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Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 21, 6 pm

Location: Woodcraft in Raleigh

(There is no Zoom option for this meeting)

We're hitting the road in October! Our meeting on October 21 will take place at Woodcraft in Raleigh. The Woodcraft team will share updates on some exciting new products, give a demonstration of the xTool laser system, and lead a discussion covering CNC, Shaper Origin, and laser technology. We'll also have time to enjoy some refreshments, do a little shopping, and take advantage of our club discount. The meeting starts at 6 PM.

Meeting location:

4317 Pleasant Valley Road
Raleigh, NC 27612

We look forward to seeing you there!

Host: Roy Brookhart

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TWA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING—SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

(meeting minutes: James Sapp)

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

The meeting began with a few brief announcements.

The board is evaluating eliminating the use of the Zoom at our monthly meetings. Our current experience is that very few people attend by Zoom. If you have any feedback on this matter, please provide it to any of the board members. Zoom will continue to be used for regular WW&W on-line meetings.

Jack Kite brought country ham and other ham variations to the September meeting.

Joe Sabo announced that toy collection for Toys for Tots will start on October 20th. The Marine Corps has not yet identified the collection location. Joe will update workshop leaders about the location when available.

The Klingspor's workshop will be held on Saturday November 8th starting at 9:00 AM. Joe brought a sign-up sheet to the meeting for members who would like to participate. He will bring the sign-up sheet again to the October meeting.

The year-end celebration in December, recognizing Toys for Tots, Beads of Courage, and other TWA achievements, will take place on December 9th at the Atria Senior Living Center in Cary. The festivities will begin at 6 PM and wrap up by 8 PM. Hors d'oeuvres will be served, and a cash bar offering beer and wine will be available.

Kerry Schoolfield led a discussion about upcoming meetings and asked the group to share their thoughts on future meeting topics, speakers and meeting location and time.

The next meetings are as follows:

- The October meeting will be held at Woodcraft and will start at 6:00 PM. NB Time and location.
- The November meeting will be held at Klingspor's.
- The December meeting will be the annual year-end celebration.

Kerry then asked the group for feedback for our regular meetings. He asked for input on program topics, speakers, timing and location, special events and other ideas. Topic suggestions provided by the group included "how to do" woodworking projects or methods, tool tips, tool use and reviews, and member projects and other subjects. Speaker suggestions included TWA members, local or regional experts, store and manufacturing representatives and national speakers. National speakers would normally be associated with a weekend TWA workshop. Having a shop crawl meeting such as was held this past July received favorable input from the group. The group briefly considered alternative meeting times and locations. Aside from special events like road trips, shop crawls, meetings at other woodworking stores (such as Woodcraft and Rockler), or schedule adjustments for national speakers and related weekend workshops, no significant alternatives to holding our Tuesday night meetings at Klingspor's were identified. The group liked the idea of setting aside time for socializing and snacks at our regular meetings. Kerry will take the ideas generated at the meeting to the Program Committee for further development of future programs.

Kerry Schoolfield won the raffle. Proceeds go to Toys for Tots. Thanks to all who participated.

The Kites provided country ham at the break (photo: Roy Brookhart)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Who would have known; most of us thought it would be just a snack during our presentation break. Then the Kites unveiled their country ham experience for us all to enjoy. We learned about the numerous ways to prepare the ham and we had a fun vote to see which version was the favorite. I can't wait to see who volunteers for the next snack sponsor…and who tries to unseat the new fan favorite. The November slot is open. Who's up for the challenge?

Roy Brookhart

UPCOMING MEETING

Date: Tuesday, November 18 at 7pm

Location: Klingspor's

Speaker: Bill Anderson

Topic: We're Foursquaring Stock, A to Z.....!

Bill will discuss four topics related to how to foursquare a piece of rough stock.

Sharpening and Using a Plane: We'll cover sharpening a plane iron and understanding the effects of camber, cutting angle, bevel angle, and skew angle. We'll also discuss flattening a plane surface to ensure it's geometrically planar, and the impact of the plane's length, width, and mouth architecture.

Reading and Orienting Wood Grain: Learn to read the grain of stock and orient it to minimize tear-out. Wood movement is directly affected by grain orientation, so it's important for the object and its parts to move together as a unit.

Identifying Working Surfaces: Identify the working surfaces of the stock to be planed. Determine where to set your layout tools (square and straightedge), and understand the importance of reference faces and edges.

Planing Stock: Finally, we'll plane a piece of stock. Define two intersecting faces or edges to square or flatten the stock.

Host: Cecil Raynor

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Chris Williams and Bill Schott became members of TWA in September. Be sure to give them a warm welcome when you see them in person or online!

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 October 21st 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 October 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 (AUGUST)

Beginning Balance:	$19,041.10
Income:	$583.75
Expense:	$376.10
Ending Balance:	$19,248.75

Does not include Petty Cash of $86.00.

Submitted by Jack Kite, Treasurer

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 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING—SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

LET'S MAKE A BULLDOZER!

(meeting minutes: James Sapp)

The featured speaker at the September meeting was TWA member Michael Peele.

The presentation was recorded and is available on TWA's You-Tube page. Michael's presentation summarized his journey about the evolution of the methods to make toys. Specifically, he focused on making a bulldozer toy inspired by the late Mark Firley's collection of unfinished toys. The first step involved trying to figure out how Mark made his bulldozers and then to determine what designs changes, techniques, tools and jigs would be necessary to produce multiple copies in an effective, efficient, safe and quality manner. The objective was to make 50 bulldozers for the Toys for Tots workshop.

During the presentation, Michael discussed what tools and jigs he would need to make the parts of the bulldozer. Making the blade and struts holding the blade to the bulldozer body captured a lot of Michael's time and thought process. Accurate drilling of holes for the pins to hold all of parts was a key step in the process. Michael demonstrated the jigs and how he used them in building the parts for the bulldozers.

After building the parts, Michael had to come up with jigs to assemble and align the parts together to produce a properly functioning bulldozer toy. Michael demonstrated how he used the jigs to assemble the bulldozer.

Michael shared the process for making bulldozers (photo: Roy Brookhart)

Michael's presentation offered members valuable insights into the workflow, development, and use of jigs for woodworking projects, demonstrating how they can enhance safety, efficiency, and the overall quality of the finished work.

WOODWORKING ON PBS

If YouTube isn't your thing, there is lots of content on PBS related to woodworking. With the PBS "Passport" (those that donate $60 or more per year) and the PBS app (phone or TV) or the *pbs.org* website, the following shows matched the search term "wood", and seem to be of interest:

- Woodsmith Shop, seasons 13-19
- The Woodwright's Shop, seasons 26-37 (and a handful earlier)
- Volunteer Woodworker, 13 episodes
- Classic Woodworking (Tom MacLaughlin), no episodes currently, but you can watch them online at *https://www.finewoodworking.com/section/classic-woodworking*
- The American Woodshop, Seasons 25-31

There's plenty of great woodworking television out there - give it a look!

Barton Meeks

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.

- Chris Williams
- Bill Schott

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