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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Good News, Fellow WWCH'ers! This summer is officially half way over, we only have another 2 months of unrelenting heat and humidity! (At this point, your intrepid WWCH president dives behind the nearest large woodworking machine to avoid the barrage of missiles launched from the audience.)

Seriously, this topic may be the biggest elephant in the room for Houston area woodworkers. It's a safe bet that none of us have basements, so we're all trying to do our hobby in outdoor garages and shops. Suffice it to say, the local weather is not kind to us. What can we do?

Rule #1, you have to set your priorities correctly. No hobby is worth endangering your personal health and safety. Take a clear-eyed approach to working in the heat. Stay hydrated. Take frequent breaks. Don't operate machinery when your brain feels like mush due to the heat. Be alert to heat exhaustion and other symptoms of overheating. Don't push yourself (one more mortise and tenon and I'll be done!). We have regular presentations at the club meeting on safety, but I don't recall that we've ever included heat related topics (apologies if I missed the meeting where it was included). Yes, it is important that you don't cut off your fingers, but it is also important that you don't faint, or worse, from the heat.

Here are some approaches to working during the summer.

Time shift your working hours. Start work as early as possible, and knock off at noon. The humidity is still present, but at least it's only 80F at 8:00 am.

Air movement is key. I mentioned heat and humidity, but the third horseman is still, unmoving air. Our bodies need to evaporate the sweat as a cooling mechanism, and this is very inefficient in still air. Invest in good fans. If you have any cross ventilation possible in your shop, use it. Unfortunately, this may not be possible, many garages in the area don't have back doors or windows to allow for air movement (thank you Houston builders!).

Maybe you can move your hobby indoors. This may not be for everyone, but you could probably set up a small spare bedroom as a satellite shop. You could do the heavy dusty operations in the garage before noon, and then do joinery inside the house in the afternoon. With many light duty woodworking operations, dust control isn't too bad if you have a hard floor (obviously carpets won't work) and you keep the bedroom door tightly closed.

WWCH Calendar

Sep 6	Furniture Splinter Group
Sep 8	Monthly Meeting
Sep 13	CNC Splinter Group
Sep 23	Hand Tool Splinter Group
Oct 4	Furniture Splinter Group
Oct 13	Monthly Meeting/Picnic
Oct 27	Scroll Saw Splinter Group

Monthly Raffle



Get your ticket at the meeting!

New Members

Welcome to WWCH

Jane McNeel	Stephen Hernandez
Jerry Boyd	John Stoerkel
Tim Touzel	Rick Ostermeir

We are happy to have you

Splinter Groups

CNC Router Splinter Group: The WWCH CNC router splinter group will be meeting at Lynn Cummings house on Thursday, September 13 at 7:00pm.

Please contact Mike Turner for address or assistance. 281-633-1807 or mktturner49@gmail.com.

Hand Tool Splinter Group: The Hand Tool Splinter Group meets on the fourth Sunday of each month at Mark Bolinger's garage in Sugar Land near Hwy 6 and 90A. Email is the primary tool for schedule announcements; it will be used to communicate any changes or cancellations.

Email Mark for directions or details at marksmithb@windstream.net

Toy Splinter Group: Toy Splinter Group: Currently all toys are constructed by individual members for donation to area childrens' charities. Thus far in 2018 we have constructed and collected 1116 toys!! "Toy of the Month" plans and critical parts can be picked up at the WWCH monthly meetings.

For more information contact John Lastrapes, jlastrapes@entouch.net.

Scroll Saw Splinter Group: We will hold our next discussion meeting Saturday October 27, 2018, 9:30 AM, at Woodcraft South (Beltway 8). Stay tuned to this column for the discussion topic. Bring your Show N Tell items and questions for Problems N Solutions.

For more information please contact Norm Nichols at 281-491-3220 or Denis Muris.

Furniture Splinter Group: The furniture splinter group meets the first Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be on Sep 6th. All are welcome. We are starting work on a new project; come check it out.

For more information on the furniture splinter group, Lmcummings@hotmail.com

Sawmill Splinter Group is for those who are cutting and milling their own lumber or are interested in doing so. We discuss sawmills and lumber.

Anyone with logs to mill or an interest in the sawmill can contact Bill Lindsey at bill_lindsey@comcast.net.

Save the Date

Our annual picnic will take place on Oct 13th following the monthly meeting. The picnic will feature a delicious barbeque lunch and the big raffle. The price of the raffle tickets are \$2, \$3, and \$5 and please remember to bring extra cash. Tickets are \$12 for the BBQ meal and a grilled veggie pita can be ordered for \$8 both available for advance purchase at the September meeting. Contact our Treasurer, Henry Majoué, if you can't make the September meeting.

President's Message(cont)

If you have an air conditioned shop, you must have good karma. I've had an air conditioner for about 3 years now, and it was one of the best investments I've ever made. Woodworkers may not appreciate just how much utility an air conditioner has. Yes, it makes July and August bearable. But it makes May through October pretty darned nice also. If you are in the market to upgrade to a new tool, ask yourself this question. Do I want to spend \$2000 for a new table saw? Or do I want to spend \$2000 dollars on a mini-split air conditioner, installation included?

If a mini-split air conditioner isn't in your budget, seek out venues where others have already invested, for example a makers space. It might be more economical to pay dues to a maker space in the summer than to install your own AC (editorial note: I have no idea if the fee structure of maker spaces allows this).

Mark Boliinger—WWCH President

August Program Recap



Michael Constantino, Regional Sales Manager for [Festool](http://Festool.com), demonstrated the Festool system using Festool circular saw, joiner, and sander. Michael showed club members how all these tools integrate with the portable tables and conveniently packable and easily movable tool boxes and, of course, the dust collector. Numerous tips were provided by Michael who also answered member questions.

Show and Tell

PRESENTERS

Terry Parrish CNC Projects
David Janowitz Table
Tom Paulley Shop Stool
Rick Spacek Scroll Saw Art
Norm Nichols Cross
Dave VanDewerker Vases
Bob Wink Folk Art
Jack Baile Sawhorses
George Graves Boxes
Lisa Sessions Bath Caddy
Chris Farquhar Intarsia Puppy
Chris Schwartz Airplane
Rick Spacek Scroll Sawn Scenes
Dane Schmitt Cross
Show and Tell photos & write-up submitted by Gary Rowen.



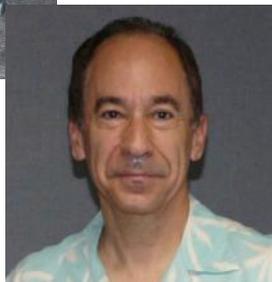
A combo jointer-planer was delivered to **Tom Paulley** on a pallet of the nicest wood that he has seen – guessing maybe Austrian pine. From a Popular Woodworking magazine design Tom crafted a foldable shop stool finished with two coats of Danish oil.



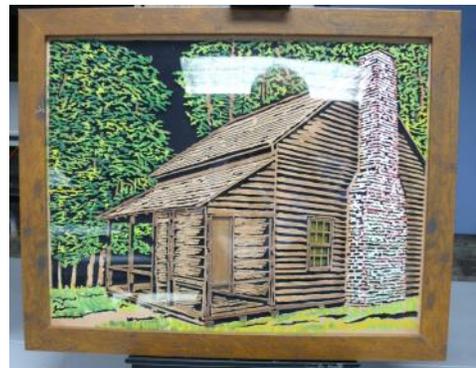
Using a CNC machine on 1/2 inch Birch plywood, **Terry Parrish** crafted a rocking chair that can be disassembled and stored easily. The Texas wall art came from pieces of plywood used “differently”.



From a Charles Hand pattern **Rick Spacek** crafted a cabin out of Wink wood topped with acrylic paint and a clear coat. From a picture came the peacock which included a little bit of carving then finished with clear coat for shine.



A client of **David Janowitz** brought back a solid teak entertainment center from Thailand which David converted into a trestle table. The stretcher is secured by wedged tenons. David finished with water borne urethane.



Show and Tell



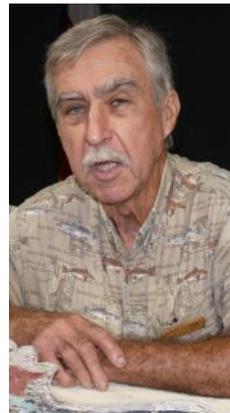
Confessing that not everything he does is on a scroll saw, **Norm Nichols** crafted this 20 inch cross from black walnut, poplar and purple heart of ¼ inch strips cut to various widths ½ to 1 inch. Norm finished with clear stain and polyurethane spray.



Bob Wink hits the table with his folk art stage with Little Red Riding Hood and the proverbial Wolf. Bob's wife always wanted a Scotty Dog so Bob crafted one that brings its own luggage – plus no mess to clean up. The armadillo was crafted for a friend and Bob thanked Norm Nichols for pointing out that armadillos have nine ribs and not seven.



Inspired by Steve Good patterns, **Dave VanDewerker** crafted several vases from cherry, maple, some scrap and some plywood then finished with spray lacquer. Are wood carved flowers next?.



From three eight foot one by fours, **Jack Baile** made two Kernov style sawhorses of pine. The top cross pieces are not glued but doweled to facilitate replacing for repair. Download plans for Jack's saw horses (PDF file) from the WWCH website. Thanks, Jack.



George Graves showed members a small collection of little boxes all cut on a scroll saw. Pete Seeger can't sing his "Little Boxes" song here.



Show and Tell



Lisa Sessions showed members her bath caddy of walnut and maple finished with Waterlox (hmmm...an appropriate finish?). Lisa isn't likely to use it in the shower.



For the Toy of the Month, Chris Schwartz made a model of a light plane, a design inspired by fellow WWCH member Bill Hoffmeister.



Chris Farquhar's first attempt at intarsia turned out very well – an intarsia beagle of various woods finished with satin polyurethane. He is looking forward to his next intarsia project. No, it didn't start out as Snoopy.



For his nephew's baptism, **Dane Schmitt** double splined and glued a cross of jatoba and cherry then finished with paste wax. He also added his nephew's initials to the cross.



Odds and Ends

REMINDER: Craft show items should be turned in to Bill Harris ASAP. Questions, call at (H) 281-498-8482 or (C) 713-705-4864. The show will be held Saturday November 10th at the Missouri City First United Methodist Church, 3900 Lexington Blvd Missouri City, TX 77459. Hours 10:00-4:00. Hope to see you there.

Please Make Sure You Sign in at Each Meeting: And when you do, please double check the information listed to ensure it is correct. Annotate any changes on the sign-in sheet and let Henry Majoué or Patti Page know. Thanks for your help.

Show Your Membership Card When Visiting Rockler: By doing so you help the club as Rockler makes donations to the WWCH based on how many of our members make purchases at their Houston stores. Additionally, you may save as some non-sale items are discounted when you show your card.

ATTENTION ALL FORT BEND RESIDENTS: The Fort Bend County Fair is around the corner. In past years several club members have submitted their items into the Adult Creative Arts Department and have been very successful. All you have to do is bring your items to the fair grounds on Sept 26th from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM and Sept 27th from 8:00 AM to Noon in Building "D" to turn them into the fair. For more information please contact Norm Nichols at 281-491-3220 or Denis Muris.



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NEXT MEETING

Saturday Sep 8th, 2018

9:00 AM TO 11:30 AM

Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonet

Guests are always welcome at WWCH meetings!

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WWCH PURPOSE: The Woodworkers Club of Houston is a group of men and women of all ages and skill levels who promote, educate, and share the craft of woodworking. The club meets the second Saturday of every month from 9-11:30 at Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet at Hillcroft. Guests are always welcome at no charge. Membership dues are \$36 per year, or about the price of one good clamp!