This Month’s Meeting

Guild member Richard Wolf is retired from his paying job and is pursuing his interest in woodworking at a shop he purchased in Kechi. Richard will give us some insight into how he came about acquiring his shop and what he enjoys doing and can do in his shop. Some topics he will touch on are: milling lumber, sources and species of lumber he primarily uses, major pieces of equipment in his shop, size of shop and the type of projects he enjoys designing and building. I believe he will even sell some of his lumber to you if you ask nicely.

From The President’s Corner –

Let us talk carbide. After Dennis’ visit last month I went to the Big Tool Store and bought the little carbide tipped gouge for my lath work. Like many of you I have saw blades with carbide tips and one or two router bits that are solid carbide. We know that carbide is hard enough to hold a sharp edge longer than the old steel blades. Carbide is cheap enough to produce that it is appearing everywhere: knives, razor blades and even the cutting edge of hand chisels.

I wanted to know more so, of course, I went to the net. I have a Freud blade so after some generic information I found an article from “Woodworkers Journal” last summer that detailed a visit to the Freud’s Italian manufacturing plant. The goal with all metallurgy for cutting tools is to make it hard enough to keep an edge without becoming brittle. So, in a long and complicated process of slurge, polishing, vacuum and heat, Carbide, Cobalt, Tungsten, Titanium and other elements that are hard to mix together and keep together the teeth are finally ready for brazing to a steel blade and sharpened.

For the article go to woodworkersjournal.com/Ezine/articals/Visiting_Freuds_Itailian_Carbide_M…

Happy New Year j.rhoads@cox.net

January Meeting
6:30 p.m. Tuesday January 22nd Richard Wolf will talk about his shop, mill and lumber products. Bring show and tell items and ideas for future programs.
Classified Ads

Members with woodworking related objects for sale are encouraged to place free ads here. Please forward items to the editor for inclusion.

Bert Unruh will be driving to KC on Saturday for the tool sale, he will have room for a couple of riders. Burt's barn will be February 2, not the normal Saturday.

A look back to the past and especially for those of us are entirely welded to the use of power tools.

Look at the length of the two-man hand saw and heavy duty axes they used to drop these tremendous trees. It is almost inconceivable to think of cutting a tree this size with a hand saw.

The work required very strong men (and horses) working long days for minimal pay. Could you imagine doing this to earn a living?

After a tree was finally felled it took a week or more to cut it up into sections that could be managed (somehow) and transported by train to a lumber yard.

Maneuvering the logs down the mountain to the train was a complex job. I didn't do any research on this, but I would be willing to bet that many men lost their lives doing this dangerous work. One slip and a hunk of wood as big as a hotel is rolling your way! The other question that begs an answer is how did they get those logs onto the flatbeds of that train?

We are accustomed to our modern conveniences like electricity and gasoline powered chainsaws, and it is always such a mind-boggling experience to see how such monumental tasks were performed before these conveniences appeared on the scene.
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