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THE NEXT MEETING **June 22** AT
THE TABLE TENNIS CLUB
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Social Gathering @ 6:30 PM
Meeting Starts @ 7:00 PM

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Subject Of The Upcoming Meeting

Clark Scultz will expand on his shop math presentation

NOTICE

There are a number of members that have not yet paid dues for 2009. **If your dues are not paid, this is the last issue of the Knothole that you will receive.** See the notice on the back cover.
 Thanks

From The President's Corner –

Fellow guild members.

This has been a busy time for many of our guild members. I want to thank the search committee for doing such a tough job of looking for a new meeting place. The committee researched over 20 places. This took a lot of time and energy. Thanks to Bill Degarmo, Joe Fehrenbacher, Bill Tumbleson, Jerry Keen. They gave our officers two recommendations to

consider, first the senior center and second the Sedgwick county extension office. Both are nice facilities. After inspecting both The officers and search committee chose the senior center.

I also want to thank other members for a good deed. I want to thank Bill Tumbleson for taking charge of getting the library moved. The Library was move Saturday to our shed at A Box 4U. Bill reported to me that the job started at 9:50 and was completed at 11:30. Those who helped with this job of course our librarian Slim Gieser and others Bill Degarmo, Rickey Powell, Jerry Keen, Robert Johnstone, and Gary Dougherty. Thanks again Guys.

It was brought to my attention by our Treasurer Wendell parks many of our members have not paid their dues. Please let's get these up to date this is our main revenue stream and without it the guild can't continue to provide this form. This is one of the best buys a woodworker can make. Where else could you go and get the expert help and networking of the guild for \$1.67 a month. Heck a magazine subscription cost more than the membership.

Thanks Dan Carlyle

New Meeting Location and Date

As has been previously announced, we have been evicted from our Table Tennis Club meeting location after our June Meeting. At the May meeting a committee was assigned the responsibility of finding a new location for

our meeting. At least fourteen locations were evaluated, but only two met the basic criteria. The officers met to discuss the options and decided that the Downtown Senior Services Center at 200 South Walnut best met the needs of our guild. In addition to the change of location, we will change our meeting day from the fourth Monday to the fourth Tuesday. Advantages of this facility include it being a more central location, it has a lighted, paved parking lot in somewhat better neighborhood, a sound system built into the room, and also we are no longer required to set up or take down the chairs and tables we use.

Sunflower WWG meeting minutes May 2009

Meeting Notes from May

Guests: John Hutchinson
Dan Carlyle called the meeting to order

Business:

Since we are being evicted from the beautiful old Sundowner Theater (*aka* the Table Tennis Center) the first order of business was to appoint a committee to investigate new meeting sites. Bill DeGarmo, Joe Fehrenbacher, and Jerry Keen were chosen.

The Committee inspected 15 possible sites in detail. Some were too expensive, some did not have a parking lot, some did not have lighting in the parking lot. In the end the Wichita Senior Center was recommended and accepted at an officers meeting. The cost, central location, possible location for our library, large parking lot, level entry along with the amiable disposition of the overseer made this a no-brainer.

The Toy Program – Kenny Hill and Rufus Alcorn.

The Garvey Company donated \$500. Star Lumber donated two pallets of pine, and \$200. Halstead Lumber Company is saving cutoffs for us. Dan reminded us that the date required for turning over the toys to the painters was September to allow time for the painting process. Better get started now.

Show and Tell:

Bill DeGarmo showed his “router buddy” for making circles with the router of various radii. Rick Powell showed a large pine toy box with “stay torsion” hinges that keeps little fingers from being squashed.



Ray Smith showed his solid walnut hall table. Questions included the type of finish – two coats of clear Danish Oil and 3 coats of diluted polyurethane.



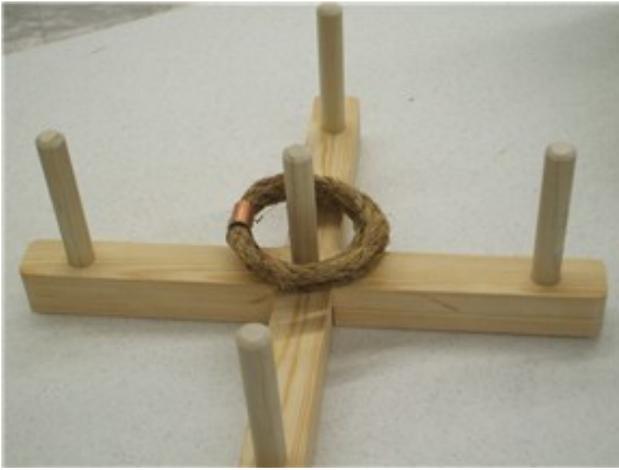
Mike Hutton told us of his experience to date with his new SAW STOP table saw. He said some assembly was required. He has not yet tested the stopping mechanism because of the cost of the ruined blade and the stopping mechanism. Our advice: keep those fingers outta there. He said that he was not impressed with the new UNISAW which was about the same price.

The most astounding Show and Tell article was brought in by a Halstead High School Student. He brought his hand made 18 foot canoe to the meeting. The canoe was made from cedar with walnut trim. A waterproofing coat of fiberglass was applied inside and out. The canoe weighed only 60 lbs and was due to go in the water soon.



Other Show and tell.





**Program: Basics of Using a Plunge Router
by Larry Roth**

Larry went over the selection of a plunge router. Location of the switch is very important, you will want to be able to turn the router on and off without moving or removing the router to the work. D-handle routers work best as plunge routers because of the trigger switch located in the handhold. This is one reason not to buy the multiple base routers because the switch is



almost never in a convenient location. A “soft start” motor is desirable to avoid a jerking action when the router is started.

Larry showed a simple “jig” for routing mortises. Apply a piece of double stick tape to a straight board. High quality, economical double stick tape is available at GT Midwest, 2202 South West Street. Measure the distance from the edge of the router bit to the board and stick the board to the base of the router. *From Ray: This process really works great, I used it to route the mortises on my hall table.* Larry showed the process of using a straight edge applied to the router base to set the zero depth for the router bit. It was suggested that the plunge depth be limited to 1/8 inch per pass. Then set the “fence” you have constructed to the side of the work to be mortised, start up and make chips.



One of the questions asked was how many routers Larry owned. The answer was a long thought out 8 or 9. We found that Larry has so many routers because some of them are dedicated usage. One stays in the router table, one has an ¼ inch round over bit, etc.

Members were asked to bring their routers and jigs to assist in the demonstration, many did. After seeing Larry’s mortising “jig” one member was heard to say he was sure glad he did not bring his brand new commercially made offset jig to the meeting.

Report on Visit to Kansas City Woodworkers Guild Open House (Thanks Joanne)

The Kansas City Woodworkers Guild has recently moved into a new 7000 sq ft building in Merriam, Kansas. They held an open house on Saturday, June 13th. George Linn and Joanne Brady made the trip to see what the KC Guild had accomplished. Speaking with Mike Jones, past president and Kara Paris, high school shop teacher and safety officer, the story unfolded. The building was acquired after the guild completed a project of producing tables and benches for an ice cream shop that netted a profit of \$35,000.00. Using the funds raised they found the location and asked the Wood Turners Guild to join them in the shop. What has resulted is a wonderful opportunity for the community of Kansas City. Not only does the guild allow members to use the shop and equipment but they also invite the public to various educational classes and workshops. They recently held a couple of 2 day workshops to encourage participation. The first was with Kelly Mehler of Bria, Kentucky. Kelly holds a week long class in Kentucky teaching in a hands on method. For the guild he requested an 8 ft piece of walnut that was a least 9 inches wide. With that he produced a side table with tapered legs made on a joiner. Another recent program was with Ralph and Karen Quick of the Windsor Chair Shop in Clarksville, Mo. The Guild netted approximately \$1000.00 by charging \$ 70/person for the Quick class and about \$2000.00 on the Mehler program. The Woodworkers have about 200 members and the Wood turners number 100. Kara Paris was adamant that safety is a main focus. Members are required to complete safety training and orientation courses prior to working with the equipment. The KC Woodworkers Guild is a 501C3 non-profit organization which Mike Jones said encourages quite a bit of corporate sponsorship. They recently heard about a cabinet maker that was going out of business. Seizing that opportunity, they ended up with some tools and cases of hinges and pulls that they are selling to raise money. Mike indicated that there was really no method of fund- raising they wouldn't consider. Another fun activity is

to exchange members with other guilds. For instance 2 of the KC members attended a class given by the Columbia Woodworkers Guild and Columbia sent 2 members to a KC class.

On December 4th, 5th and 6th they are hosting Mark Adams. While all of the details are not completely "planed" out, they do know that Friday night's activities will be based around Mark discussing his career. The actual classroom presentations will be on Saturday and Sunday. More information will be emailed as it becomes available. All in all it was an excellent visit to an exceptional facility. We would encourage any of you to check it out the next time your in the area.



Mike Jones, Kara Paris, George Lynn



Clamp Stand



Workbenches



The tables that started it all



Turning Area

Classified Ads

Note: Members are encouraged to use the Knothole to list any items you may have for sale to other guild members.

FOR SALE

Walker Turner belt & disk sander \$75.00

Sears Craftsman 6" jointer \$150.00

Sears craftsman table saw (older cast iron one) 100.00 has newer motor

Power king band saw \$100.00

Parks 12" planer \$150.00 (good buy here)

Bench top lathe and bench \$100.00 (not sure what brand)

Call Jack & Bernice Gilbert to have a look! 682-6970 evenings

More

Central machinery 16 speed floor drill press in great shape works great, replaced it with a powermatic. \$150.00

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