

Siouxland Woodworkers Meeting

June 16, 2008 Alan Pedersen's Shop

As discussed in a prior meeting, we are asked to help with producing more Ronald McDonald houses that are placed in the schools so that students can place aluminum tabs into them. Currently, there are only two that have to make the rounds. A model was on hand for the meeting and are made of masonite and plywood strips for framing. Denny Luft made measurements and members wishing to build one should contact Craig so that he is aware. Materials are to be paid for out of club funds.

Discussion took place regarding the annual picnic which takes the place of the August meeting. Members agreed that the picnic would be in Riverside Park where the pool is in close proximity for kids. We have settled on August 23. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs are supplied by the club while members are asked to bring a pot luck dish. Lunch is scheduled for 1:00 p.m.

The July meeting is to be held at the shop of Chuck Dorn. He lives at 2727 S. Martha Street in Sioux City which is between Glenn Avenue and Lincoln Way. The shop is in the rear of the house. Street parking is advisable.

Melvin Wieseler who is a member of our club had his right leg amputated above the knee as a result of a boating accident in Nebraska. He is currently in Mercy skilled care. Brian Wieseler who is also a club member is Mel's son and has kept us up to date as to Mel's condition. Chuck Dorn and Craig took a plane paid for by the club to the hospital. Even though it was obviously a traumatic ordeal, Mel's attitude and spirit is very positive. Those who know him fairly well are not surprised by this. Please keep Mel and his family in your thoughts.

The annual Christmas tree project was discussed. Ron Erickson brought in many beautiful turnings for ornaments. Chuck Dorn commented that one of the organizers of the event approached him and wanted to be sure that the Siouxland Woodworkers would again have a tree. This is encouraging and it is the hope that with the larger tree, there are plenty enough ornaments to properly decorate it.

The treasurer's report was that there is currently \$1421.64 in the club account.

Gene Hancer brought in many thick exotic wood blanks that he is donating to the club. The plan is to auction or have members purchase these blanks with the funds going into the club account. Thank you Gene, your expertise, generosity and kind nature is a true asset to our club.

Marty Calkins brought in some samples of the composite material that he is building his deck with. He commented that it machines easily and is weather impervious. The UV of the sun turns it a different color, but it's not objectionable. Many members spent a good deal of time asking questions and looking over the material.

Craig and Allan demonstrated the steam bending box which is truly an impressive piece of equipment. It incorporates a water heater with applicable gauges and the bending box has racks to place the material. The machine was demonstrated and a piece of Walnut was easily bent and clamped into a form. Alan has used the steamer for his latest project which is an impressive bow front dresser.