

Knothole News

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings to all for this February.

Making any sawdust has not been on my agenda recently (but certainly still on my mind). I hope you have been able to get to your shop and enjoy yourself. This month's meeting at Earle Smith's, as always, will be an event you don't want to miss. Bring seating if you can, but don't worry too much if you forget or don't have a comfortable & portable chair, as we always manage to accommodate everyone. I'll have some Club business cards that I

hope you need because you have been diligent in promoting the Club and passing them out to people with an interest in woodworking. Bring your "Show & Tell" items to share, it is always fun to see what interesting things and ideas abound in this world of woodworking. Stay safe and hope to see you Thursday.

Bill Nay, President

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 6:30PM

Earle Smith's Shop

(see page 7 for directions and a map)

Saw Blade Clean-Up and

Making a Precision 45° Triangle for Your Table Saw Sled

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Minutes from Last Month's Club Meeting by Bill Morgan

The GCWW club met on 1/9/20 at Robert Rothenbucher's shop. In attendance were Gregg Zumwalt, Ray Hucek, Earle Smith, Arthur Barber, Mike Ruttgen, Mike Mitchell, Jim Rouse, Harold Blalock, Robert Rothenbucher, Jeff Rienwand and Bill Morgan. Bill Nay (the club's current president) was unable to attend since he's still recuperating from knee replacement surgery. Jim Rouse is scheduled for the same procedure later this month.

It was agreed that this month's 4th Thursday dinner will be at the Cracker Barrel restaurant at 31st and Memorial on 1/23 at 6:00 PM. Bill Morgan will send out the usual reminder early that week.

Mike Mitchell brought in information about this year's Wood Carving and Arts Festival. The club had a table at last year's event and we did make contact with several potential new members for the club. This year's festival will be at the Broken Arrow's Central Park Community Center (same as last year) on June 19 & 20. An 8' X 10" space at the festival would cost \$45 and a rental table goes for \$15. Applications for space need to be in by late May. Bill Morgan has all the detailed information and we'll add it to the agenda for discussion at the April meeting and then we can finalize our plans at the May meeting.

At last month's meeting Robert Rothenbucher demonstrated the fabrication of a box he was building using some white oak that he salvaged from a water damaged floor at his home. At that meeting, Robert cut the slots for some walnut splines he planned to install on the box corners. The original plan was to install the splines and then cut the top free and install the hinges at this month's meeting. The timing was altered a little since his wife Cindy will be delivering the box to a son-in-law on 1/10. Robert had already finished the box and at this meeting he showed the finished product and reviewed the final steps he went through to complete it. He added a suede bottom inside the box and finished it with a high gloss polyurethane.

Robert also showed a pair pliers that he's in the process of refurbishing. He used an abrasive infused fabric wheel (on a bench grinder) which proved to be very effective at polishing up the badly discolored hand tool.

Mike Mitchell brought in a scroll sawed piece that he made by cutting the pattern in Baltic Birch plywood and then mounting it on a black background. The result is a piece that has a striking 3-D appearance.

Earle Smith brought in a couple of trivets he made after spending some time in Jim Rouse's shop to learn the techniques for making the table saw cuts. While Earle made a number of trivets, he brought one in that showed what happens when you skip one of the "locate, cut, flip, locate" steps. He also brought in some photos of a cat house he built in his back yard. It's not clear how his part of Broken Arrow is zoned, but to date he hadn't attracted any occupants.

Mike Ruttgen has been working on improving his dust collection system. With the purchase of a planer, he decided he needed a cyclone collector of some kind to keep the bulk of the chips out of the dust collector bags. He brought in his own version consisting of a metal trash can, some PVC pipe and fittings, a wheeled dolly from Harbor Freight and some misc. material from his shop. The result was a functional cyclone collector with a total material cost of \$51. Robert recently purchased a new drill press and Mike used some of his savings to purchase the vintage machine that the new drill press replaced.

Robert's wife Cindy provided coffee water and snacks for the group and as usual, the conversations covered a wide range of woodworking and health related topics.

Photos from Last Month's Meeting



Mike Ruttgen brought a "Quick Quill Stop," for milling machines, for show and tell. These work great as a depth stop for older drill presses. They come in numerous sizes and TPI.

Hosts for Upcoming Meetings

March	Bill Morgan
April	Harold Blalock
May	Jim Rouse
June	Gregg Zumwalt
July	Robert Rothenbucher
August	TBD
September	TBD
October	TBD

Open Positions

- Program Coordinator
- Membership Management

"Each plank...can have only one ideal use. The woodworker must find this ideal use and create an object of utility to man, and if nature smiles, an object of lasting beauty."

George Nakashima (1905-1990), woodworker,
author of "The Soul of a Tree"

January 20th dinner/social at Cracker Barrel



Photos from Last Month's Meeting (continued)



Robert Rothenbucher with his completed hardwood, spline box, finished with polyurethane

“A man who works with his hands is a laborer; a man who works with his hands and his brain is a craftsman; but a man who works with his hands and his brain and his heart is an artist.”

Louis Nizer (1902–1994)



Photos from Last Month's Meeting (continued)

Mike Ruttgen showed us his Cyclone Collector that he made from locally available materials, primarily a 31 gallon metal trash can with a few 4" PVC pipe fittings.



Earle Smith shows us a few of his Trivets

Show and Tell

Mike Mitchell
showing off one of
his 3-D scroll saw
creations.



Saw Blade Clean-up—A Club Meeting Extra

Gregg Zumwalt mentioned at a Club meeting last year how to clean a saw blade the easy way and still get amazing results. I gave his noncaustic cleaning recipe a trial run on a 10" blade caked with pine pitch. Wow, I was pleased with the results and the time and cost to clean the blade was minimal. Therefore, I would like to share Gregg's method with you.

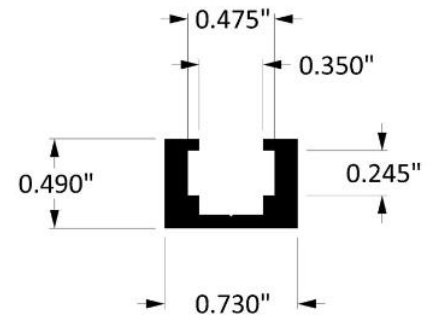
If you would like to give it a try, bring your saw or bandsaw blades to the February meeting. A demo on how to clean a blade will be given and a cleaning station will be setup for your use during the break and after the Mike Ruttgen's presentation.

I guarantee you will take home a shiny, clean blade that will make smoother cuts.

Earle Smith

T-Track (left over)

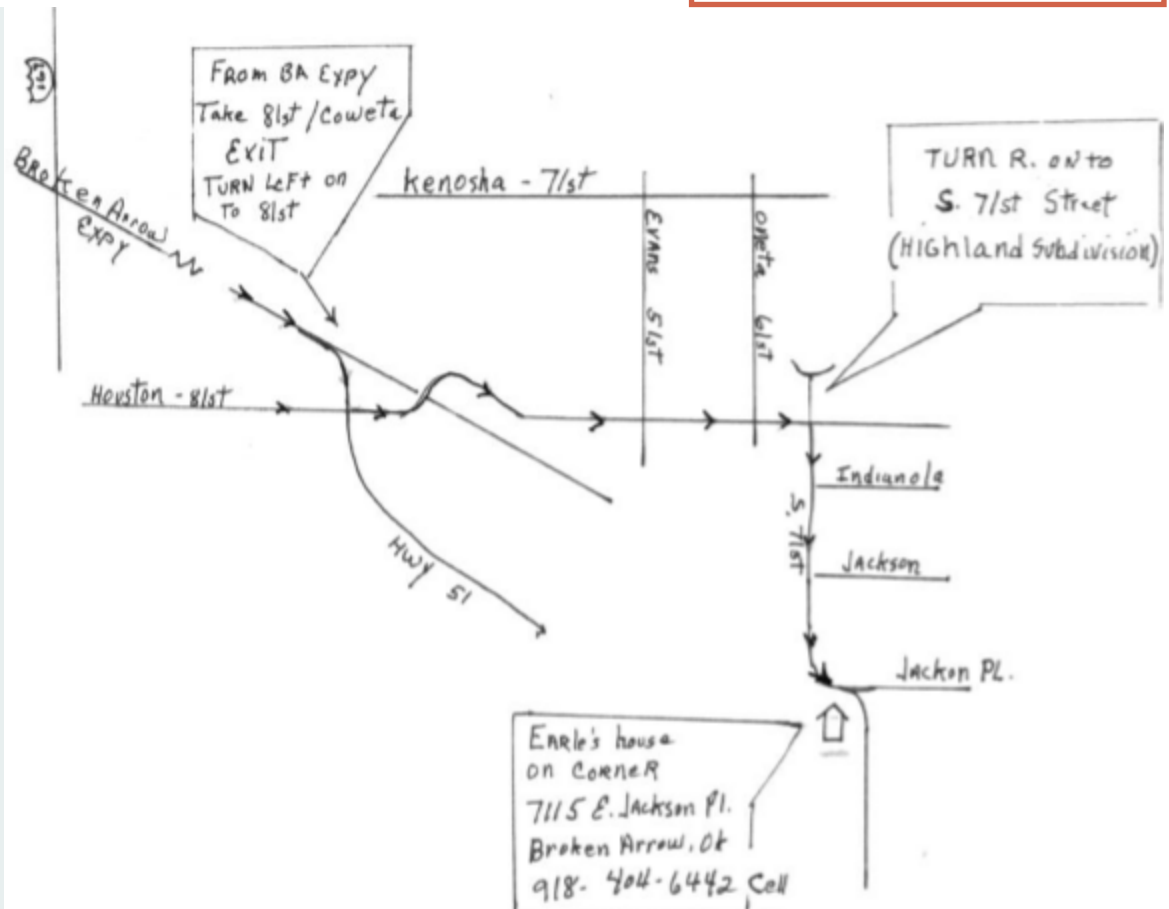
Mike Ruttgen still has T-Track for sale for \$9.00 each. He has 3 pieces, 4' long. He will bring them to upcoming meetings.



Directions to
Earle Smith's
Shop

7115 E Jackson
Place

Broken Arrow,
OK



GREEN COUNTRY WOOD- WORKERS

The Green Country Woodworkers are made up of men and women who are interested in woodworking as a hobby.

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The monthly meetings are conducted as educational forums for the benefit of our members and guests. We have idea exchanges, problem solving sessions, safety tips and tool tips plus a main speaker on topics related to woodworking in all its phases.

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The club sponsors community service projects such as making Toys for Tots at Christmas and supporting Beads of Courage by turning bowls and making boxes for children undergoing cancer treatment at Children Hospital at Saint Francis. The containers hold the children's beads. The beads represent their treatment progress.

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OBJECTIVES

- To provide the Knothole News, a monthly newsletter
- To promote woodworking and participate in woodworking and craft shows to inform the public of club activities
- To make wooden toys which are donated to selected organizations throughout the year
- Monthly Show & Tell; all items entered in the show and tell will be presented to the membership by the builder

Membership applications are available at each meeting from the club secretary or treasurer. At this time, no membership fee is charged.

MEETINGS

The club meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30PM, typically at a designated member's shop. The upcoming location and topic are published in advance in the Knothole News.

We also have a monthly dinner/social on the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:00PM; the location is determined during the regular monthly meeting.

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Please be sure to check out our new web site for more information about the organization, past Knothole News publications, pictures, resources, etc.

