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Newsletter

September, 2005

President Steve Jenkins opened the meeting promptly at 7:00 PM. The visitors were **Kyle Henderson**, recently moved from Wichita, **Casey Harl**, new to the area from Corpus, and **Paul DeMars**, a friend of **Norm Shirk**.

Announcements

Due to the summer heat, the meeting on **September 20th** will be at **Mike Pregent's shop, The Turning Point**. The map is on page 3. The program for September will be a demonstration of raised panel doors provided by former NTWA president, **Walt Schuster**.

December's meeting will again feature a toy-making contest with the toys being donated to charity. Start looking into those toy plans.

Questions and Remarks

Greg Glennon has a table saw for sale.

Munawar Soomro, club program chairman, asked for suggestions for future programs. Ed. Note: This is a tough job, especially for one person. Please help Munawar with ideas and by volunteering to present a program.

Phil Timmons had a sign-up sheet for his scroll classes. Some club members have enrolled in Phil's earlier classes and have come away very pleased. Please give Phil a call if you are interested.

Articles and announcements are always welcome for the newsletter. Please send or e-mail any submissions to **Dorothy – Dorothy.truitt@NTWA.org**.

Classified

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

Grady Graham has a Jet 650 dust collection system for sale for \$150. 817-424-3170

E-mails

Mark Simon has made it possible for all of those who receive e-copies of the newsletter to manage their own addresses on the NTWA site. Please visit the site and sign yourself up.

Visitors are always welcome of course, but if you are a regular attendee and have not joined the club, please remedy that oversight. The club needs your financial support. Please give your dues to **John Stankus** at the meeting or mail it to the PO Box. John has membership cards available that are honored by several local businesses with 10% discounts.

John also has some new NTWA directories available. Please contact him if you did not get our directory. Nametags are available at the meeting. **With so many new members, it is difficult to keep track of all the names. Please announce your name and/or wear a nametag.**

Web News

The web site now has a **member e-mail list** and a place for members to display their projects. There is also a bulletin board for club members interested in classified ads. **Mark Simon** welcomes comments and pictures for the web site.

Library

The materials in the library (housed in Owen Haggard's shop) are available on a one-month loan **to members only**. If you have materials checked out, please return them ASAP. As the club will not meet at **Owen's** until October, materials can be returned to **Dale, Kirk**, or any board member at the September meeting.

Show and Tell

Kirk Darroch showed a restoration catalog.

Steve Yauch, however, made his own restoration hardware for the antique kitchen cupboard he has shown during the repairs he had to make. To age the hardware, Steve put it in vinegar, heated it with a blowtorch and then dropped the pieces in linseed oil.

John Stankus showed some very interesting photographs he had taken during a trip to a Shaker village. The tools in the workshop were made of wood.

Dorothy Truitt and **T.J. Jones** had a "show" and a "tell". While helping Dorothy cut out some cornice brackets on her band saw, TJ managed to demonstrate how quickly a band saw can do damage to fingers. She had a nice nick in her thumb. (At the break, many club members showed off their own woodworking scars. Maybe that is a program in itself, Munawar. Safety in the Workshop.)

Dues and Other News

The Show and Tell was won by **Kirk Darroch**.

Program

Norm Baker of **Rockler** presented the program. He brought in a Sign Crafter and demonstrated how to set it up. The Sign Crafter is a clamping jig with letter templates to router words or letters using a cone bit. He also showed a new Incra Miter Express.

Raffle

The raffle prize was set of jigsaw blades. .

In the interest of safety, these hints were found at www.WoodZone.com

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| <p>Woodworking Shop Safety 10 Safety Tips to Post in Your Shop</p> |
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- 1) **Think Before You Cut** – The most powerful tool in your shop is your brain, use it. Thinking your cuts and movements through before acting can help save both fingers and scrapwood.
- 2) **Keep a Clean Shop** – A cluttered shop is an accident waiting to happen. Keeping your shop clean will help protect you, and your tools, from tripping hazards.
- 3) **Avoid Distractions** – Pay attention to your actions. Looking up to watch the shop TV or visitor can result in your hand contacting the blade. Always wait until you have completed your cut before you take your eyes off the blade.
- 4) **Don't Rush** – Keep in mind that this is just a hobby and take a break when you feel rushed or frustrated with a project. Mistakes happen when we rush to complete a job.
- 5) **Don't Force It** – If your saw is resisting the cut, stop and see what's wrong. A misaligned rip fence or improperly seated throat plate can sometimes cause a board to get stuck in mid cut. Forcing the board in these situations may cause kickback or contact with the blade. Take a moment to evaluate the situation and determine the problem.
- 6) **Protect Yourself** – Wearing the proper shop protection is an important part of safe tool operation. Goggles, Ear Protection, and Lung Protection should be used when operating tools. Use push sticks when working close to the blade and make sure the tool's safety features are in place.

- 7) **Let the Tool Stop** – Giving the power tool time to wind down after a cut is an often-overlooked safety mistake. Even without power, the spinning blade can still do a lot of damage.
- 8) **Fumes and Dust** – Solvent fumes and airborne dust can present health and explosion hazards. Care should be taken to ensure a supply of fresh air and use only explosion proof vent fans.
- 9) **Wear Appropriate Clothing** – Loose clothing or hair can get caught in power tools and cause severe injury.
- 10) **No Alcohol** – Too many woodworkers have been injured because Alcohol clouded their judgment. Avoid their mistakes and wait until after you're done in the shop.

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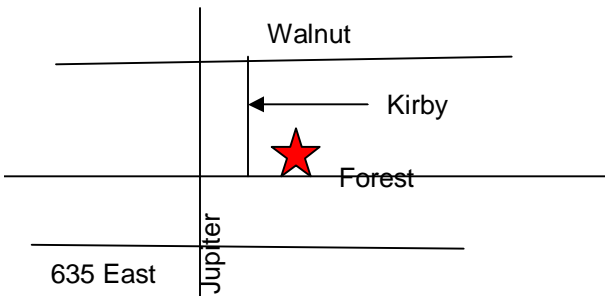
The board serves from April through March of the following year. Bylaws are available upon request. The board meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00p.m. at La Madeleine restaurant at Park and Preston, in Plano.

NTWA Calendar

September meeting: Tuesday, September 20th @ 7:00 PM @ Mike Pregent's Shop, The Turning Point. The program will be raised panel doors presented by Walt Schuster.

October meeting: Tuesday, October 19th @ 7:00 PM @ Owen Haggard's Shop in Plano. The program will be a demonstration of Incra jigs, presented by Woodcraft.

Meeting Map



Directions: In Garland, going north on Jupiter – from 635, turn right on Forest and left on Kirby. Turning Point is on the right – watch for the sign.

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