This month’s meeting

Program for November
The Saw Blade Goes Round
Almost all woodworkers have saws that use round blades: Hand held (Skill type) saws, Chop or Radial Arm saws and Table saws.
John Rhoads will talk about saw blades, saws and safety at this month’s meeting of the Sunflower Woodworkers Guild November 25th.

From The President’s Corner – November 2014

YIKES, What Happened

Have these words ever passed through your lips or rattled around in your head as you were assembling a project?

They certainly have with my latest project, the one I wrote about making in my July Corner - The Assignment. An assignment put forth by Slim for everyone in the Hand Tools Group to build a wood tool tote, in which to tote their tools to our monthly get-togethers. Slim didn't care what or how you built it, as long as it wasn't "some behemoth"; I believe were his words. It didn't matter to him whether you built one that you designed, or found a pattern from somewhere. So I went about designing as I described in the July Knothole.

It was looking so good in my head and on paper as I was drawing it out. I wanted to make it longer than what I thought was a "typical" tote, so it would also hold long hand saws. Most carriers that I saw before this didn't seem as though they could carry a hand saw without first folding it. I knew that wouldn't be good. Then I started thinking about the width of this. I didn't want it to be so wide that I'd be holding out my arm at an uncomfortable angle to keep my legs from banging into the shell of this tote. I wanted the handle to be far enough above the bottom of the box so it could handle tall items, in particular, a chisel holder that would provide a solid place for tall handled bench chisels to be carried without rolling around in the box, banging into each other and other tools, and still be easily accessible from the tote. While sketching the end view of this design, I came up with the thought that: "Gee, that's quite a distance between the bottom of the box and the bottom of the handle". Go ahead and make a smaller, removable box to go over the main carrier, if I need it to carry tools - fine, if not - that's OK too. As I'm cutting out the individual pieces, I keep asking myself "Is this going to be big enough". I'm making it all out of softwood
lumber to help keep the weight down, so I should be OK there.

I get the boxes built first, then the ends, handle and chisel holders. Some pieces more complete than others. Then I start clamping main pieces together to see how the main idea is shaping up. Then it hits me; This is a behemoth. It looks as odd as a two-story house trailer. Nothing like what appeared in my head as I was designing it.

So; if something like this has ever happened to you, you start thinking "what else can this become" and/or "what can I re-build on this to get it to where it will be usable - as something; maybe not its original purpose? There's room in the big main box to carry a baby. Better not do that, it's not approved by a government agency. I need to find something light weight that can go in there, or just keep it in one place and not move it around. The smaller removable box is being re-purposed as a new smaller tote with a new end panel design. No room for chisel holders on this one. But now as I'm looking at this re-purposed tote, I'm thinking that the sides are not tall enough for a collection of tools. It's a good thing it's removable. I think I'll make another removable box for these smaller end panels, but another 2 or 3 inches deeper. And after I use these for a while, I'll probably come up with another iteration, or a completely different design.

I never thought a simple tool tote could be such a big problem.

Hopefully, if you've had any such experiences you've found a way to re-purpose your project or use it as a springboard to redesign for your original purpose. In any event, at least you gain some additional woodworking experience (what I always tell myself); so all is not lost. The only other problem you may have is explaining to your spouse why you spent so much time to make
something that can't be used for it's intended purpose. Sorry, I have no answer to that one.

President: Jim Huntley

**Old Business and Regular Monthly Announcements**

Current Business and Regular Monthly Announcements

1. Handtools Group:
   Following is a list of dates for future meetings and topics:

   December 13, 2014:  Topic and location to be determined and published
   If you are not currently on the e-mailing list to receive notices and updates, please contact Slim Gieser at: sgieser@cox.net.

2. Youth-in-Woodworking Group:
   Clark Shultz is working with a 4-H club (the Achievers) who will meet at his shop - ongoing. No current schedule at this time.
   If you are not currently on the e-mailing list to receive notices and updates, please contact Bill Tumbleson at: edn732@sbcglobal.net

3. Librarian:

4. Burt's Barn:
   **Purpose:** Learn woodworking using both hand and power tools.
   **Frequency:** Meets the Saturday following the General Membership Meeting; November 29, 2014.
   **This Month’s Project:** Joinery Techniques.
   **Materials:** No materials this month.
   **Location:** 2506 W. 15th Street N, Wichita, KS. Two blocks north of Indian Hills Hardware to 15th Street N then west to 1st house facing south. Burt’s Barn is in the garage behind house, entry on west side.
   **Schedule:** 9 AM to 12 PM is dedicated to working on common projects. 1 PM to 5 PM is optional. In the afternoon you can continue to work on the common project or any project of your choice. We also help solve woodworking problems and tune up equipment. You **do not** need to attend the morning session in order to come in the afternoon.
   **Contact:** Burt Unruh, phone 316-655-4151

5. Victorian Christmas Display at Sedgwick County Historical Museum
   Everything seems to be on schedule for the Christmas exhibit. They will be setting up the exhibit right after Thanksgiving and it looks like the exhibit will open on Dec. 1. Originally, we had planned for the exhibit to run until Dec. 16, but now that we are not having a Christmas party at the museum they are talking about extending the end date; perhaps to Dec. 20.
   If you would like information, please contact John Belt at: John.Belt@wichita.edu

6. Guild Membership News / Applications
   Sunflower Woodworker Guild caps are available for $12.00 each.
   If you would like information, please contact Bill Patton at: threads1@cox.net

**Calendar of Events**

December:

December 16, 2014 (Third Tuesday):
December Meeting at the Sedgwick County Senior Center (same building), Conference Room.
Those who are submitting a "Half-a-Sheet O’Plywood" Contest Project; bring it to the December Meeting to be logged-in. Bring it back to the January 2015 Meeting for Judging.

December 1-20(?), 2014: Victorian Christmas Display at the Sedgwick County Historical Museum. See above.
Minutes October 28 2014

President Jim Huntley called the meeting to order. He reminded members to check the Knothole each month to see “Old Business” and “Monthly Announcements” section.

Gary Dougherty is hosting the Youth in Woodworking event and Sedgwick County 4H at his shop on Sunday Nov 9th.

Clark Shultz hosted a youth workshop Oct 26 and has one planned for Nov 2 at his shop.

Burt Unruh suggested we bring our hand tools for this week’s “Burt’s Barn” hands on workshop.

Reminder- December meeting will be 3rd Tues in Dec. ie. Dec 16 instead of 4th Tues.

This year’s woodworking contest rules have been attached to the Sept. Knothole on our web-site. (sunflowerwoodworkers.org). Bring your project to Dec. meeting for check-in and bring it back at Jan meeting for judging.

Thanks to the members who visited and who participated in the Big Tool Store annual sales event, and the Halstead Arts and Crafts Festival.

Additional thanks went to Bill Tumbleson and John Rhoads for their presentation on shop jigs and wood toys to the Salina Guild on Oct 15.

A request was made for volunteers for next year’s slate of officers. Contact John Rhoads or Jim Huntley.

The change to by-laws under Article 7 to add a second vice president was approved by vote.

The Nov. meeting program will be presented by John Rhoads and will be about “round blades”.

Aaron Rivers requested members let him know who their favorite wood suppliers are. He may publish those on our web site.

Next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, Nov 25. (Thanksgiving week)

SHOW N TELL

Jerry Carpenter brought his cedar shelf with live edge for his entertainment center. He brought the top here last month.

Bill Patton showed a jig he made for putting splines into coin banks he made from combination lock mail box doors. He also brought a folding table and chair he made to give away as a prize for a group he is a member of.

Bill Tumbleson brought a router tabletop. He showed a device he made using pop rivets to
copy the location of “blind holes” from one piece onto another. Bill showed a DeWalt right angle screwdriver he found useful. He also showed an electrical device that will prevent a tool, plugged into it, from accidently restarting after a power outage.

Jerry Keen brought a jig he built, from plans in Shop Notes magazine. It allows him to flatten the surface of warped or twisted wood by using this jig and his 13 inch surface planer.

Royce Wallace made a large, hollow, toy spinning top.

Les Hastings showed a beautifully made traditional style toboggan sled. He used laminated construction techniques for the curved front. His sister’s 10 children will be the proud users of this sled.

Larry Bakula brought a detailed ballerina his father had carved from a maple bowling pin. Larry told us that she usually stands in a mirrored display on a rotating stand that allows the fine details of the carving to be viewed from all angles.
Mike called his program “Finishes 101 for Woodworkers” in honor of a similar title of a book by Bob Flexnor.


Mike was well prepared. He had created numerous items to pass around that demonstrated variations of each of the points he spoke about.

Jodi Bestorn of the Sedgwick County Extension Service with Bill Tumbleson set up workshops for 4-Hers across the county to start their projects for the Fair next summer. A number of youth are signed up for a Woodworking projects this year. Seven were involved in the workshops lead by our members in November.

Lily Reed and Emily Mork are being lead by Clark Shultz. Clark’s helper is Les Kahler. Sam Holmes, Eric Sprecker, Logan Taylor, Dylan Adams and Thomas Stewart were lead by John Rhoads, Slim Gieser and Gary Dougherty. Richard Wolf and Burt Unruh helped Rhoads with preparation.

In Clark’s group the kids are learning basics by building bench hooks and using hand tools. In Rhoads’ group the emphasis was the same. In that group we had five kids and only two hours so we built a small box.

4-H is a great program because each youth must choose a project early in the year then, with woodworking build the project and finish the project by Fair time. Plan, work and hit the deadline is a great life lesson.

Submitted by John T. Rhoads past president
The router cabinet was delivered to the Halstead High School Industrial Arts program last night. (Tuesday November 18)

Clark Schultz came up to assist.

Chris Wilson, the instructor, was pleased and said it will be put to use.

Attached is a photo of the router table it replaced which has been in use for at least 40 years. Proof that you don't anything fancy to get the job done.

Also are photos of the cabinet with a Triton TRA001 router which the school purchased.

Bill

Halstead Router Cabinet
Classified Ads

I have a 6 inch Ridgid jointer for sale, I am asking $350, here is a picture. Could you please let the members know? 316-993-0318

Thank you
Regards Boris Fernandez

Carvers—Free Catulpa

A huge log is available. You will need to cut off the piece(s) you want. Bring your own chain saw. A friend of mine is offering this.
Jerry Keen 316-722-2735

DeWalt DW788 Scroll Saw. Like new condition $300

Jerry Keen
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