

BENCHTALK



**The Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild
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**NEW LOCATION FOR MEETINGS: ASWAUBENON HIGH SCHOOL,
MEETING ROOM, VIA ENTRANCE 21 W**

November 8, 2017 Program

The Great Lakes (wooden) Mackinaw Boat

With Mark Hawkins and Roger C. Swanson

Article by Steve Lockhart and Mark Hawkins

A number of years ago I said to myself, "I'm interested in woodworking and boats so..... I guess I must be really interested in wooden boats!" Since the advent of fiberglass boats, new wooden boats are pretty rare so most wooden boats in existence today are at least 50 years old. Building wooden boats usually involves restoring an old one or building a replica of an old design. The Guild is fortunate to have Mark Hawkins as a member who, along with Roger Swanson, will be discussing the evolution, construction, and use of the the Great Lakes Mackinaw Boat.

The Mackinaw Boat dates back to the 18th century, and was the "pickup truck" of the Fox River, Green Bay, and the Great Lakes for over a century.

"A double-ender of 18-30' plus in length, plumb stemmed, marked rake to sternpost, half decked, two masts (usually gaff ketch), round bottomed, fitted with a centerboard, and sporting a jib set on a hogged bowsprit. Planked, either lapstrake or carvel. Original waters of use – the Upper Great Lakes. Often associated with the Straits of Mackinac. Certain specific variations associated with time and place." - Swanson

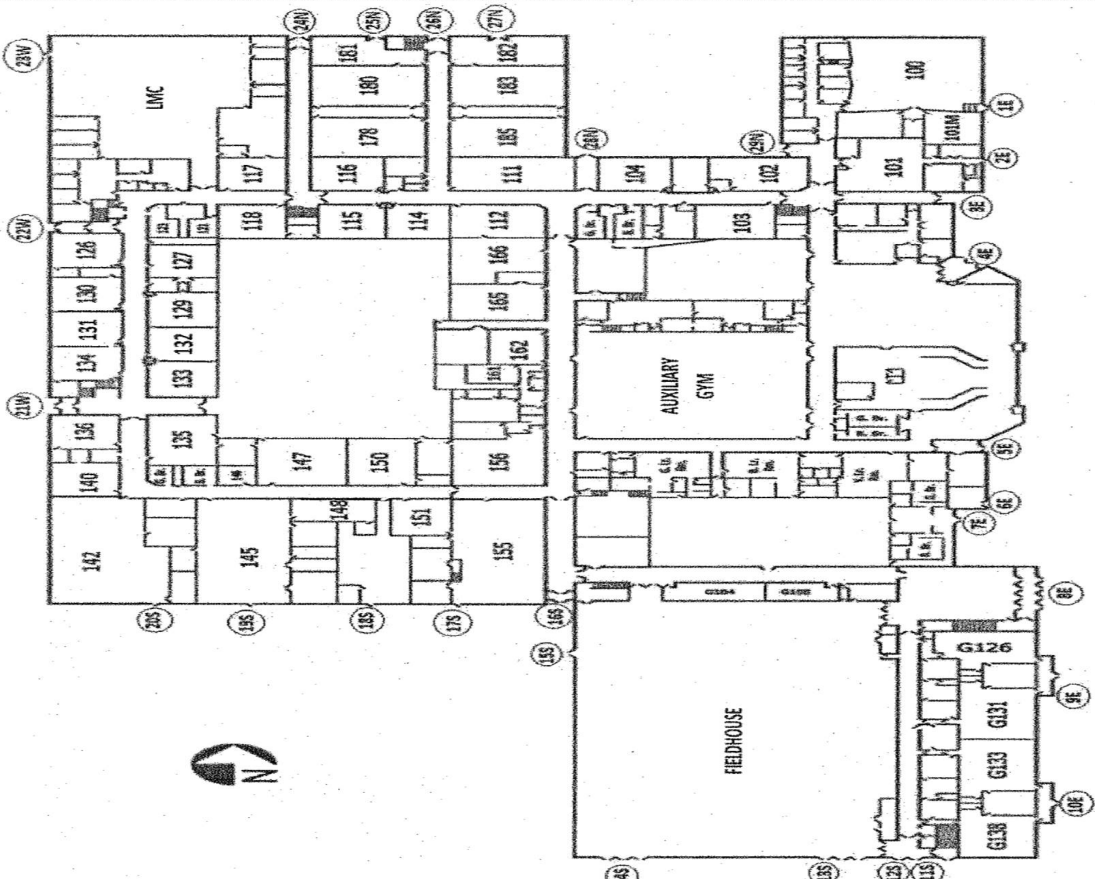
The term "Mackinaw Boat" began to appear in accounts written by military personnel, traders, merchants, clergy and travelers around 1790. Examination of these records indicates that "Mackinaw Boat" as a defining term was not at all precise. Accounts refer to a wide variety of "small craft" (18 to 40-plus feet) types observed throughout the Great Lakes area, particularly in the vicinity of the Straits of Mackinac. Examination of these accounts indicates that hull forms included barges, bateaus, canoes and a variety of fishing craft. The only clear consensus seems to have been:

1. A craft observed in the vicinity of the Straits of Mackinac;
2. A craft associated (however obscurely) with the Straits in terms of its origin though not necessarily observed there; and,
3. Usually (but not always) a sailing craft.

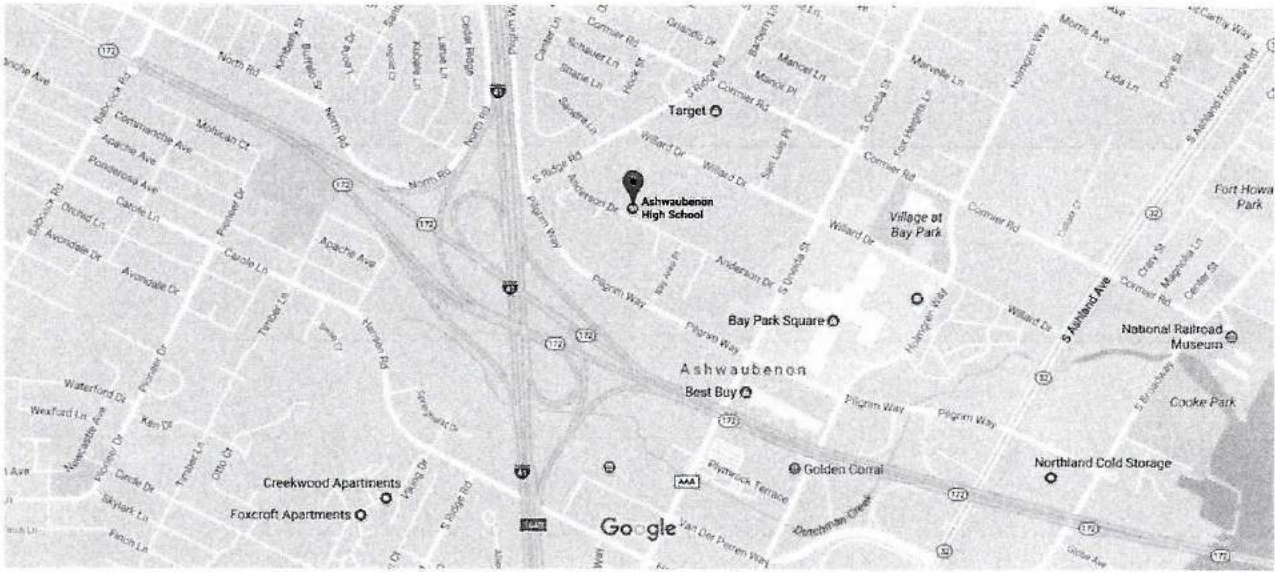


Meeting location: Green Bay Ashwaubenon High School 2391 S. Ridge Rd

Enter through the west side of the building, and turn Right to the meeting room



Google Maps Ashwaubenon High School



Review of Presentation at October Guild Meeting

Chuck Druckrey has been hand cutting dovetails for the past 20 plus years. He makes cabinets, small and larger wood boxes using dovetails. Chuck showed us his complete hand cut dovetail process from layout to the final fit. He began his 45 minute presentation in reviewing the importance of the proper practical tools. His main special tools are a Veritas marking gauge and a well-balanced and great metal handsaw (his is a Bad Axe). He marked his layout, cut the vertical saw cuts for the tails, chiseled the bottom cuts, marked the pins off the completed tails, cut pins and carefully trimmed the pieces to fit. He further discussed the process to cut mitered and blind dovetails. It was a great presentation. For those who missed Chuck's presentation, he will be one of our demonstrations at our annual March Woodworkers Show.



FALL /WINTER PROGRAMS AT ASHWAUBENON HIGH SCHOOL 7 PM

Nov. 8 * Mark Hawkins The Great Lakes Mackinaw Boat

* Note date change to second Wednesday in Nov.

Dec. 2 (Sat) Holiday Party UWGB Ecumenical Center.

Jan. 17 Dan Wieske Cutting Boards & Tumbled Forms

Feb. 21 Bill Strey Overview of General Finishes

Bench Talk is the newsletter of the Northeast Wisconsin Wood Workers Guild, published prior to regularly scheduled monthly meetings. Submissions from members are welcome (articles, musings, questions, pictures.)

Deadline for next newsletter is Jan. 8, 2018.

NORTHEAST WISCONSIN WOODWORKING GUILD

MEETINGS (Guests and prospective members welcome)

3rd Wednesday of each month, unless specified otherwise.

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Where: Ashwaubenon High School

Visit our web site at: www.newwg.org

How to Get Involved:

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Christmas/Holiday Party

The Guild's Christmas/Holiday party is scheduled for Saturday, December 2, 2017. The party is held at the **Mauthe Ecumenical Center on the UWGB campus** (located next to the Kress Events Center). Anyone interested in helping plan / organize and set up the party, contact Pete Schuh.

The Guild supplies the main dish, beverages, condiments, and table settings. Members and their spouse or friend who plan to attend the Christmas/Holiday party bring a dish to pass, such as salads, hors d'oeuvres, desserts. It's important that all members who plan to attend, contact Pete to let him know, to ensure enough food is ordered.

We will have a sign-up sheet at the November 8th meeting. If you cannot attend the Nov. meeting Please contact Pete by November 27th with your RSVP by either email or phone,

Email: pjscls@live.com, Phone: 920.788.3871

If you would like to bring an item for a Christmas door prize, feel free to do so.

The doors open at 5pm with dinner planned for 6pm.

Hope to see you there

Pete Schuh



Membership Report by Ted Zabel

Membership at our Northeastern Woodworkers Guild is doing well. We have 4 new members, please help us welcome Guy Achten, Milt Oldenburg, Mark Norfleet and Jack Lagina to our Guild. We have also added the three STEAM instructors at Ashwaubenon High to our members list, they are Tom Barnhart, Dave Stroud and Jeremie Meyer. It is helpful if all current members help us make these new members welcome, introduce yourself and share your wood working interests with them at our meetings.

This newsletter reminder is a notice to those members whose membership is due for renewal in November. They are David Begalske, Jim and Paul Bergsbaken, Daryl J Schroeder, Jim Sonnleitner and Bill Wright.

To renew, please send me a check for your renewal of \$15 for an individual, \$20 for a family renewal or \$35 for a business renewal. You can pay at the November meeting or send me a check made to Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild.

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If you wish to resign your membership, please send me an email as such.

If I do not hear from you by November 25, your name will be dropped from our membership list and you will no longer receive a copy of our "Benchtalk" newsletter.

Thank you

AWARD WINNERS, PAT & PAUL

Congratulations to Paul Murphy and Pat Williams

As you know, our Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild has some very talented members.

I would like to congratulate Paul Murphy and Pat Williams on their success at the Wisconsin River Woodcarvers Competition 2017, Held on Sept. 23 & 24 at the Convention center in Stevens Point, WI.

Paul's Best of show in the intermediate class enabled him to have enough points to earn his **Master title**.

Pete Schuh

Paul was entered in the Intermediate Class, 6 Items:.

Pyrography/natural finish:

He took Best of Show Intermediate: "Brooke Trout ' Blue/First "Midnight Rendezvous" 5 Wolves,

Pyrography/colored finish:

Blue/First "Eagle Flowage"

Red/Second "Pheasant View"

Jewelry-wooden;

Blue/First "Hummer on Tonga Nut"

Miniatures, 3" or less;

Blue/First "Tiny Turtle" 2" x 3/4".



Pat was entered in the Novice category:

Pyrography/colored finish:

Blue/First "Nuts to You",

Red/Second "Rutting Bucks"

Pyrography. Religious-Angels,

Blue/First "Gold Star Angel"

Jewelry/wooden

Blue/First "Rose on Walnut"

Gourd,:

Blue/First "The Fountain" with Rose Breasted Grosbeak.