



North Texas Woodworkers Association

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Newsletter

April, 2008

The monthly meeting was started by Steve Jenkins promptly at 7:00 pm on March 18th.

Announcements

The 2008 elections were held and all officers will remain except the following:

Secretary/Newsletter – Sandi Burnett
Librarian – Bob Moore
Programs – Munawar Soomro / Chris Hathaway

Remember to bring in your Woodcraft receipts. They are donating 10% back to the club for any receipts turned in under the club's name. The gift cards will be used as future raffle items.

The March meeting included a demo by John Horn on Quick and Easy Turned Toy Cars. Albert Estes of the Scottish Rite Hospital is looking for 50-100 unfinished and unassembled toy cars for their children with spinal bifida one week summer camp. They also need volunteers to work at the camp. Anyone interested in making a few cars or if you would like to volunteer at the camp, please contact Sandi Burnett for details.

This month's meeting will be held on April 15th at Owen Haggard shop. The demo will be by John Bowen on half-hull ship model. It will include the techniques for building a half-hull model complete with sails starting with looking at interpreting the ship plans and how to translate the plans into patterns for constructing and shaping the hull. Next we'll cover making the masts and yards followed by constructing the sails. The last segment will cover fixing all these parts to the backboard and rigging the model with the appropriate lines. More information on John and the demo can be found later in this newsletter.

Dues and Other News

Annual dues were collected at the March meeting. If you have not already paid your dues, please give them to Dick Koch at the next meeting. The annual dues have been raised to \$36. Checks may be payable to NTWA.

Be sure to go to check out the website at www.ntwa.org. There is a special space for members to display some of their work.

When checking out library materials, please be sure to put your name, date (mm/yy) and phone number on the card located inside the cover. The card then goes in the checked out items box. The materials in the library are available on a one-month loan to **members only**. If you have materials checked out, please return them at the next meeting.

Q & A

Q. What is the best method for painting pre-finished wood?

A. Lightly sand with 220 grit paper, prime and paint (use an oil based paint).

Q. How do you create an antique cherry finish?

A. Take a sample of the desired finish to Walnut Hill Paint and ask for Monte, he will be able to help. Or go to www.homesteadfinishing.com

Q. What is the best way to cut up a large piece of mesquite burl?

A. Split in half lengthwise. Or go to Woods of Mission Timbers who will cut it for you.

Show and Tell

Will Deputy brought his trophy and the cars from his boy scout derby race.

A memory box prototype was brought by **Munawar Soomro**. The final piece will have 60 year old antique molding and will be given to a retiring co-worker.

Steve Yauch displayed a mesquite bowl turned from the crotch piece of the tree and finished with wipe on varnish.

A hollow vase brought by **Dick Koch**. He turned the vase from Bradford Pear and finished it with Danish oil, rub-on varnish and a final coat of wax.

Thad Burnett brought a bandsaw box with a pin hinge lid made from a 100 year old cedar fence post.



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Dale Osborne brought his homemade table saw jigs used to increase the height of the table saw fence and secure the piece to the table.

The winner of the drawing was Will Deputy.

Remember to bring in your show and tell items as it makes the meetings more entertaining and informative as well as giving you a chance to win money! The more people who bring in items, the more drawings we'll have at that meeting to increase your chances.

Raffle

Every month we will hold a raffle for members for woodworking prizes. Tickets are 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5.

This month's prizes were:

Micro Mesh Sanding Pads – Daniel Dain
 Bowl Buffers – Dick Koch
 Book on Compound Miters – Bob Moore

Program

The March demo was on Quick and Easy Turned Toys by John Horn. John demonstrated the techniques for turning toy cars from a short piece of pine 2 x 4 from the turning to the finishing.

Classified

For those club members who have something for sale, you can list those objects in the newsletter by calling or e-mailing any board member with the information. You can also put them on the web site by contacting **Mark Simon**.

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The board serves from April through March of the following year. Bylaws are available upon request. The board meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00p.m. at La Madeleine restaurant at Park and Preston, in Plano.



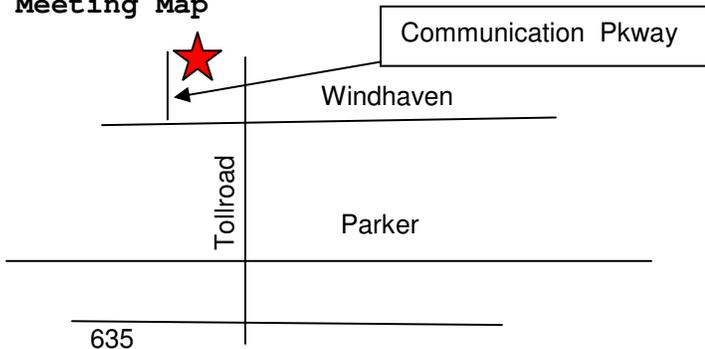
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NTWA Calendar

April meeting: Tuesday, the 15th @ 7:00 PM at Owen Haggard's shop in Plano.

Meeting Map



Directions: In Plano, going north on the toll road, exit (north) on Parker or Windhaven. Turn left on Windhaven and make an immediate right onto Communication Parkway. Owen's drive is the first one on the right.

The Half Hull Model

The use of half hull models in ship design dates back to the late 18th century. The shipwright would carve his hull into the shape he desired and once satisfied with the result, would draw up plans based on the model. These models were functional, not decorative, hence there are no details included, just the hull shape. If any details were included, they were usually painted on, not carved. My basic half hull models follow this practice.

I was inspired to take this concept one stage further with the addition of my models with (wooden) sails, rigging, and some basic details. As in the original practice, note that there is usually no deck or 'deck furniture', so the models are best viewed from an angle slightly below the top rail of the ship so the deck is not observed. The use of paper within each sail to delineate the seams is a technique which I believe, is unique in the modeling world.

Only select hardwoods are used throughout and all construction is done in my home shop. Each model is based on an historic ship whose plan can be found in the Smithsonian Collection of Ship Plans or other historic sources. Each model is one of a kind. If I happen to model the same ship twice, no two will be the same. I will use a different scale, wood, etc., so you will be assured to have a unique piece of art.



The Artist

John Bowen is a local north Texas artisan who has been building wooden ship models since 1976. He is the founder of the North Texas Ship Model Club and is a commercial airline pilot flying international trips out of DFW.



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