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Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 16, 7 pm

Location options:

(1) Klingspor's

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

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Meeting ID: 838 0214 8322

Passcode: 464938

Topic: Let's make a Bulldozer!

Join us 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.

The program will be great. The camaraderie will be super. And, some country ham will be the night's featured snack. Don't miss this special treat at breaktime this month.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Host: Roy Brookhart

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TWA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING—AUGUST 19, 2025

(meeting minutes: James Sapp)

The August meeting was held at Klingspor's Cary store, with twenty-five people attending in person and six via Zoom. There were no guests or new members present.

The meeting featured new AV equipment brought in by Chris Gebhardt. Two new cameras allowed the audience to follow the speaker and to see the presentation materials on the front stand. A portable microphone is also available for use for audience questions.

Mark Hitchcock brought snacks for the August meeting. Jack Kite will bring goodies to the September meeting that will feature country ham and other variations.

The meeting began with a few brief announcements.

Joe Sabo shared that the Klingspor's Toys for Tots workshop will be held on Saturday November 8th starting at 9:00 AM. Note that this is a departure from the traditional first Saturday in December and is made necessary to accommodate the Marine Corps schedule to distribute toys for the Christmas season. Joe will bring a sign-up list to the September meeting for members who would like to participate.

The club enjoyed new AV equipment at the August meeting (photo: Roy Brookhart)

Member-donated tools were available for auction and included a Bosch palm router kit, winning bid by Barton Meeks for $40, and Kreg Pocket Hole Jig, winning bid by Paul Holzworth for $25. The funds raised will go to Toys for Tots.

Upcoming meetings:

- The September meeting will feature Michael Peele who will discuss ways our workshops make toys
- The October will be held at Woodcraft and will start at 6:00 PM.
- The November meeting will be held at Klingspor's

The December meeting will be the annual year-end celebration featuring Toys for Toys, Beads of Courage and new members. It will be held at the Atria Senior Living Center in Cary. The December meeting will include hors d'oeuvres.

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.

- George Mills
- Charles Bell

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.

UPCOMING MEETING

Date: Tuesday, October 21 at 6pm

Location: Woodcraft

We're taking a road trip in October. Our 21 October meeting will be held at Woodcraft in Raleigh. The gang at Woodcraft is pulling together some product information, some refreshments, and maybe even a special TWA discount. Make sure you follow the newsletter to get more details on the start time and the agenda. See you there.

Host: Roy Brookhart

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

In August, Charlie Bell joined TWA. Please welcome him when you see him in person or on-line.

Barton Meeks, Membership Committee

TOYS FOR TOTS UPDATE

Klingspor's Workshop

The annual Klingspor's workshop where we will machine and assemble our famed VWs will be held on Saturday, November 8th. TWA members, family members and friends are welcome. Hours for the event are 9:00-3:00 for the people machining the pieces and 9:00-12:00 for the people doing the assembly. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the September 16th TWA meeting. If you already know you want to participate, please send your name to Joe Sabo at *sabojc12@gmail.com*.

Celebration of our Year

We will have a family event at Atria Senior Living Center in Cary on Tuesday, December 9th, when we will celebrate our club's accomplishments over the past year, get in the Holiday spirit and wrap up the year's event of toy making. Delicious appetizers will be served and there will be a cash bar available of beer and wine. The cost per person will be $6. A sign-up sheet will be available at the September TWA meeting and monies will be due by the November meeting. More details regarding this event will be provided as we get closer to the date.

Joe Sabo, Toys for Tots Committee Chairman

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

TWA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING—AUGUST 19, 2025

MEMBER PROJECTS

(meeting minutes: James Sapp)

The featured presentations at the August meeting were made by six TWA members.

The presentations began with Cecil Raynor discussing how he makes pizza peels including the jigs he uses.

Next, Barton Meeks presented two topics. The first was how he makes compound angle cuts for splayed legs for bar stools. He reviewed set up blocks he uses for setting up cuts on the table saw. The second topic was about Barton's venture in ebonizing wood to provide a cost-effective alternative to ebony wood. He uses distilled white vinegar, steel wool and tannins sourced from wood bark. Barton referenced Brian Boggs as a good resource for ebonizing.

Alex Harp shared details about a shelf unit he built that featured very striking end panels made up of trapezoidal wood pieces attached to a plywood backer.

Michael Peele discussed how he makes loose tenon joinery. His adventure into loose tenon joinery started with a high school shop project where he helped build 12 chairs requiring many mortise and tenon joints. Working with his instructor he learned how using loose tenons would expedite the work and thus serve him well in future projects. Michael showed how he cut mortises using a router jig using template pieces to size mortises exactly to floating tenons.

Roy Brookhart presented a wall mounted key holder inspired by his spouse's ideas. The holder features piano keys. The sides of the holder were shaped to represent a piano keyboard outline. Roy discussed how he made this very interesting project.

Lastly, Kerry Schoolfield presented a router jig he used to apply decorative curves to boxes he makes. The box sides are arranged in the jig while the router is swung from pivoting points to create arcs on the pieces. Kerry showed a box that he just made using this jig and concept.

Club members shared recent projects at the August meeting (photos: Roy Brookhart)

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