

SAWING

Siouxland Amateur Wood-workers Information News & Gab

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Calendar

- July 19th monthly meeting at Mark's shop.
- August 4th annual family picnic. Riverside park shelter #4. Starts at 11 am and eating at 12:30.
- No monthly August meeting. The picnic will be that month's activity.
- September 20th monthly meeting. Location not yet set. If you would like to host the meeting at your shop, let us know.

This is the first issue of our club news letter. I realize that it might be a bit rough, but it is my first attempt. I am open to anyone's input or ideas.

This month's **ING**

- A reminder that our club picnic will be August 4th at Riverside Park (Shelter 4). We will start at 11 am and eat at 12:30. Please let us know how many will be attending at the next meeting.
- **We have a challenge for everyone.** You need to build anything you want out of wood as long as it will fit inside a box that is one foot by one foot by one foot square. The due date for this challenge is at our November meeting. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd.
- We still want members to be building items to decorate our Christmas tree that we will be sponsoring at the Terra Center in December.
- July's meeting will be at Mark Davenport's shop. At this month's meeting Mark Davenport will be doing some things on the lathe and Ron Erickson will show how he made the miniature goblets and some of the chisels that he used to turn them.
- We voted yes to bring Mark Adams back.

If you were there you saw:

At this last month's meeting several people brought items that they have built. Here are a few pictures and comments about each of the projects.

Ron brought several items. Here is a box that has some inlay work that he



had done. The inlay was put into an oak top.

Ron also brought some turnings that he had done. In the divided box with the felt lining you can see a variety of miniature goblets that he turned. Note the penny in the upper middle section. Some of the tools that he used were ones that he made himself.



He also brought several tops with colored strips. To get them to spinning he made his own starter handle that he uses to hold the top while he pulls the string. We all enjoyed watching how well they spun, even Charlie.



Ray brought in a table that he built. The top is from one piece of oak that was cut in half and placed match book style. The legs were laminated on two of the sides to give the quarter sawn look on all sides. He used through mortise and tenon joints to support the shelf.



Alan brought in a bird house and a toy that he built. The sides of the bird house were done by soaking the wood in water then forming them. The pull toy was built following some plans from WOOD Magazine.



How do they do it?

We saw Gene demonstrate how to fix minor dings and scratches you might have happen while building your project. Sorry I don't have any pictures. The first thing he demonstrated was how to fix a ding from where your hammer might have dented the wood. He took a damp cloth and put it over the ding. He then took a small iron and heated up the cloth. The steam then raised the grain.

The next thing he demonstrated was how to use wax fillers. This wax comes in many colors. He would choose the right color and then using a small iron melt off some of the wax onto damaged area.

Next we saw Craig bend wood using steam. Craig's steamer is made of PVC pipe with an elbow at one end. A steam kettle is connected to this elbow. To support the wood inside the pipe he used a metal grid from a cookie sheet rack. The reason for supporting the wood is to allow the steam to get to all sides of the wood.



He recommends that you steam the wood for an half an hour for every half inch of wood. When you pull the wood out you have to move quickly, so have everything you need laid out and ready.



Craig had built a simple jig to bend the wood on. It basically was a curve with a catch at one end to hold one end of the wood while bending it.



Door Prize

Congratulations to Tim Christensen, his name was drawn for last months meetings door prize. He won a router bit set and an anti slip mat.



Make sure you come to the next meeting so you can get your name in the drawing for that months door prize.

