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President's Corner By Mel Bryan



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By the time you get this we will have celebrated and enjoyed the holiday commemorating our nation's independence. I hope that you all have had a safe and enjoyable 4th of July. I remember as a young person growing up on the farm that the 4th of July usually meant that the wheat harvest was well under way (or should have been). During that period there was little else that got much attention except the daily chores or the maintenance of the machinery to get the harvest in and to market. This is a busy time of year and many things vie for our attention and "need" to be done. I hope you've been able to spend some time pursuing the passion of woodworking. I know for myself that it's been sporadic and less than I desire, however, several projects are in the queue providing ample opportunity to "make sawdust". That kind of leads me to a philosophical question; why do we call it 'sawdust' when only the saw makes sawdust? Oh well, that's the way it is.

Saturday, June the 21st, we had a very nice demonstration of a bandsaw sawmill presented by Lester Gillett. So a big "thank you" is in order to Lester for the hard work and effort he put into giving

us this demo. Thank you, Lester. We had 10 or 12 members that attended and a couple of us had some small logs sawn.

The board has discussed several things that I want to throw out for your thought and feedback. We need to know what your desire is on these things and need your participation. Your participation is the key to the success of any activity and ultimately your club. I will bring these things up at the meeting and have some response sheets on which you can respond or comment.

First of all... Would you like to have a fall shop tour? If so, would someone like to volunteer their shop? Bill Akers has volunteered the "CHARM" shop but a couple more home shops would be great. They don't have to be elaborate or fancy. It's just the fact of how you've used the space you have, and how you work that's of importance; especially to those of us that need ideas on setting up and organizing our own. Seeing the ingenuity of fellow woodworkers is what inspires us all. So, please consider opening up your shop for your fellow woodworkers and friends to visit. It just might be the excuse you need to clean it up

a little or finish off that shop project that's been awaiting your attention.

Secondly, I'm pretty sure we all enjoyed the tool auction we had last year and I had sort of thrown out the idea of having something similar again to which there seemed to be a favorable response. Therefore, the question; is that something you would like to have again? Some options the board members discussed are: to have a silent auction at each meeting, having an auction as our program like last year, or some other combination. The main question that arises is; where would the auction items come from? One of our thoughts was that some things could be simply donated by members. It could be anything someone else might be able to use like; books, computer software, wood or lumber, or anything besides tools. Another thought was that; even if it

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July Program By Rigid Tools

My thanks to all who participated in the small groups last month. I heard

some good feedback and look forward to expanding the subjects and doing it again in the future.

Mark really enjoys audience participation.



The August speaker is scheduled to be Dan Bashaw from Overland Tools/ Rockler. More information about the August presentation will be available at this month's meeting. ☺

Greg Hull

The guest speaker this month will be Mark Sharkee from Rigid. I met with him recently and he promised a fun and entertaining presentation, with a couple of demonstrations and a few unexpected surprises.

You are encouraged to ask questions and discuss problems you might be having with Rigid tools.

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were not a donation, we could auction it for a small commission as a benefit to the guild. One of the primary purposes of this 'trading' of tools is to share among our members and benefit each other. So, now the question: Would someone like to volunteer to help oversee this activity?



I, as well as other board members, have gotten some very positive feedback on the "breakout sessions" we had last month. I first want to thank everyone that helped lead those sessions and those that took part in the discussions. We would like to do more in the future and try to organize them a little further. What subjects would you like to see discussed? Wouldn't you consider leading one of the groups? You don't have to be the "expert", just a discussion leader. There will

be a response sheet available for you to volunteer on and give us your ideas or speak to one of the board members. We'd love to hear from you.

Another question we have is; do we want to try to have a fall field trip to someplace related to woodworking? If so, what are your suggestions? Where would you like to go or maybe you've been there and think the rest of us would enjoy it. Again, let a board member know or send us an email or note.

One other thing I might throw out is to ask you to consider having a "workshop session" at your own shop or somewhere, where you can help pass on some bit of information or skill that you have that other members' desire. I know that it will take some time that is precious to all of us, but I assure you it

would be rewarding by helping your fellow woodworkers. If you'd like to do one, let me know and I will help in whatever way I can. Or, if someone would like one in some specific area, likewise let me know.

Finally, that time of year is coming around where we elect new officers. Please consider taking your turn in leading the direction of your club. There will probably be a couple of positions that will need to be filled. That's about all I will say about it at this time. We just want you to seriously consider taking part in this much needed function.

Keep working that wood and work it safely.

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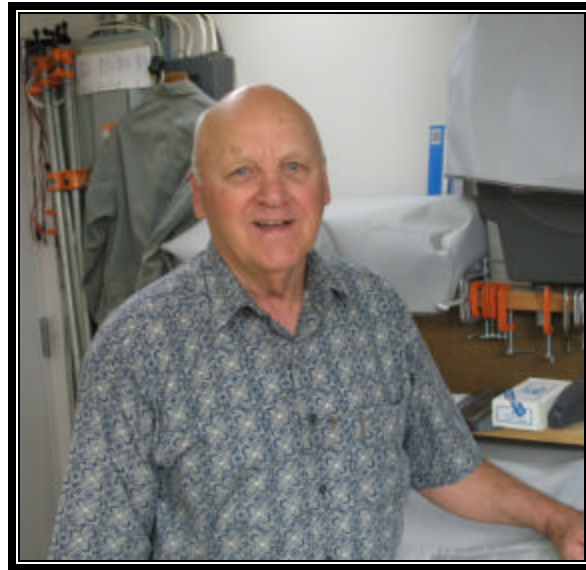
Mel Bryan
President

Out of the Workshop-Guild Member Profile Of Bill Akers

Say "Mr. Secretary" in our guild and you are undoubtedly referring to our own secretary, Bill Akers, a position he has held since the beginning of the Lee's Summit Woodworkers' Guild. Also, a position he willingly and gladly fulfills.

Bill's story begins in Minnesota where he lived until the third grade at which time he moved to Clark's Station, Maryland, a small farming community between Baltimore and Annapolis. There were no power tools at all on the farm on which he grew up. However,

Bill's introduction and interest in woodworking began on a very unusual and interesting course. Around that time, World War II had ended and the Navy was mothballing a lot of the wartime ships at the Curtis Bay Ship Yards near his home. Bill and his uncle would take the farm truck to the ship yards and pick up the 10 to 12 men life rafts from the ships, then taking them home, removing the canvas coverings and disassembling them, they would end up with very large pieces of balsawood from which the rafts were made of. Without power tools, the job was pretty labor intensive using whatever tools they could find including butcher knives. Therefore, Bill has a good regard for power



Guild Member, Bill Akers

tools. At about this same time, Bill became involved with the Boy Scouts and they started making CO² race cars out of this free balsawood. In high school, one of their first projects was to carve a sunfish and at that time the only wood (which they had to supply themselves) that Bill could find was an old weathered piece of redwood from a fence. Needless to say, he had a real challenge on his hands. His second project was a tie rack that required turning some baseball bat pieces on the lathe (his first introduction to power tools).

The uncle that Bill lived with was the county plumber and electrician from whom he learned a lot about plumbing and electrical work. Another uncle had an electronics business for the repair of radios and televisions

where Bill spent many hours and was able to get an Amateur Radio License. After high school Bill joined the Naval Reserves. Shortly after the Korean War began he was called upon to go to Korea. After the Korean War, his naval unit was deactivated and he ended up in St. Paul, Minnesota and started going to the University of Minnesota in St. Paul. While there, he was working at Hamm's Brewing Co. in the carpentry shop making display cases. Believe it or not, on the way to get a haircut, Bill's career took direction. Passing an exhibit of model railroading, which he was involved in also, there was an office promoting the Western Electric plant that was coming to town. As a former electronics technician in the Navy he

began working for Western Electric in the Quality Assurance department on the Nike missile project. In 1957 Bill was married and went to work with International Telephone and Telegraph (IT&T) and lived in Alaska for four years as an electronics supervisor maintaining the "Dew Line". In 1961 Bill returned to the "States" and worked as an engineer for Federal Electric, a division of IT&T, working on the communications systems and airplane guidance systems connected with SAC airbases. Being moved around a lot he ended up in Omaha, NE, reconnected with a former boss at Western Electric, was rehired, and ending up here in Lee's Summit in the microwave communications department. To make a long story short, Bill retired in 1994 after a stretch working with Western Electric International traveling all over the world selling and designing electronic communication equipment. Bill and his wife, Pat, have been married for 29 years and they each have two children.

In 1974 Bill became involved with the Telephone Pioneers helping restore and repair houses for people that needed help. That path has led to becoming a director of the "CHARM" (Children

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Logo Contest



The guild is having a logo contest and the deadline to get your entry submitted is quickly approaching.

The logo might be used as a design on letter head, t-shirts, hats, name tags, or anywhere else the guild name is used.

You don't have to be an artist to present your idea. It

doesn't have to be a complex design. Simple is fine. Just sketch it, or draw it, on paper, wood, concrete or a napkin for that matter. If you have an idea and not sure how to draw it, present your idea to Mel Bryan and he will see that something gets submitted.

This is a great way to get involved and share your ideas. The deadline is July 25th. ☺



Fall Shop Tour?

We are looking into the possibility of a shop tour in the Fall, but are in need of individuals willing to open up their shop and share it with others.

It doesn't have to be large, you just have to be willing allow others to see what you've done with the space and tools you have. Small or large, lots of tools or few tools. Garage shop or tool shed shop. No two shops are alike and its always great to learn how other woodworkers make the best of the space they have. ☺

Beal Wood Threader

Greg Hull was recently approached and asked if he knew anyone with a wood threader, specifically a Beal wood threader.

If you own one or know of anyone that owns one, Greg would like to talk to you and get some first hand feedback. ☺



Beal Wood Threader kit

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Helped And Rehabilitation Motivated) Shop where they make physical therapy devices for physically disadvantaged children at no cost to them.

When asked about having a mentor, Bill related a high regard for an elderly Norwegian man back in Minnesota who did the most fantastic woodwork all by hand, finer and sometimes faster than what was done with power tools. Most of Bill's woodworking is building

utilitarian projects and he does it mainly for the enjoyment. One thing Bill enjoys is repairing tools, keeping them humming and useable. An area of woodworking Bill enjoys is along the design area where he likes to "build better or smarter". He identifies his table saw as his most useful tool with his Dubby board by Inline Ind. as his favorite fixture/tool. Bill's medium sized shop is in his basement and is pretty well filled with an overflow into an

adjoining garage area. Polyurethane brushed on is probably Bill's favorite finish and his favorite woods are Baltic birch and oak. Bill's advice for new woodworkers is to make good decisions on the tools you acquire.

Thanks, Bill, for letting us get to know you better and keep up the good work. ☺

Mel Bryan



Secretaries Notes For June 10, 2008



President Mel Bryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. General statements made by the President were:

Secretaries Notes **GUILD DUES** - For the year 2008 dues are \$15.00 and are being collected-is everyone up to date?

TOY PROJECT -Supporting our raffle gives you a chance to add to your collection of needed supplies and tools and also a way of giving back to the community through your charitable donation. Thanks to those that are supporting this project.

SHOP TOURS – Anyone ready to show off their stuff later in the fall?

ANNUAL AUCTION- With the success of our last auction it is being suggested that we plan for future auctions. The methods and processes for doing such a program are still in the making. Any suggestions would be appreciated and it is hoped that something can be put together for later in the year – more later.

SAW MILL TOUR—Saturday, June 21 at 1 p.m. (does anyone want to car pool?). Maps available later.

MARINE FLAG CASES—One flag case was delivered (made by Roy Hackemeyer) and we have a request for two more made from oak (any volunteers?).

LOGO CONTEST—Don't forget to submit your entry to President Mel by the July 25 deadline.

STROUTHERFEST – On July 18,19 in Lee's Summit a craft type show, tell and sale will be available to anyone that wishes to put on a demonstration and sell their wares – see President Mel for further details.

MEETING NOTICES – During bad weather tune to CHANNEL 41 for any cancellation of the GUILD meeting.

GUEST/VISITORS - Welcome and please sign the registry (this gets you a copy of the newsletter for the next two months). Attendance was 68.

SHOW AND TELL—

1. Mel Bryan had a SEGMENTED

CIRCULAR PICTURE FRAME that he said was quite a challenge.

2. Kevin Newman had SEVERAL more SEGMENTED BOWLS that were made from VARIOUS WOOD TYPES.
3. Bob Kostecka displayed his FIRST SEGMENTED BOWL made from POPULAR and OAK.
4. Dennis Bruna also had his FIRST attempt at a SEGMENTED BOWL
5. Charlie Brinkley had his SAIL BOAT which he had FINISHED with FIBERGLASS (no assurances that it will float!!).
6. Jay Helland had an IRONING BOARD for QUILTS that his wife requested (one that was portable and could be folded).

Thanks to those that participated and hope we did not overlook some members project. Also, remember that you are entered in a drawing if you participate in Show an Tell – tonight the winner receives a \$20.00 gift certificate to WOODCRAFT.

PROGRAM—Vice President Greg Hull introduced the program for tonight which will take on a little different twist. The membership will have the opportunity to join in group discussions that will take on such topics as CARVING; ROUTERS; FINISHING and TURNING. From my vantage point these were well received and the noise level said a lot about participation with lots of questions being tossed about. It was obvious that the discussion leader only had to start the ball rolling and the groups kept it moving. Looks like this could be tried again later in the year. Thanks to all that shared their time and knowledge and to Vice President Greg for coming up with this type of program. Don't forget to help Vice President Greg Hull by keeping a lookout for anything that would be of interest to our members.

COOKIES: Thanks to the guild for providing the cookies.

NEXT MEETING—July 8, 2008.

President Mel Bryan closed the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bill Akers ©

Guild Member Discounts

Paxton 10% on all items.
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Skates

10% on products and 20%
on books. (816)
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Kal Oldenburg



Our thoughts and prayers go out to the friends and family of Kal Oldenburg. Kal age 70, passed away on June 21, 2008 due to complications from pulmonary fibrosis, a lung disease.

Mission Statement

The Lee's Summit Woodworkers' Guild will strive to promote the exchange of woodworking information and further the craft.

Kal was one of the original founding members of the Lee's Summit Woodworkers' Guild and served as newsletter editor for several years and attended meetings regularly up until his declining health. He is a friend that will be truly missed among us. ☉



WE'RE ON THE WEB

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Raffle—Double Pack

This month we again will feature a couple nice prizes to choose from.

The first item is a Delta 6" bench grinder with work light. The grinder features a powerful induction, ball bearing motor for long-lasting



trouble-free performance, fully-balanced, medium and coarse grinding wheels, adjustable spark deflectors and sturdy wheel guards for operator safety, cast-iron base minimizes operating vibration, sharpen drill bits, lathe chisels and other workshop cutting tools.

The second item is a DeWalt 5" Random orbit palm sander with hook and loop pad. Model number DW421. This sander provides:

- Maximum sanding speed for smooth finishes.
- Controlled Finishing System maintains pad speed and minimizes gouging during start

up.

- Dual-plane counter-balanced fan reduces user fatigue.
- Dust-sealed switch prevents contamination.
- Sealed 100% ball-bearing construction.
- Accepts 5", 8-hole hook and

loop paper.

- Shop vacuum adaptor for maximum dust collection.

Specifications:

- Amps: 2
- Orbits/Min: 12,000 opm
- Dust Collection
- Dust Sealed Switch

- Includes Dust Bag & Vacuum adaptor

Raffle tickets can be purchased at the meeting for \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. ☉

