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WWCH Calendar

Jul 6.....	Furniture Splinter Group
Jul 8.....	Monthly Meeting
Jul 22.....	Scroll Saw Splinter Group
Jul 27.....	Intarsia Splinter Group
Jul 30.....	Hand Tool Splinter Group
Aug 3.....	Furniture Splinter Group
Aug 12.....	Monthly Meeting

Monthly Raffle



**\$1 and \$5 Raffle at
each meeting**

New Members

Welcome to WWCH

Bill Grimes

Jonathan Sterne

Happy to have you with us!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our July meeting and program with Matt Cremona is just around the corner. I want to remind everyone that we will be meeting at Crosspoint Church at 4601 Bellaire Blvd. on Saturday, July 8th at 9:00am for our July meeting and program. If you are expecting to eat at the meeting, you need to contact David Janowitz and pay \$10.00 to cover the cost of your meal. I want to thank our officers, board members and all those who have stepped up to make this program become a reality. There is a lot of work up front to prepare for this type of event. In addition to the program on Saturday, there will be a Meet and Greet at the Beer Market Company, 920 Studemont from 5m to 9pm Friday, July 7th . This will give you an opportunity to meet Matt personally before the program on Saturday.

I would like to thank those in our membership who worked on the adult VBS projects for Crosspoint Church. All of the Crosses and toy shuttles have been completed and turned in to the church. I also want to thank Crosspoint Church for providing the facilities to have our July program.

I would like to thank Mark Bolinger for presenting our June program. I knew that Mark worked with refurbishing hand tools and all of the in's and out's involved with sharpening and restoration of those tools, but I did not realize that he refurbishes large, old power tools. I gained some new insight on researching and refurbishing old power tools. You have to be careful what you purchase; it can be a treasure or a boat anchor.

The field trip to Allen Barr's sawmill was great. The drive was well worth the food, fellowship and presentation we received at the event. I would like to thank Allen and his wife for hosting our club at their home and David Garcia for setting everything up to make this field trip happen.

Once again, if you have a program that you would like to see or you would be interested in doing a program for our club, please contact Charles Volek.

We had around 84 members present at our meeting in June. I encourage you to invite a friend or neighbor who might be interested in woodworking to our meeting. Work safely and be sure to wear your safety glasses.

Thanks for your support,
Mike Turner - President

Splinter Groups

CNC Router Splinter Group The WWCH the CNC router group will be meeting at Lynn Cummings house on Thursday, July 20th at 7:00pm. Contact Mike Turner for the address and further information at 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

Scroll Saw Splinter Group: Our next discussion group will meet July 22 at Woodcraft South, Beltway 8, 9:30 AM. The topic of discussion will be Back to the Basics as we are fortunate enough to have several new scrollers who have been asking questions that made me think it was time to step back to the basics. Not only to help the new scrollers but we all can use a review. This will be fun and interesting. Bring your items for Show N Tell and questions for Problems N Solutions.

For information about this group contact Norm Nichols at 281-491-3220 or scrollsaw@comcast.net or Denis Muras at 713-876-0087.

Toy Splinter Group: The toy group is currently on hiatus. Watch the newsletter for information about the new toy making meeting location and schedule later this summer.

For more information please call Andy Anderson at (713) 409-7030.

Furniture Splinter Group: The furniture splinter group is now meeting the first Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be on July 6th. All are welcome. We are continuing work on our Maloof inspired rocking chair projects.

For more information or to be added to the email list for the furniture splinter group, email Lynn Cummings at 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 the projects possible with the lumber.

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

Intarsia Splinter Group: Next meeting is scheduled for 10:00 AM on Thursday, July 27th at Steve Wavro's shop in Baytown. If you have a pattern that you are thinking about starting, or a project that is in progress or recently finished, please bring it along with you.

For more information, contact Steve Wavro at (281) 614-9517 or steve.wavro@gmail.com.

June Program Wrap-up

WWCH's own Mark Bolinger, lead of the Hand Tool Splinter Group, spoke to club members about restoring Old Wood Working Machines (OWWM). What is OWWM? Basically it refers to woodworking machinery that was manufactured in American or Europe typically at least 25 years ago. OWWM also covers just about any old machine. There is a lot of information on the Internet and there is an annual ArnFest held in Union, Illinois, where folks interested in old machinery gather.



Mark spoke about sources such as Craig's List, classified ads and ebay. Of interest is a process called "Ruckering" where people form a network, sort of like a human "chain" to arrange delivery of a piece of equipment. Imagine shipping charges for a 600 pound bulky machine and you'll see why Ruckering is advantageous.

Mark provided numerous tips and advice on what to look for when acquiring an old tool. For broken parts, reject if too severe. Examine gears for wear, the condition of table surfaces, bearings and motors. Tables can be cleaned of rust, minor pitting ground out but severe pitting would require a professional machine shop to flatten. Bearings are usually not an issue, they can be replaced – look for seized bearings – more trouble. Motors can usually be restored or replaced.

Nowadays you can purchase 1-phase to 3-phase converters at reasonable prices so 3-phase motors should not be an issue unless it runs on 440 or requires high amperage.

Restoration is part of the fun for Mark, not just having a tool in the end. Machine restoration is not a one-weekend project so take your time.

Old woodworking machines are typically heavy so Mark devised a simple carriage to move a machine around the shop.

Monarch School Project

We did it!!! We set a record this time at The Monarch School! The students cut out 60 serving trays in two weeks. Actually it was in five days! As always it was very rewarding for all of us who participated. The school greatly appreciates us working with their students to offer them another skill. Mr. Tommy Joe was our Worker Space coordinator at the school and he had as much fun with the students as we did. A big thanks to the following for volunteering to work with these students: Bill Harris, Ben Tillison, Chuck Graham, John Gay, Chuck Meeder, Bill Hoffmeister, Mike Turner, Steve Dittrich, Jim Price, Bill Byrne, Charles Volek, and Steve Wavro. Thank you also to Tim Shaunty and Bill Harris for allowing us to use their scroll saws. This was a very good community project for the club and shows what your club can accomplish if we work together. Thanks again!



Patti Pace, Head of School, tries her hand at cutting out a serving tray at The Monarch School under the watchful eyes of Bill Harris and Chuck Meeder.

Show and Tell

Show and Tell photos & write-up submitted by Gary Rowen. For high resolution pictures, visit www.wwch.org.

PRESENTERS

- Chuck Lickwar**..... Hand Planes
- Lon Kelley** Cars
- Norm Nichols** Scroll Saw Projects
- Larry Barron** Turnings
- Mark Bolinger** Clamp Rack
- Ron Kirchoff** Intarsia Fish
- Rick Spacek** Scroll Saw Projects
- Larry Wenner** Wood Sections
- Jack Hutchison** Spice Box
- Dean Grimes** Turned Bowls
- Bob Wink** Folk Art
- Chuck Meeder** Carvings



Lon Kelley played a video clip demonstrating how he mass produced toy cars from planed and ripped two by fours. So far Lon has produced 475 cars for the club's Christmas toy program. The video file is available on the WWCH web-site.



Chuck Lickwar grew up near the Stanley factory where they made their hand planes. Chuck collects them, he has almost every version, and restores them for use, not for show. With the correct and sharp plane Chucks says you can get a smoothness better than 220 sandpaper.



Getting ready for the craft show in November, **Norm Nichols** created this plaque and plate. The mule deer plaque is of red oak, stained with Golden Oak stain and finished with polyurethane. The plate, a Steve Good design, is mahogany with a clear stain, and also finished with polyurethane.



Show and Tell



Using limbs from a pecan tree, ash and some mystery wood, **Larry Barron** made these two bowls and a coaster set from eucalyptus.



Using food coloring for stain **Rick Spacek** crafted this ship out of spalted pecan from a pattern off the Internet. Rick used a [Steve Good](#) pattern for the Paris, France, Eiffel Tower out of mesquite.



In **Mark Bolinger's** never ending quest for organization, and claiming that he doesn't need any more clamps (we'll see), Mark built a clamp rack to fit in a particular spot in the shop. His clamps are now closer to his work bench – a big improvement.



Cutting chunks from a four by four treated fence post, **Larry Wenner's** cut offs revealed very interesting patterns.



From a pattern on the Internet **Ron Kirchoff** transformed a 2x6 pine into an intarsia fish. He used different stains, some white wash and then finished in lacquer.



Specializing in period furniture **Jack Hutchison** showed club members his 18th century spice box made of walnut, a gift for his wife. Jack explained the many features of his craftsmanship.

Show and Tell



Dean Grimes showed some bowls of mimosa and sweetgum.



Chuck Meeder found a couple of patterns in Woodcarving Illustrated which he couldn't resist. Scroll sawed from basswood, Chuck crafted a whale and pastry wheel. For the wheel



Chuck used spray acrylic to seal the wood and then used coloring from a water soluble acrylic paint. To create the antique look on the whale Chuck sanded with 220 grit sandpaper, some dark get stain left on as long as he could then some spray acrylic on top of that. The angel is of basswood and the wheel is of cherry then finished with mineral oil.



Bob Wink admits to using some wood with his robot and appreciated his chair being "compared" to a Sam Maloof project. Growing up in Cajun country Bob crafted a Cajun musician playing his squeeze box. The gas tank pulls a trailer with a fishing boat. More great whimsical folk art!

July Presentation Expo

It's that time of the year again

The July 8th meeting **will not** be at the Bayland Community Center. We will meet at Crosspoint Church, 4601 Bellaire Blvd, just inside the I-610 loop. This years speaker will be Matt Cremona.

He will present 6 topics:

Card scrapers - Milling your own lumber

Hand cut half blind dovetails

Integrating hand tools into a power tool work flow

Working with live edge - Dealing with defects

Extra, Extra, Extra...

For those who would like to meet and greet Matt, he will be at the Beer Market Company

920 Studemont St #900, from 5pm to 9pm

on Friday July 7th.



Visit the Houston locations at:

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NEXT MEETING

Saturday July 8, 2017

9:00 AM TO 4:30 PM

Crosspoint Church, 4601 Bellaire Blvd

Presentation by: Matt Cremona

Guests are always welcome at WWCH meetings!

Note: There is a \$10 charge for guests at the July special presentation

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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!