

Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

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Next Meeting at Judy Hemenway's Shop 50095 Sauk Store Rd. Concrete WA. June 5, 2001 7:00 PM

Notes from the President:

The meeting was at Val and laurs's shop. What a great place for our meeting. Val's mortise jig was great to see in action. I liked his tenon jig on the tablesaw very much also. The thought that goes into the making of a jig or set up is what I call *Jigonometry*. The jig shows the thought process that went into the final project.

It is going to be fun experimenting the different ways that all of us sharpen our tools. I feel this will be an on going process and will add a lot of experience to us individually and as a group.

We do need a yearly roster. We are forty members strong. And to have a list of our favorite suppliers of wood, hardware, machinery, and whatever else would be great. If the roster turns out good enough, then we can solicit advertising that is even better.

Anyway until next meeting.
Gary

Secretary's Report:

The meeting was called to order by president Gary.

New Members and Guests:

New Member Joseph Fuchs. Joseph makes kids' toys, trains, blocks and jewelry boxes.

Guest Homer Erlich. Homer has a long history of professional woodworking. He

started the craft in Germany then moved to China finally moving to the United States. Homer worked in a cabinet shop specializing in commercial work in Seattle prior to retirement.

Guest Jake Strauss. Jake owns a sawmill in Ferndale. Jake sells local maple, birch, black walnut, and fruit wood. Our July meeting will be at his mill.

Old Business:

Rocky gave his thanks to the club for our showing at the Sedro-Woolley Woodfest Show. A special thanks to Vern Tator for his demonstration of hand tools is use and hand cut joinery.

Next came a discussion about the club's proposed sharpening display and demonstration. John Gruenwald will lead a task force to prepare the display and check prices. Jim Fox and Val Matthews volunteered to help John.

Lee Valley / Veritas has a Warehouse store in Vancouver B.C. Jim Fox said the prices were good with the exchange rate.

Larry Tomovick mentioned there is a lot of alder available for \$.85 a board foot. Call 360 293-8029.

Larry presented his plans for a club roster. The roster would list current members addresses and phone numbers. Also would be a list of favorite woodworking vendors. The vendors will have the opportunity to buy an ad in the roster to help pay for the printing. Larry has a local printer that specializes in small jobs.

The club's liability insurance bill is due.

This insurance keeps the club from being sued if a non member is injured at a club event. The bill is for \$256. Moved, seconded and carried to pay the bill.

Wood of the month:

Bob Doop explained Apricot wood. This wood is a dense, hard and heavy wood. It has a nice grain pattern and machines and finishes well. Bob spoke of problems in drying Apricot wood. It develops end checks.

A wood drying discussion followed. One method presented was to melt paraffin in a crock pot and submerge the wood in it until the bubbles stop.

Bring and brag:

Gary showed an adjustable jig for cutting angles on a radial arm saw. Using this jig allows you to keep the saw aligned. Those of who have radial saws know how much monkeying around it takes to make the saw cut straight after moving the arm.

Jay Giessel brought a salesman's case. Jay used to work for a company that made heavy industrial packing boxes that were reusable and custom made. So why not have the salesman's case show off the product. The case used industrial strength clasps.

Hint: Dried polyurethane glue will chip concrete if you try to remove it. Moral to the story — use a drop cloth or clean up the spill immediately.

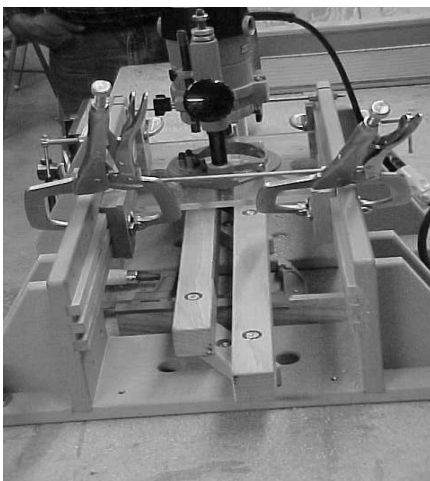
Educational Portion:

Val agreed to demonstrate his method for mortise and tenon mass production.

Val started by showing a jig found in *American Woodworker* magazine. Val improved the jig by adding a clamp stop for holding the wood and added stops to limit the router travel.

Val used a plunge router with a spiral upcut bit. The mortise is cut series of plunge cuts.

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Next, the mortise corners were squared using a mortise chisel.



With the mortise finished, next came the tenon. The shoulders were cut on the tablesaw. The miter gage and the rip fence were used along with a spacer clamped to the fence for safety.

The wide tenon cheeks were cut on a second tablesaw using a sliding fence jig.



Not everyone has two tablesaws!

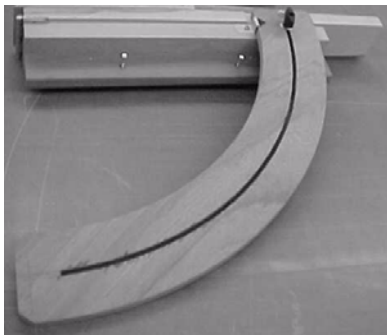
The narrow cheeks were cut on the bandsaw using the rip fence.



Here is the finished product. This joint took Val about fifteen minutes to cut while explaining each step



Gary's Radial Arm saw Jig



Bob Doop's Push Safety Push Stick



Don't Forget "Bring and Brag." We all do something unique or have something that others would like to see

Jay Giessel's wooden Briefcase and heavy duty clasp



Directions to Judy's shop.

From I-5, take the Cook Road exit. Proceed to Sedro-Woolley turn on to Highway 20 past Lyman, Hamilton and on to Concrete. Drive four miles past Concrete (East) to Sauk Store Road, Turn right, Judy lives in a big cedar house on the left.

PS Judy's shop is about one hour from I-5

Jake Strauss

Kiln dried NW Washington hardwood lumber. (Sales by appointment only)

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Editor's note

Agenda item for the next meeting will be the annual picnic in August

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