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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 11, '06	Lunch at Dominic's
October 21, '06	Meeting @ MVCTC
November 8, '06	Lunch at Dominic's
November 10-11, '06	Artistry in Wood
November 18-19, '06	Conover Seminar
December 13, '06	Lunch at Dominic's
December 16, '06	Meeting @ MVCTC

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

DAVE MOSER

Fall is officially here and with shorter days and colder weather I'm finding more opportunity to spend time in my shop. I hope you are too. Fall also kicks off another year for WOW with our first meeting in October. This should be the first of four terrific meetings for the year. In addition to our regular meetings we have other great events on the calendar including open shops, seminars, Artistry in Wood, joint tool purchases, and building toys for our December meeting. I hope you're looking forward to it as much as me.

For those of you new to the club we meet four times each year (October, December, February, and April) at the Miami Valley Career Technology Center located at 6800 Hoke Road in Clayton Ohio. The campus is located 1/2 mile south of I-70 at exit 26 (Hoke Road). We meet in the Carpentry Building on the south end of campus. Meetings start at 9:30 a.m., but come early because the best seats fill up fast. We also have a Project Corner where members can share the things they've built with others. And remember, Project Corner is not a competition but rather a way to share and get acquainted with one

another. So be sure to bring something to show the next meeting. I will.

Another popular club activity has been our Joint Purchases. Over the years we've purchased clamps, router bits, saw blades, wood finishing materials, and a host of other items. This year Gordon Galloway and Max Marshall will be coordinating our Joint Purchases. Gordon, Max, and several other club members attended the International Woodworking Fair in Atlanta looking for deals for the club. They have several potential purchases identified, but they also need your thoughts and ideas for future purchases. So look them up at the October meeting and let them know what you think might make a good joint purchase.

In the past couple of newsletters I've talked about some of the changes facing our club. A big change – and probably our biggest club project – is the WOW Scholarship Fund. This year we asked members to send a voluntary contribution to the scholarship fund along with their dues. I'm happy to report we collected almost \$2700 towards the fund from your generous contributions. We're still short of our goal, but we've definitely collected enough to get the scholarship rolling for a deserving student this year. To manage the Scholarship Fund activities I've appointed Harris Bartine to chair a Scholarship Committee charged to raise additional funds and select a recipient student at Rio Grande College. Harris will be talking more about the scholarship elsewhere in this newsletter. Two of our presenters at the October meeting will be from Rio Grande – and they may even have a Queen Anne Highboy from the college on display. I don't think you'll want to miss it, so be sure to make the October meeting and see

first hand the type of work the college promotes.

I think that's enough for now. It's Friday night and it looks like rain, so I'm heading out to the shop to make some sawdust. I hope to see you all in a couple of weeks.

JOINT PURCHASES
GORDON GALLOWAY – MAX MARSHALL

Max and I have just returned from the International Woodworking Fair in Atlanta. This show is big: machines the size of our homes. While none of us are going to purchase a \$1+ million machine, we still need supplies: glue, sheet good, veneer, sandpaper, clamps, hinges, drawer-slides, etc.

What are your needs? Find one of us as the next meeting and tell us. We have made a lot of contacts, but not all of them will be pursued. Help us make sure we pursue the ones that supply the items that you need.

At our next meeting we will be taking orders for Sanding Materials: sand paper, sanding belts, etc. Don't forget to bring the measurements for your sanding tool(s): length and width of belts; configuration of holes for sanding discs, etc. Stock up because we will probably only offer this deal every other year.

If you ordered TransDye Tints at the December 2005 meeting, please pick up your order. We were finally able to get the order sheets from Jim Barnard's home: thanks to Bob Hutter.

OCTOBER MEETING
JOE GRITTANI - CHAIRMAN

The October meeting will feature several presenters. Casey Munchel, a Forester with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, will talk to us about the Emerald Ash Borer problem, the resurgence of the American Chestnut, and other issues that will impact wood availability in the future. Next, we'll have a segment on jigs. Earl Richards will bring in and discuss several favorite jigs and other members are invited to do the same.

After a break for lunch, we'll have two guest speakers from Rio Grande College. Eric Matson is the lead instructor in the school's

three year woodworking degree program. Eric will demonstrate the creation of a cabriole leg and will also bring in a miniature blanket chest that he built. Chris Hedges is a second year student at Rio Grande who will discuss the reproduction Chippendale highboy he built last year and some of the mistakes, and fixes for them, that he experienced along the way. Chris will also bring in the sample finish boards that he created for the highboy and talk about how they helped him with critical decisions in finishing this major project.

NOTE: Please consider bringing in a favorite jig or two for that segment of the program.

Contact Joe Grittani (275-4657) or email at joegritys@sbcglobal.net ahead of time so that we can allocate time and eliminate duplications.

CONNOVER SEMINAR
JOHN KNIGHT

Our fall seminar will feature Ernie Conover of Conover Workshops in Parkman, Ohio. The seminar will be held on Saturday, November 18th and Sunday, November 19th at the Miami Valley CTC. Ernie will be providing two different one day workshops. Our first workshop (Saturday) is entitled "Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Router Tables". Our second workshop (Sunday) is entitled "Finding Your Balance Between Hand and Power Tools". Because this seminar covers two different subjects, you can sign-up for either Saturday, or Sunday, or both days. Please indicate your choice on the registration form. A more detailed description of each seminar follows. There will also be a free slide-show presentation on Friday evening.

Some background on our presenter: Ernie Conover is a highly published author in the woodworking field with seven books, four videos and hundreds of articles to his credit. His work has received numerous awards and been the subject of several one-man shows. He lectures widely for clubs, trade show groups and woodworking stores and is frequently called upon as a consultant and expert witness in the woodworking field. When not writing,

lecturing or consulting he is active in providing academic oversight and teaching at Conover Workshops—a craft school founded by the Conover family. As a regular, professional woodworking instructor, Ernie should prove to be an excellent presenter.

Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Router Tables

By mounting your router in a table, you not only make it safer but also greatly expand its' usefulness. In this seminar, Ernie Conover (author of *The Router Table Book* by Taunton press) gives you his easy-to-use router table techniques to help you improve your woodworking.

You'll learn which routers work best with tables and how to build your own table. Ernie will show you how to make a fence that will outperform commercial fences and explain how to choose accessories that make using a router table safer and easier.

You will learn how to do edge treatments, create moldings, do cope-and-stick panel doors and how to raise panels with both horizontal and vertical panel raisers. There will also be much more useful joinery techniques such as how to make drawers, boxes, rabbets, grooves, etc. How to make simple vacuum jigs and fixtures will be explained.

Finding Your Balance Between Hand and Power Tools

Or do you grab a backsaw or walk 100 steps to the bandsaw?

In this new seminar, author and teacher Ernie Conover gives you much to think about reference hand and power tools. In Ernie's own words, "Why walk 50 steps to the bandsaw to cut a scarf block when you could grab a backsaw at the back of the bench? On the other hand, when my wife wants a new kitchen cabinet I grab the biscuit jointer and run for the tablesaw. She wants that done today!"

Ernie feels that your choice between hand and power should be based on a whole range of factors and that you do not need to cling dogmatically to one or the other. Starting

with a short overview on a basic kit of handtools he proceeds to look at a number of joinery problems and how to solve them with only hand tools, hand and power tools and finally only power tools. Starting with the mortise and tenon joint, he will cover hand cutting, using a bandsaw to cut the tenon and a hollow chisel mortiser to sink the mortise, and finally doing the job with routers. He will then look at replacements for the joint such as the dowel and the biscuit.

Please fill out and mail in the form contained in this newsletter.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM HARRIS BARTINE

I would like to thank everyone very much who participated in the scholarship program during the annual dues drive. Through your help we were able to raise in excess of \$2700 as of 12 September and a few more donations are being received as the membership drive for the coming year comes to a close. Just about 75% of the members participated, hopefully next year even more members will give to this worthy cause.

What's gonna happen to the Money???

\$500 will be awarded to a deserving student at **Rio Grande College/University (RGC/U)** this coming Spring Semester. I have received a letter from RGC/U identifying seven students from Ohio. All are sophomores, with 3.0+ GPAs taking the fine woodworking course (sorry, none from Dayton this time). During the next 2-3 months the scholarship committee will be in the process of selecting a deserving student. The award will be made about this coming January. The balance of the funds will be placed in an isolated account (probably a CD earning ~5.0-5.5%) to go towards the longer term goal of creating a Western Ohio Woodworkers Endowment Scholarship Fund at Rio Grande. When complete the fund becomes perpetual and ultimately will not require any additional funds from WOW. In the near term we will continue to award a \$500 scholarship each Spring as we progress towards the perpetual endowment.

Please come to the October meeting; you will get to meet one the RGC/U

students, Chris Hedges, as well as the **professor/instructor** of the schools Fine Woodworking course, **Eric Matson**. See the October Meeting description for details.

We are still working out the precise name of the scholarship fund Much of that depends on the level of support from the George Reid and/or Jack Fischer families; we hope that they are really interested__

Help__ We are still looking for ways to raise additional money — we don't want to go out and dig trenches but novel ways of bringing in small amounts of cash for the scholarship fund would be greatly appreciated. **To that end**, I am asking for anyone who builds **toys**, makes **small items** in mass, does **turnings** etc if they would be kind enough to bring an item to the October meeting. We will take the items to the **Artistry In Wood Show** and put them on our tables and sell them or auction them in **Silent Auctions**. The proceeds will go to the scholarship fund. **THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT.**

SHOP TOURS HARRIS BARTINE

This will be of most interest to new members because it is a repeat of last years tour to **FRANK MILLER LUMBER**. I have been in contact with **Josh Brennan** at **FML** and he has graciously offered again to conduct a facility tour for members of the Western Ohio Woodworking Club. The tour has been set up for **1pm Indiana time**, (which is now the same as 1pm Ohio time) on **Friday, 6 October 2006**. The tour should last about 60-90 minutes and will cover such things as log grading, bark removal, sawing the logs, sorting of cut lumber and the kiln drying process. Frank Miller Lumber is a **BIG OPERATION**; they cut 40,000 board feet of hardwood a day and have been known to double that by going to two shifts a day. These folks are very nice and the tour is an eye-opener to the operation of a big sawmill. In addition, as they have done in the past, they offer WOW members the **1500 board foot price (that's 25% off)** on small (or large) lots of wood; In **addition, for 6 Oct only he will give us a 25% discount on Exotic woods**. So come on out with your pickup, get

a good tour and get a fine price on some wood to boot. Tip-- You can buy a pallet load of cutoffs for about \$75-85.00 that will last a long time—some of it is firewood but better than half is very useable for small projects.

FM Lumber is located just over the Ohio border in the Indiana city of Union City on the outskirts of the west side of town. It is a little more than an hours drive from Dayton. The address is 1690 Frank Miller Rd, Union City, Indiana 47390. Plug this address into **MAPQUEST.COM** and get a map to their facility and **outlet showroom where we will meet**.

Please give me a call (937-236-0841) or drop me an email (hbartine@graphtronics.net) if you intend to go so that I can tell Josh how many to expect so that he can set up the proper number of tour guides.

Tips:Car or Truckpool & save GAS \$\$\$, Bring ear plugs.

WOW LOANER EQUIPMENT

WOW owns some items that are available to borrow. Lloyd Bowser normally keeps a steam box that can be used for bending wood projects. However, a member has borrowed it and we don't have a record of who. If you have the steam box, please call Lloyd at 937-833-3292 and tell him who you are. The steamer is eight feet long and about fifteen inches square.

Dick Kammerer and Bob Hall are keepers of the club moisture meters.

Charlie Hirsch has a Magna Jig for setting jointer knives. Their phone numbers are in the Steering Committee list found below in your newsletter or in the roster you should have received at one of the meetings.

MONTHLY LUNCHEONS HARRIS BARTINE

If you don't get all your woodworking chitchat done at the 4 annual club meetings, why not come to the monthly luncheons at Dominic's. It's a great opportunity to meet with some of the club members and enjoy a reasonably priced meal, Italian or otherwise, (in

a non-smoking environment) and discuss your latest wood project or problem with them. As always, all club members are welcome. Lunch is at 12 noon on each second Wednesday (check the listing on page one) but I recommend getting there shortly after 11:30. Dominic's is on South Main St., Dayton, just south of the Miami Valley Hospital directly across from the main entrance to the Montgomery County Fairgrounds. No reservation is required, free parking behind Dominic's or just inside the fairground entrance. **HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!**

CHRISTMAS TOYS

RAY MILLER

Toys are not due until our December meeting, but now is the time to consider what and how many you can make. It would be great to set a record this year. If you have a toy pattern to share, please bring it to the October meeting and we will find a way to copy it for the membership.

WOW WEBSITE

JOHN LYONS

We now have a WOW website. The initial focus will be on internal communications with members and lessening the administrative burden of steering committee members.

If anyone has a proposed feature for this website please bring it to the attention of John Lyons (ohiol Lyons@yahoo.com) via e-mail or at any club meeting. The website has a collection of newsletters currently. As time permits, functionality will be added. The website url is <http://westernohiowoodworkers.org>

CLUB NAME TAGS

HARRIS BARTINE

I have been talking with Cy Bird and he will make the wooden WOW member name tags if we can come up with an order of around 25 to 30. They will be Laser etched on solid cherry with a "pin-on" device on the back. The price will be \$5.00 cash at the next WOW club meeting which is October 21. If you want one, bring \$5.00 and your properly spelled name

(the way you want it spelled on the name tag), if you can't make the meeting, have a friend bring the fiver and the name or send it to me by mail. I prefer cash rather than checks so I can give it directly to Cy. My address: 4401 Silver Oak St., Dayton, OH 45424-4643. My ph. # (937) 236-0841

PROJECT CORNER

LLOYD BOWSER

Greetings to all my wood-working friends. I have recently been looking thru my collection of past news letters and I find the first notice of project sharing in July 1988. This has been an interesting feature of our meetings for 18 years. If you are a new or old WOW member, I encourage you to bring your projects to share with us.

SECRETARY NOTES

RON DECKER

The WOW member list was closed on 15 September 2006. Twenty-eight members resigned and we have 49 new members. This year in addition to our current members, we sent membership renewal forms to all those on the waiting list. We now have about 270 members. We intend to close WOW membership until next August. We will keep a list of individuals wanting to become members and they will be added to the membership renewal mailing next year.

Soon, the updated list of WOW members will be e-mailed to members who have given us their e-mail address I'll also include a list of member e-mail addresses. You should be able to copy and paste the e-mail list if you want to send a message to everyone in WOW. Printed copies of the membership rosters will be available at the October 21st, 2006 regular meeting.

The Newsletter is scheduled to be available around the first day of each even-numbered month. You will be sent an e-mail message telling you when the new Newsletter is available for reading or download from our club web site that can be found at <http://westernohiowoodworkers.org/>. For those who receive their Newsletter via US mail,

please contact Charlie Hirsch if you don't receive your Newsletter by the tenth of the month.

Club e-mail

To help identify incoming e-mail as WOW club related, include "WOW" in the subject line such as: "WOW member list," "Wood for sale – WOW," etc. could allow automatic filtering of WOW messages from the streams of spam and other e-mail.

MEETING INFORMATION

To all of our new members, Welcome! Our meetings are held at the Miami Valley Career Technology Center on Hoke Road about a quarter mile south of State Route 49 or Salem Avenue. Easy access from I-70 westbound exit 26 (turn left and go about half a mile) or eastbound exit 24 and then right on Hoke road. Enter the campus at the main entrance and turn right and go to the south building. Parking on the north side is closest to the carpentry shop, but there is additional parking on the south side. There should be a door propped open in the center of the north side. Follow the noise to the meeting in the carpentry shop. We are usually the only ones in the building on Saturdays. Meeting starts at 9:30, but someone from the club will usually be there just after 8:00 AM getting the chairs set up and the PA system working. Ask anyone how to sign in and where to get a name tag.

EDITOR'S NOTE
JACK KUNZ

We would like to add a few more features to your newsletter. If anyone has any ideas for things to publish in the remaining space available here, please submit them to me for future newsletters. Some suggestions are, tips or techniques, favorite web sites, anecdotes about good experiences you have had with various merchants or any other topic you think would be of interest to the membership. Contact me and I'll help you with format and proofreading. Email is the best way, but be patient with my aggressive spam blocker. I will receive any email that is sent, in spite of what the spam blocker may tell you. I

can be reached at n8mca@arrrl.net. Please put WOW and your subject in the email subject line so I don't delete with the other spam that shows up.

Dead line for each newsletter is the 20th of the odd numbered months.

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FALL SEMINAR WITH ERNIE CONOVER

November 18th and 19th, 2006

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Both Days

Location - Miami Valley CTC

COST: \$35.00 for MEMBERS for Both Days or

\$20.00 for Either Saturday or Sunday

\$50.00 NON-MEMBERS for Both Days or

\$25.00 for Either Saturday or Sunday

Make checks payable to W.O.W.

Complete this form and return to:

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Tools)
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