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TWA Newsletter

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 19, 7 pm

Location options:

(1) Klingspor's

(2) Zoom videoconference; use the information below to join.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83644659868?pwd=kRZ5xKAFBbOonIHgwUoHXpZsVoJTXm.1

Meeting ID: 836 4465 9868

Passcode: 034029

Topic: Member's Projects

The August meeting promises to be an exciting and informative event, featuring presentations by our own members. They'll be sharing stories and details about projects they have completed in the past few years. These projects include a wide range of topics - furniture, jigs, tools, and woodworking techniques - so there's sure to be something of interest for everyone.

If you enjoy shop talk, this meeting will be a fantastic opportunity to learn from one another, exchange ideas, and discuss the challenges and solutions encountered along the way. Whether you are looking for inspiration for your next project or simply want to see what others have been up to, we invite you to join in and participate in this valuable sharing of experiences.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Host: Bob Gabor

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TREASURER'S REPORT (JUNE)

Beginning Balance:	$18,920.06
Income:	$460.00
Expense:	$736.84
Ending Balance:	$18,643.22

Does not include Petty Cash of $86.00.

Submitted by Jack Kite, Treasurer

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.

- Karin Pihel
- John Compton
- Tom Hegele
- Jack Kite
- Judy Sanwald
- Richard Paur
- Paul Holzworth

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

In July, Amber Koskey joined us on the shop crawl, and accepted a trial membership to TWA. She is a friend of member Cathy Harms.

Also, Thilo Hessler joined TWA. He is interested in everything from cutting boards to turning. He lives in Wake Forest.

Please welcome them when you see them in person or on-line.

Barton Meeks, Membership Committee

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Consistency is usually a good thing. Schedules keep us on track and on time. Repetition is said to be a way to be better at a task.

It sure is easy for us all to remember that we meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 PM. But I can't overlook the fact that, since COVID, our meetings with the highest attendance happened when we stepped outside the 'comfort zone'. I don't know if this happened because of the topics, the locations, the timing, or something else. This is where I need your help. Please think about what your ideal meeting would be and share that with me, any of the board members, or anyone on the Program Committee. And, in the meantime, I'll see you at Klingspor's on the third Tuesday of August at 7PM..

Roy Brookhart

TOYS FOR TOTS UPDATE

The annual VW Toys for Tots workshop will be held this year on Saturday, 08 November 2025, at Klingspor's from 9am to 3pm. If you wish to volunteer your time, please mark your calendar and there will be a sign-up sheet at the August TWA meeting or if you're on-line, you can let Chris know and he will give me your name. More info as we get closer to the date. Thanks in advance for your help and support for this worthy cause.

If you have any questions, please contact Joe Sabo at *sabojc12@gmail.com*.

Joe Sabo, Toys for Tots Committee Chairman

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Please send newsletter content for future newsletters to Karin Pihel (karin.pihel@ gmail.com).

Contributions for each newsletter are due by the last day of the previous month.

TWA SHOP CRAWL—JULY 26, 2025

(meeting minutes: Roy Brookhart)

The regular July monthly meeting was not called to order at 7 PM on the third Tuesday of the month. We arranged for something a bit out of the ordinary for July, and, we got what we planned for. In person shop crawls kicked off on Saturday the 26th at 9:30 AM at Ray Essington's shop. From there the group, that had 38 attendance confirmations, moved to Mark Asman's shop and then on to Bob Gabor's where Bob and Jean led us through the shop and then hosted an opportunity to sit down with 'old' club members, new members, and some guests for some great conversation and a wonderful BBQ lunch.

Then it was back to work. The group moved out of the Pittsboro area, travelled around Jordan Lake, and arrived at Karin Pihel's shop in Durham. From there the path took us to Michael Peele's shop in Cary and finally to Alex Harp's shop in Morrisville.

There was something for everyone in the presentations. Some hosts focused on the tools in their shops while others talked about how they got into woodworking. We learned about the construction of some shops and the importance of layout, especially as we experienced open, purpose-built shops and the other extreme of single car garage spaces.

It was great to see the different approaches to woodworking and their favorite projects with our hosts. It was also clear that they didn't need to have the biggest, newest, and most powerful tools to produce some great looking pieces. Hand tools are still alive and well in our club and some of them are on the shelf next to the CNC machines, the lasers, and the Shaper Origins.

38 RSVP's required some last minute shuffling. The group was split into two smaller groups to make it easier for everyone to fit into the shops and to find places to park cars along the street. Everyone could visit all six shops and everyone was together for the lunch.

UPCOMING MEETING

Date: Tuesday, September 16

Topic: Toys for Tots Project

Location: Klingspor's

Join us on the 16th of September at Klingspor's in Cary as we blend some of our best woodworking with the Toys for Tots program. Michael Peele will show us the behind the scenes views as he and the workshop team blend jig design and build, piece part fabrication, and assembly together to create one of their favorite toys. Don't miss this program that will show some innovative processes that you can use in your own shop.

Host: Roy Brookhart

TWA SHOP CRAWL—JULY 26, 2025

Photos from the July shop crawl (photos: Roy Brookhart and Barton Meeks)

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