show is getting the word out to as many interested people as possible. Guild members can do this by distributing the flyers and putting up posters which we forward to all our members.

In addition to doing these things, I will be representing our guild on Channel 26 on March 30. We all have

our reasons for being a member. Over the years I have enjoyed the discussions we have had at our meetings, and the friends I have made while being a member. The Woodworkers Guild offers many ways to have fun in woodworking. Feel free to send me an email letting me know what you have enjoyed most about being a guild member. I will make it a point to share as much of your thoughts as I can with our media sponsors.

Wood Scraps and Dinner?

By: Paula Martens

Source <http://meat-smoking.com/types-of-wood-for-smoking-meat-and-fish.html>

With all the wood scraps created by woodworkers, some may be inclined to use these scraps for cooking, particularly smoking foods. Typically hardwoods are used for smoking meats, most common are:

- **Hardwoods:** beech, hickory, maple, oak, elm (stronger and used mostly with beef, pork, wild game)
- **Fruitwoods:** apple, pear, cherry, peach (milder and used mostly with fish or poultry)

- **Others:** mesquite, alder, edible woody herbs (rosemary, thyme), pecan, walnut

Never use the following when smoking food:

- Resinous woods like pine, fir, spruce, cedar
- Soft woods like poplar, cottonwood, willow
- Painted, stained or otherwise treated wood
- Wood from construction sites or furniture factories, scrap wood pallets or moldy or fungus covered wood.

Spring Show: March 31 & April 1, 2012, continued from Page 4

By: Jane Alesch

I hope you can all sell your tickets to cover some of our costs and can donate a raffle prize. We also need you to work the show even if you don't have a table. We need staffing at the raffle table, security, **clean up** and prize delivery.

We can again set up on Friday March 30 between 1PM & 4PM. The remainder of you must set up Saturday morning at 7AM (not earlier) and **must be done** when the doors open at 9:30 AM .

There will be more details in the March newsletter. If any of you can take large amounts of tickets and/or posters let me know and I'll have them counted out for you or arrange for delivery or mailing. Thanks to all.

In addition FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, DON BERKEN and MARY AND RON SHEFCHIK HAVE EACH TAKEN HUNDREDS OF SMALL AND LARGE POSTERS

AND SPENT SEVERAL DAYS PASSING THEM OUT TO BOTH SIDES OF GREEN BAY, DE PERE AND THE WHOLE METRO AREA. Ron unfortunately can no longer make baskets and has dropped his membership. Don and Mary need to share their list because they also are my "all prizes left over" deliverers and I don't want to wear them out. **I need several of you to replace them.** Ideally, one or two of you would take charge of these lists and find an equitable way to split them up and the rest of you would volunteer to deliver and I'd be very happy. Thanks!!!

Looking forward to another great show. Jane Alesch

OH, IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DISCOVERED THE HWY 41 CONSTRUCTION WOES, BE AWARE THAT THE MASON STREET EXIT DISAPPEARED THE FIRST WEEK OF FEBRUARY!!!!!!!

Scouting for Help

By: Paula Martens

A Guild member has asked that the following be presented for consideration.

A local Girl Scout troop wants to participate in a pinewood car derby scheduled for March 24th. They have ordered car kits and expect to receive those kits about February 15th. They are looking for a volunteer willing to help the six girls (11 years old) to assemble their cars. The Scout

Leader and girls could meet at a volunteer's home after 4:00 p.m. or on a Saturday.

If anyone is interested in helping the girls assemble their pinewood cars for the derby, please call Heather at 920-655-2703.

The Woodwork Guy, By Dan Alesch. Continued from Page 3

Q: When is a piece that you are turning on a lathe most likely to come loose, fly across the room, and break into several shattered parts?

A: Immediately after you've made what you believe to be a masterful cut.

Q: Have you ever cut on the wrong side of the line?

A: Once. At the movies.

Q: What does it mean when old-timers say "Measure twice. Cut once."?

A: Darned if I know. It may have to do with fishing.

Q: What's the best way to re-saw a flawless piece of Bubinga that is 12 inches wide, 10 feet long, but just barely 3/4 thick?

A: Bet Lyle Martens \$10 that he can't do it.

NORTHEAST WISCONSIN WOODWORKERS GUILD MEETINGS

When: Every 3rd Friday of the month, unless specified otherwise

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Where: Maryann Cofrin Hall, UW-Green Bay campus, Room 109



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www.newwg.org

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Photo Gallery: 1947 Ford Sportsman

By: David Martin, February Guest Speaker on restoring "woodie" cars

