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TWA Newsletter

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 18, 7 pm

Location options:

(1) Klingspor's

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

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86894417018?pwd=eBw2wC1gDy7nN10gF0xi5Jjzxckpjo.1

Meeting ID: 868 9441 7018

Passcode: 192950

Member Show and Tell

The November meeting will feature a member show and tell. During this portion, several members will share insights into how they built a favorite project or jig.

Presenting members include:

- Chris Williams
- Bob Andrews
- Cecil Raynor

These sessions have become crowd favorites, offering inspiration and practical tips for all participants.

Auction

In the second half of the November meeting, an auction will be held featuring a limited selection of items contributed by club members. To participate in the auction, please remember to bring some extra cash to the meeting so you don't miss out on a good deal.

A list of items that will be available will be shared by email. Check out what's available and make sure you have a way to get your new treasure home. All the items will be at Klingspor's.

Meeting Update

Please note that the previously planned hand tool presentation for November has been postponed.

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TWA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING—OCTOBER 21, 2025

(meeting minutes: James Sapp)

The October meeting was held at Woodcraft in Raleigh, with twenty-five people attending in person. There were no guests or new members present.

The meeting began with a few brief announcements.

The toy collection location for Toys for Tots, as well as project and timing updates, will be communicated to workshop leaders by Joe Sabo after he consults with the Marines.

The Klingspor's Toys for Tots workshop was scheduled for Saturday, November 8th, starting at 9:00 AM and continuing until about 3:00 PM, or until toys are completed and ready for final assembly.

The December year-end celebration for Toys for Tots, Beads of Courage and other TWA accomplishments will take place on December 9th at the Atria Senior Living Center in Cary, starting at 6:00 PM and concluding by 8:00 PM. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided, and a cash bar offering beer and wine will be available. There will be one last chance to sign up at the November meeting.

There were no auction items available at the October meeting. However, items will be up for auction at the upcoming November meeting, so be sure to bring your cash or checkbook!

Snacks for the October meeting were provided by Roy Brookhart.

Roy Brookhart won the raffle. All proceeds will go to the Toys for Tots program. Thanks to everyone who participated.

The November meeting will be held at Klingspor's and will start at the usual time of 7:00 PM. Jim Sapp will be providing the snacks.

Herb Shelly, manager of the Raleigh Woodcraft, opened the featured presentation highlighting some recent additions to Woodcraft's product line. Kreg Tools has launched a large variety of 20-volt battery-operated tools. One of the more novel items is the cordless Rebel pocket hole jointer, that allows the tool to be brought to the work. Woodcraft's own brand, Wood River has introduced a portable drill guide along with edge guide and self-centering vise accessories. Herb reminded members that Woodcraft now carries a large selection of Woodpecker's tools. Herb announced that the forthcoming Black Friday discounts on Rikon (15%), Laguna (10%), Powermatic (15%) and Jet (15%) will be starting in November. Herb mentioned that members are welcome to visit the store early for a head start on these discounts.

Woodcraft then provided a detailed discussion and demonstration of the X1 Laser engraver system available at the Woodcraft store. After discussing the equipment and the accessories for it, the store representative demonstrated how to engrave four sides of a cherry wood cube with Christmas themed art as part of a Christmas ornament kit available at Woodcraft. The X1 has a rotary attachment that allow round and spherical items to be engraved. The Christmas ornament block mentioned could have been turned first and then engraved with the X! using this rotary attachment. More information about the X1 and accessory kits can be found by visiting the store or on the Woodcraft website.

Woodcraft employees discussed new products and provided a laser engraving demo (photos: Roy Brookhart)

The meeting continued with a detailed discussion and demonstration of the X1 Laser Engraver system available at Woodcraft. After presenting the features and accessories, a store representative demonstrated the engraving of Christmas-themed art on all four sides of a cherry wood cube, part of a holiday ornament kit. The X1 includes a rotary attachment, enabling engraving on round or spherical objects. For example, the ornament block could be turned first and then engraved using the X1 with its rotary attachment. More information on the X1 and its accessory kits is available at the store or on the Woodcraft website.

UPCOMING MEETING

Date: Tuesday, December 9 at 6:00 PM

Location: Atria Senior Living Center in Cary

Topic: Year-end celebration

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 (credit cards only will be accepted) available for beer and wine. The cost per person will be $6 and monies are due by November 21. The details for payment are listed below. If you have not yet signed up to attend, please email Joe Sabo at *sabojc12@gmail.com* or mention it at the November 18 TWA meeting to get on the list. More details regarding this event will be provided to the participants in the week of December 1.

Payment options:

- Zell- 9196257680
- Venmo- Joe-Sabo-25
- Check made out to Joe Sabo mailed to 308 Canon Gate Dr, Cary, NC 27518
- Cash - give to Bob Andrews at the November 18 TWA meeting

Host: 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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Don't miss the Triangle Woodworkers Association annual celebration. The December meeting will be our time to gather together and celebrate all that we accomplished in 2025. The meeting is no longer focused entirely on the great work we do for the Marines and their Toys for Tots program. We have lots to talk about and it will be a great time to bring more of your family with you to see why you have such a great time with your fellow woodworkers. Let's fill the room with stories and conversation of all that we did in 2025 and get a quick overview of what is coming in 2026.

You need to register in advance for this program so look in this newsletter for more details on how to sign up for the party. I look forward to seeing all of you for this celebration on the 9th of December.

Roy Brookhart

TREASURER'S REPORT (SEPTEMBER)

Beginning Balance:	$19,248.75
Income:	$210.00
Expense:	$2,083.85
Ending Balance:	$17,374.90

Does not include Petty Cash of $86.00.

Submitted by Jack Kite, Treasurer

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