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TWA Newsletter

Next Meeting: Saturday, July 26, 9:30 am

Location : 6 shops in western Wake and Chatham Counties
Note: there is no Zoom option for this meeting

Topic: Shop Crawl

Mark your calendars for a memorable July gathering - TWA is delighted to announce the return of the in-person Shop Crawl. In July, we'll set aside our usual meeting routines and meet for a tour of six members' workshops.

There will be no meeting at Klingspor's this month, nor will we meet on our customary third Tuesday. Instead, all the action happens on Shop Crawl Saturday.

We'll kick off the morning at 9:30 AM at Ray Essington's shop, then visit the workspaces of Mark Asman, Bob Gabor, Karin Pihel, Michael Peele, and Alex Harp. All shops are located in either Chatham County or Western Wake County. A highlight of the day will be a BBQ lunch at Bob Gabor's shop, sponsored by the TWA.

To help us plan for lunch and coordinate carpooling, we kindly ask that everyone RSVP for the event, following instructions to be provided in a separate email. Detailed directions and the day's itinerary will also be provided in a separate email. We encourage members to coordinate carpooling among themselves.

Get ready for a fun day visiting woodshops, catching up on our latest woodworking stories and enjoying a nice lunch together!

Host: Roy Brookhart

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TOYS FOR TOTS UPDATE

The annual kick-off for Toys for Tots was held on 17 June at Atria Senior Living Center. Twenty-two attendees enjoyed some delicious appetizers and dessert. Six workshop hosts talked about their new toys, and some of their 'standard' toys. The event was attended by Gunnery Sergeant MJ Amme of the USMC, as he is the lead contact this year when we start dropping off toys.

Looking to the future, the annual Klingspor's VW Workshop will be held on Saturday, 08 November. If you have worked before and want to work again in this workshop, or are new to the club and want to participate, please mark your calendars. The workshop is from 9:00 until we finish. Last year we were done by lunch! But in the past, it's been about 2:00. More details to follow with a sign-up sheet at the August meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Joe Sabo at *sabojc12@gmail.com*.

Joe Sabo, Toys for Tots Committee Chairman

THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS

TWA would like to thank members who provide donations to the club or the Toys for Tots fund. The following member made a generous donation to the club or the Toys for Tots fund within the club in the last month.

- Gary Brookhart
- Stephen Roth
- Roy Brookhart

TREASURER'S REPORT (MAY)

Beginning Balance:	$18,813.68
Income:	$129.00
Expense:	$22.62
Ending Balance:	$18,920.06

Does not include Petty Cash of $86.00.

Submitted by Jack Kite, Treasurer

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's July and we thought we'd throw you a curveball. The July monthly meeting is not going to be at Klingspor's. It is not on the third Tuesday of the month. It is not going to be available on Zoom. It is not in the early evening. And, you will not have to fight that end of the day traffic nightmare.

Kerry and the Program Committee have scheduled a shop crawl, including six shops, on Saturday the 26th of July. We'll spend our day visiting shops, having lunch, and socializing with members in the Jordan Lake area.

Look for more details in this newsletter, on the website, and in other communications.

I look forward to seeing you at the shop crawl.

Roy Brookhart

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

In June, Stephen Roth joined TWA and attended the Toys for Tots kickoff at Atria. Please join us in welcoming him - whether you see him in person or online.

Barton Meeks, Membership Committee

UPCOMING MEETING

Date: Tuesday, August 19

Topic: Member's Projects

Location: Klingspor's

We invite you, the membership, to tell us about a project that you have completed within the last few years. It can be furniture, a jig or fixture, a tool, a technique, etc. Please prepare a few photos that Chris can display on the big screen during your presentation because, as you know, a picture is worth a thousand words. I'd like to get 6-7 10 minute presentations lined up for the night. We all enjoy shop talk so this should be a great meeting! Please send a brief description of your item along with photos to *rjg9728@gmail.com*.

Host: Bob Gabor

TWA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING—JUNE 17, 2025

TOYS FOR TOTS KICK-OFF MEETING

(meeting minutes: James Sapp)

The June meeting was held at Atria Senior Living Center in Cary, marking the kickoff of the 2025 Toys for Tots program. Joe Sabo served as emcee for the evening, which was attended by 23 members and their guests. The event began at 6:00 PM, with Atria providing delicious hors d'oeuvres during the initial social period.

We were pleased to welcome Stephen Roth as a new TWA member. Additionally, Sgt. M. J. Ammie attended as the U.S. Marine Corps representative.

The meeting began with a few brief announcements.

July's meeting will be a shop crawl on Saturday July 26th. Lunch will be provided. The route will include shops in western Wake and Chatham counties. Please note: this shop crawl takes the place of the usual July meeting at Klingspor's.

Mark Hitchcock volunteered to bring snacks for the August meeting.

Joe Sabo announced that this year's Klingspor's Toys for Tots workshop will take place on Saturday, November 8, starting at 9:00 AM. This is a change from our usual schedule in December, made to align with the Marine Corps' toy distribution during the Christmas season.

This year, 13 workshop teams will participate. The following workshop leaders gave a brief introduction of their team and the toys planned for this year:

- Ray Essington: Barbie beds, doll cradles, and boxes (goal: 150 items; meets Thursday mornings).
- Roy Brookhart: Keepsake boxes, items from Mark Firley's inventory, and trucks (goal: 150 toys).
- Tom Hegele: Cars and trucks.
- Bill Watkins: Wagons with educational blocks.
- Judy Sanwald: Wooden trucks, bookends, city blocks, and duck flapper push toys.
- Bob Andrews: Boats, racing cars, and puzzles.
- Barry Shelley: Street hockey boards (introduced by Don Klemp last year).
- Joe Sabo: Trucks, tanks, helicopters, keepsake boxes, scrap wood cases. At the Klingspor's workshop, the team aims to make 1,000 VW cars.

The TWA Toys for Tots program has been going strong for 38 years, producing and distributing over 80,000 toys to children in need through partnership with the Marine Corps. Last year alone, about 5,400 toys were made.

Photos from the TWA kick-off dinner (photos: Roy Brookhart)

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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At-Large Board Member	Joe Sabo

COMMITTEE	CHAIRPERSON / MEMBERS
Program Committee	**Kerry Schoolfield /** Roy Brookhart, Bob Gabor, Cecil Raynor, Alex Harp, Jeff Leimberger
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