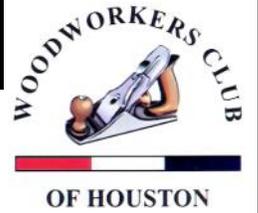


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Home-Made vs Commercial

As some may recall, a while back at Show and Tell I presented a 9" disk sander that I built using a corded drill, two bearings and some Baltic birch plywood. I made the sander to help with making wooden toys. With 80 grit paper on the disk, I could sand to a line quite easily, especially when sanding the pine 2x4 material that I use for making wooden cars. It was all working quite well when I was making 10 cars in a batch. Earlier this year, I decided to increase my production with a goal of making 200+ toys by the November sorting and distribution meeting. I also received two boxes of 2x4 drops from Michael Siegel and the Sleep in Heavenly Peace folks. I set out to make 40 toys based on the lumber at hand (and to have a chance of making 200 by November). Things were going swimmingly, until I noticed wisps of smoke coming from my disk sander. The drill also seemed to be struggling to spin the disk. A little investigative work revealed that perhaps my home-built sander setup wasn't quite up to the task of batching out larger quantities of toys. As shown in the picture below, there is a metal washer that acts as a spacer between the spinning disk and the support block. The washer was but a thin version of the original, and the surfaces were thoroughly toasted. No wonder there was smoke during the sanding! I had hoped to resuscitate the sander by using a new washer and applying copious amounts of wax to the washer, the sanding disk, and the support block. My next batch of toys was only 30, so I was hoping the reduced stress and wax would get me through. Nope, before I could finish the batch, the sander was smoking and getting sluggish.

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WWCH Calendar

Monthly Meeting.....	07/08
Hand Tool Meeting.....	07/20
CNC Router Meeting.....	TBD
Furniture Meeting.....	08/03
Scroll Saw Meeting.....	07/22
WWCH Picnic.....	10/14
Woodworking Expo.....	December

Toy of the Month Preview

WWCH July 2023 Toy of the Month



Sporty Pickup Truck

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT (cont. from Page 1)

Disassembly revealed another thin washer and completely toasted surfaces. The bad news is that the sander just isn't built for anything but light duty work. The good news is that I am now the proud owner of a Grizzly belt and disk sander combo machine that will hopefully get me to 200 toys by November.

WWCH President

Tom Paulley



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 July 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 August 3rd. 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 July 20th. 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.

Captain Gary L. Herod Memorial Bench



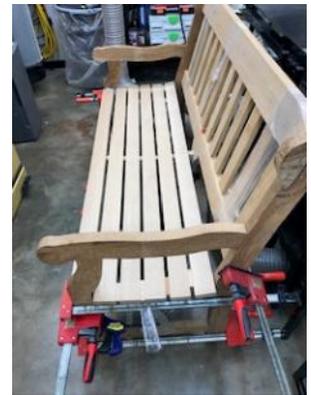
In March 1961, Texas Air National Guard, Capt. Gary L. Herod, was piloting his jet over Houston when his jet flamed out over a populated area. Capt. Herod stayed with his plane attempting to find a runway or other safe place to land. He stayed with his jet to ensure that it would not crash in a populated area then ejected at the last minute around the Brays Bayou area. He did not survive. In tribute to his sacrifice a Live Oak tree was planted at a bank in the Meyerland Plaza area. The tree recently had to be felled but was milled into lumber from which came the Memorial Bench that was crafted by

members of the Woodworkers Club of Houston. Please read more about [Capt. Gary L. Herod](#).



The club took on the task of making something out of the wood from the memorial tree. I learned about it and volunteered the furniture splinter to take on the task of making it into a bench. Mike Turner delivered the wood, live oak, in several slabs which we then let dry for a couple of years. We found plans for the bench and were able to make templates from the plans. The templates were distributed among members of the group and each person made the assigned part of the

bench. We then gathered the parts and started the assembly. Some parts had to be re-made because the live oak had a tendency to twist after being milled. A smaller group then met almost weekly to put the bench together in George Aderete's shop. Randy Jones did the CNC work to make the lettering. Tom Blanco did the finishing and stored the bench until it could be presented to the family. Mike Turner acted as an intermediary to the family during the entire process. From drying the wood to completing the bench was almost three years. Listed below are members of the club who participated in the project.



Written by: Ron Kirchoff

George Alderete
Rich Bajenski
Tom Blanco
Pat Carlson
Ron Galarano
Randy Jones
Ron Kirchoff
Henry Majoue
Tomoko Yamaguchi
Roslyn Hager



Mike Farrington (Special Guest Speaker in August)



Mike Farrington, is a professional woodworker in the Denver Colorado area. He is honored to share his woodworking skills with the Woodworkers Club Of Huston. In the presentation he is going to share is the process for making Kumiko panels. This will include making the needed grid-work, as well as the various angle cuts to complete the pattern. He will also show how to cut and fit the tiny mortise and tenon joinery needed to make a Japanese inspired lantern. With these two skills you could make a lantern of your own. Then he would like to move on to showing how these techniques can be applied to larger scale projects. If he

were to boil this presentation down, it would be a study in hand tool accuracy and efficiency. Mike believes if you learn the skills necessary for Kumiko, all your future furniture and woodworking projects can benefit. [mike farrington](#)



Some of Mike's other project's



Toy of the Month

A link to the Toy of the Month file can be found on the WWCH Web Site

“Sporty Pickup Truck” [Plans and Drawings \(wwch.org\)](http://www.wwch.org)

Program of the Month

As announced in our June meeting, we are excited to have Bob Behnke, Technical Service Manager for Franklin International (parent company of Titebond) to present on the process of wood gluing during our upcoming July 8th meeting. Bob is very knowledgeable about glues and the problems that can occur during gluing. He is the person you speak with when you call Titebond's 1-800 number on the back of the Titebond glue bottle. He will present and answer member's questions. Bob has offered to hang around after the meeting to answer questions if we don't have time to get them all answered during the regular meeting time. After listening to Bob for a few just a few minutes, you will easily to see that when it comes to gluing, he is “The Man”. We hope you will enjoy this meeting.

Club Announcements

- ◇ All-day meeting has been changed from July 8th to August 12th. Mike Farrington will be the guest speaker - **NOTE:** You can still pay your \$10 (per lunch) at the July meetings. Jack & Michael will collect and take your sandwich order(s) then. Cash is preferred but checks and credit will be acceptable too.
- ◇ Woodworking Expo coming to the Houston area. Pending dates are December 8th thru December 10th. For more information go to: www.wwexpos.com
- ◇ Texas Woodworking Festival; a two day event in its 4th year, and will be hosted at the [Palmer Events Center](http://www.palmer-events.com) in downtown Austin, TX on August 26th and 27th, 2023. The festival is a mixture of an industry convention, tool sale, educational seminar, and networking event. There will be furniture makers, tool manufactures, retailers, lumber yards and educators all in attendance. This year we have expanded the educational portion of the event to include 15+ lectures / demos / classes from furniture makers and designers from around the US. There are 3 ticket levels to pick from this year as well - GA, EDU and VIP. [Texas Woodworking Festival – Keep Woodworking Weird](http://www.texaswoodworkingfestival.com) .

Club Announcements (cont.)

All,

Hugh Parker has worked his magic for us to be able to use St. Luke's United Methodist Church Workshop. This is a full-blown workshop with multiple bandsaws, drill presses, sanders and router table where the church members meet to build wonderful toys and also make and refurbish furniture for the church and school facilities.

Date - Saturday, July 15 (the Saturday following the regular WWCH monthly meeting)
The workshop is located at 2904 Edloe Street, between Westheimer and W. Alabama. Parking in front of the shop is limited to about 6-8 cars, but there is a large parking lot just across the street.

Hugh tells me that while the shop has 5 large window AC units, they struggle to keep up as the day progresses, so we want to start promptly at 9:00AM. Hopefully we can get out of there by about 2:00, but come for as long or short a period as you can.

I have just shy of 400 blanks ready to turn into toys. I've started on some of them so that every station will have cars to begin processing rather than have to wait for them to move through the process.

Process:

1. Cut out cars on the bandsaws
2. Drill the axle holes
3. Sand 120, 150
4. Round over the edges
5. Final sand - touch up 180 or 220

Install the wheels

Members should bring:

- Safety glasses
- hearing protection
- respiratory protection if desired (they have a pretty good DC system)

Any other PPE

I have all the wheels, axles, glue and other supplies that we need.

If you have toys in progress and are falling a little behind due to the heat or any other reasons, bring them along with wheels and axles and maybe we can knock some of your toys out, depending on our progress.

Lunch, snacks and drinks will be provided to those that come and help.

An update will be made at the July 8 meeting.

Cheers,

Andy Tofuri



New Members

We are pleased to welcome 2 new members:
David Molea & returning member: Vince Garcia Jr

Meet the Members



Bernard Bynum Jr

Member Since 2019; Board Member 2020

Bernard started woodworking at about 15 years old building outdoor items his home and for the neighbors. After getting married he began building things for kids and the home. Lots of repairs during employment career and volunteer carpentry thru the church. When he retired, he started building furniture and buying better tools. Now making toys for the need-ed and a little volunteer with SHP and items for family and friends.



David Janowitz

Member since 2014; Treasurer 2015-2017, 2020-2022;
Woodworker of the Year 2020; Golden Hammer Award 2022

David woodworking was inspired by his father doing sculptural furniture & sculpture work. In 2014 he started woodworking in a communal shop; & with the help of several WWCH members he built his own shop in 2018. Between smaller household items he sales at craft shows, also get many commissions. David's favorite is making tables, using large expanse of wood with beautiful grain. With the help from Bill Lindsey's sawmill and access to a wooded lot, nearly all of his wood is self cut, sawmilled, home dried and milled. Of course, members also know his favorite is Osage Orange, or Bowdark.



Gabriel Toledo

Member Since 2023

Gabriel has been woodworking for approximately 30 years, in different modalities, Scroll Sawing, dog house, dining room table that has changed from rectangular to square and now to round, has made a dozen canes, & remodeled inside of a closet. Until recently he started wood carving and wood burning, all in an empirical way, nothing professional, simple woodwork, nothing special or fine. When he heard about the existence of the WWCH, thought he would like to change something, and after so much time of "playing carpenter" hopeful to be able to



Norm Nichols

Member Since 2003; Treasurer 2011; Board Member 2009-2010,
2018-2019; Golden Hammer Award 2014

Norm's main interest is scroll sawing. After retiring in 2003, 3 days later, was completely bored. A former member and good friend Jerl Blalack, a scroller, kept saying "Come on down and make some sawdust". So he spent the next 6 months learning how to scroll and learn where all the woodworking stores were located. Norm bought his first scroll saw (DeWalt), and got to work, and still at it. Like the rest of us, he became a wood hoarder which has allowed him to try many different species of wood. He has been very successful selling wares at craft shows; festivals & bazaars. He hopes to be able to continue this for a few more years. WWCH has been a great source of assistance and friendship. Being a member has been enjoyable and rewarding. Here's to many more years together!

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NEXT MEETING

Saturday July 8th
(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 wwchnewsletter@gmail.com. Please submit the item before June 28th to be included in the next newsletter.

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www.wwch.org

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Woodworkers Club of Houston

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!