



BENCH TALK

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THE OCTOBER PROGRAM . . .

WORLD CLASS SMALL SAILBOATS: WOOD CONSTRUCTION AND FINISHING

Our meeting this coming Friday, October 17, is sure to provide a unique learning experience for all! In the past it has not been possible for the Guild to tour the woodworking department of any boat-building company. Now we will! President Steve Lockhart, upon learning that Guildie Ron Dauplaise has a son, Mark, who works at Pearson Composites, a major boat-building company in Warren, Rhode Island, inquired about PC providing a program. With permission of the PC president, Mark has produced an excellent DVD illustrating the creation of many of the special wooden parts on the Alerion brand sailboats and the True North power yachts the company makes.

Jeff, the woodwork craftsman, describes and shows the lamination, wood bending and shaping processes he uses. He fires up several of his machines and demonstrates their use and safety precautions. (The cutter head for his shaper weighs several pounds!) Along the way Jeff gives a tour of his shop.

Steve, the full time finisher, brings you to part of his shop. For 15 minutes Steve concentrates on the exclusive finishing process he uses on both the exterior and interior elements. He has developed his own 5-step finishing process, which he illustrates on a teak board. Steve graciously has given Ron this demo board so Guildies can see each step "up close and personal." Likewise, Jeff has given Ron samples of the teak veneer he uses to create special pieces.

The DVD ends with Mark, who is the interviewer and narrator, showing the wooden parts applied to boats under construction.

Ron will give an introduction so all can better understand what they are about to view. Since this DVD program is about 75 minutes long, Guild members are advised that it will start early, possibly by 7:45 pm.

We hope to see a lot of folks on Friday, October 17, for our first program on this topic.

Where: Room 107 Mary Ann Cofrin Hall, UWGB Campus.

When: 7:00 P.M., Friday, October 17

LOOKING BACK AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING: THE STORY OF THE “STORY STICK”.

By Don Kaster

At the September meeting, Curt Anderson presented a solution to eliminate the hassle of paper plans at a construction site or in a shop.

Curt called his device the Story Stick. It consists of a strip of ¼ inch plywood about six to eight inches wide and four to eight feet long. This size is for cabinets; of course, it can be sized appropriate for the project on which it will be used. Full-scale dimensions are laid out on the plywood near the edge along with names of parts and other key construction information.

The dimensions are transferred to the material of the project by placing the story stick over or next it; then use a ruler or a try square to accurately mark the cut lines on the wood.

Having full-scale information on the stick prevents measurement errors. Problems with displaying paper plans are gone. When not in use, the stick can be put along a wall out of the way and conveniently found when needed.

Curt’s presentation flowed smoothly from start to finish, with great thought given to sequence of ideas and information.

The Woodworkers Guild and I personally are very thankful to Curt for the time and effort he put into his presentation. Thanks Curt

Until next month, this is your new “fish out of water” program director, Don Kaster.



Photo by Don Kaster

OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Fred Juengst

I guess this is the time of the year we lose some members. Our membership went from 181 to 171. Once a member leaves the Guild, he or she is no longer on our distribution list but could view Guild activities on our web site.

Please check to see whether your name is listed below. If it is, please pay your dues at the October meeting or mail them to me at 846 Cornelius Dr., Green Bay, WI 54311.

Due in July: Walter Hey, Bruce and Arlene MacDonald, Bob Welhouse

Due in August: Don Berken, Mike Dahlke, Bill Macier, Pat Pozarski, Clete Selissen

Due in September: Bruce Carlson, Mike Dahlke, Bill Macier, Joe Meyer, Scott Oleniczak

Due in October: Mark Brien, Ira Ferrier, Joe and Trudy Ferrier, Joe Kalies, Chris and Mary Rowland, Tom and Sue Sorenson.

If you feel I made a mistake with your membership due date or dues, do not be shy, give me a call (920-469-1919) or e-mail (mdjuengst@aol.com) me with your complaint. I double-check all the roster entries but my computer still makes mistakes.

FOR SALE

- For some time now, Bob Rocque has talked about retiring and moving to Hawaii. Based on his recent e-mail to me, it looks as though he may be serious. Bob writes, "Could you include these items in the newsletter to sell? Moving sale. More items to follow."
 - 12" Variable Speed Wood Lathe, Delta, Model 46-700, Purchased 03/1996. Will throw in 6 Craftsman turning tools. \$250.00
 - Band Saw, Delta 14", Model 28-245, Includes stand, blades, fence, and light. Purchased 10/93. \$350.00
 - Chain saw, Stihl, Model 025, Purchased 08/02, Includes gas can, bar oil, spare blade. Like new condition \$200.00.

My phone number is 676-6236. Call anytime.

Thanks, Bob Rocque. Aloha."

CHIPS AND AIRBORNE PARTICLES: Miscellaneous stuff from the editor's shop.

- ❖ **Got woodworking projects to sell?** There is still an opportunity to sell your woodworking at East Town Mall this Christmas season. The big room has been rented out, but some smaller, less expensive space is available. If you are interested and willing to spend a couple 406-3027 in Green Bay. Lyle is our lead person in looking for interested parties, but he's having some health problems, so he won't be able to put it all together.
- ❖ I'm really excited about the DVD that Ron Dauplaise' son put together for us and for Pearson Composites. This is the first time we've ever had a DVD created especially at our initiation and for us, so I'm looking forward to it. Hope you are, too.
- ❖ It's the beginning of the Holiday Season. I was stunned to see Home Depot, Fleet Farm, and Menards all with holiday trimming on the shelves and for sale. So, it isn't too early to start thinking about making some toys and small items for the less fortunate. Dale and Bev Kozicki are always at work on such projects and they can always use help. You can talk with him at the October meeting or give him a call at 920-468-4092. They'll be happy to here from you. And helping out will make some folks really happy, including you.
- ❖ By the way, keep bringing items in for show and tell. They are really interesting to all of us.

FYI: HERE'S A LIST OF THE GUILD OFFICERS AND WHERE THEY LIVE.

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