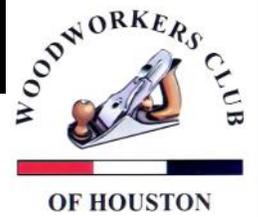


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WWCH Calendar

Monthly Meeting	02/11
Scroll Saw Meeting	04/22
Hand Tool Meeting	02/16
CNC Router Meeting	TBD
Furniture Meeting	03/02
Hardwood Derby.....	04/15
WWCH Picnic	10/14
Woodworking Expo.....	December

Toy of the Month Preview

WWCH February 2023 Toy of the Month



Race Car

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Starting with a “heads up”, our normal meeting date of the second Saturday on the month falls on Easter weekend in April. Bayland Community Center is closed that weekend, so we have moved the Club meeting to the third Saturday, April 21. We will communicate this change often in the coming weeks, but put the new date on your calendar!

To those that missed the January meeting, we handed out three awards, the Golden Hammer to David Janowitz in recognition of his service to the Club over the past year. The Woodworker of the Year went to David VanDewerker for his amazing scroll saw projects every month! And an award that hasn't been given out in quite some time, the Lifetime Achievement Award, went to Steve Procter for his many years of service to the Club (Club President twice, separated by 27 years is the tip of the iceberg). Congratulations to all the recipients for awards well-deserved.

As you may have seen from my Show-n-Tell presentations, I have been working my way through David Wakefield's “Animated Animal Toys in Wood” project book, building toys for my grandsons. I tend to be a strict “follow the instructions” type of woodworker, assuming that the author has worked through all of the issues in constructing the project. And to quote Brian Fantana from the movie Anchorman, “Sixty percent of the time it works every time!”

The “Gallivanting Gorilla” toy uses offset wheels on the front axle to impart a wobble action meant to imitate a gorilla's natural movement. The plans called for a ¼” offset in each direction, resulting in a ½” total offset. For such a small toy, that seemed like quite a bit, but who was I to question? The results were a toy that simply could not roll! See the picture below for how far the back wheel raises up when the gorilla tries to roll.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT (cont. from Page 1)

I built the front axle assembly twice thinking I must have done something wrong!

Doing a little research on similar toys both in the book and elsewhere, none had an offset of that amount. So in building the front axle for a third time, I used a 1/8" offset in each direction. The result was a smooth-running toy with plenty of gorilla-like swagger.

The moral of the story is that mistakes and misprints can happen in the best of plans. A good woodworker should think through the steps and details as presented, while keeping a skeptical eye out for things that don't seem to make sense. You just might save yourself a lot of time and frustration!

**WWCH President
Tom Paulley**



Club Announcements

- ◇ April club meeting will be held on 3rd Saturday (April 15th) instead of the regular 2nd Saturday, due to Bayland will being closed for the Easter weekend.
- ◇ Woodworking Expo coming to the Houston area. Pending dates are December 8th thru December 10th. For more information go to: www.wwexpos.com
- ◇ Tool & Wood Swap at the February meeting. Tables will be available to set up in the back of the room.
- ◇ All-day meeting has been changed from July 8th to August 12th. Mike Farrington will be the guest speaker

2022 Awards

Congratulations to David Janowitz; David VanDerwerker & Steve Procter

Golden Hammer 2022

David Janowitz



Woodworker of the Year 2022

David VanDewerker



Lifetime Achievement Award 2022

Steve Procter



Toy of the Month

A link to the Toy of the Month file can be found on the WWCH Web Site
“Race Car” [Plans and Drawings \(wwch.org\)](http://wwch.org)

Program of the Month

The Woodworkers Club of Houston welcomes Dan Nettles of Nettles Services and Hamilton Lee Supply as our February program speaker. Dan is a passionate woodworker and comes by it honestly: his family has been in the sawmill business for over 100 years. Join Dan as he covers topics from kiln drying lumber, slab surfacing and prep, epoxy pours, and more. We'll also learn about some exciting changes at Hamilton Lee Supply, a premier provider of live edge slabs, epoxy-related products, and much more. Dan may even have some wood samples and freebies, so don't miss it.

Hardwood Derby

The April 8 Club meeting will be the occasion for the first ever WWCH Hardwood Derby. It's like a cub scout Pinewood Derby, but (apart from wheels and axles) you may only use wood in the construction, and there is no weight limit. So, break out your heaviest exotic lumber offcuts, and join us for a fun meeting on April 15. Note that this is one week later than the normal meeting date, as Bayland is closed April 8. A full set of rules is being posted to the web site. There will be a limit of 2 race cars per member. Your entry to the contest is by purchasing a set of official wheels and axles (\$5.00 per set), which we will have available at the February and March meetings. [Race Rules](#)

Splinter Group Information

CNC Router Group: Date and location; TBD. For more information please Contact Bill Teague; wateague@gmail.com

Scroll Saw Group: Next meeting is April 22nd; meetings are held at the Bayland Community Center at 9:00AM. For more information please contact: Norm Nichols; scrollsaw@comcast.net or Denis Muras; denis_muras@yahoo.com.

Furniture Group: Next meeting is March 2nd. For more information on location, and / or to be added to their email list please contact: Ron Kirchoff; kirch76@gmail.com or George Alderete; brodie1200@gmail.com

Hand Tool Group: Next meeting is February 16th. For more information on location, and / or to be added to their email list please contact: George Alderete; brodie1200@gmail.com or Henry Majoue; hjmajoue@gmail.com

Sawmill Group: For more information please Contact Bill Lindsey: bill_lindsey@comcast.net

Toy Group: Toys are independently produced, if you are interested in building toys for the toy program, please contact: Chris Schwartz; christopher7schwartz@gmail.com or Andy Tofuri; andy.tofuri@comcast.net . You can also preview the Toy of the Month on the web site.

Show and Tell

David VanDewerker

- Alphabet Puzzle and Mallets of Oak and Poplar



Norm Nichols - Tensegrity



David VanDewerker

- Bowls of Osage Orange, Walnut, Red Maple and Misc.



Tom Pauley

- Motion toys of Mahogany and Wood Honey



Rick Spacek

- Scroll Saw wolf and Deer of Hackberry



Show and Tell

Charles Volek - Intarsia Eagle of Various Woods



Curtis Love - Christmas Tree



Steve Procter - Wagon of Maple and Oak



Rich Bajenski - Shop Stool of Poplar and Pine

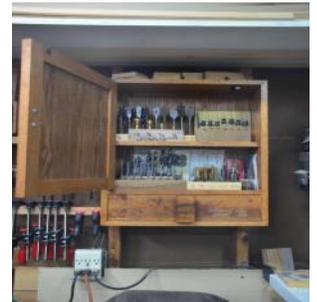


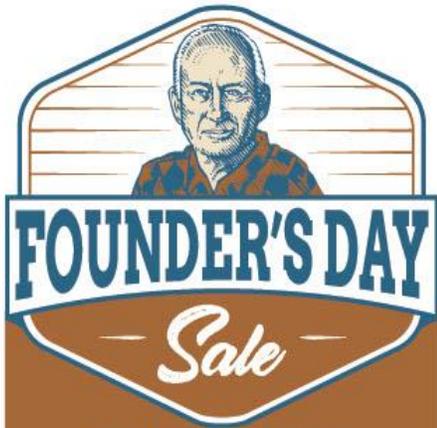
Frank Patout - Different Projects



George Graves

- USA Plaque and Crosses of Oak





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NEXT MEETING

**Saturday February 11th
(9am—12pm)**

**Bayland Community Center
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<http://www.wwch.org>

Newsletter Publication: Do you have an announcement or item for the newsletter? Send it to Chris Farquhar, WWCH Newsletter Editor, at cafarquhar@hotmail.com.

Please submit the item before the 1st of the month to be included in the next newsletter.

We're on the

www.wwch.org

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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. Guests are always welcome at no charge. Membership dues are \$36 per year, or about the price of one good clamp!