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Monthly Meetings
4th Monday/month- 7 PM

Again- a fourth Monday in a field of FIVE...it's "eerie" when these early meetings creep up...but we do have a meeting coming up this next Monday eve, 22 August- 7 PM at Woodcraft, JANAF Shopping Center.

Our volunteer committee to put together a slate for next year's club officers is at work; you have undoubtedly seen the bullet from Ed Bunker when he put out the call for nominations for club officers (and those willing to serve as committee members- such as Program "Finders").

Ed, John Moore and Gene George have taken on the task of forming a slate of club officers that are willing to put a little effort into revitalizing the TWWWG. I hope members will take a step forward to help make the club more meaningful to all.

As a summary, nominations (including volunteers for positions) are to be submitted no later than Wednesday, 7 September; they may be forwarded by E-mail to Ed Bunker with "TWWWG Nominations" in the subject line: to EBunker369@aol.com / or-by written /snail mail to Ed Bunker, PO Box 8955, Virginia Beach, Va. 23450-8955.

Please include not only your nominee's name, address, phone number and E-mail address, as well as your own name- in that not all email addresses

on file identify the club members.

Just a little line item from member Bud Statzer who has asked: "Do we have a member who is experienced or would be interested in constructing a Murphy Bed (Queen Size)? Or perhaps a local company that does specialized construction." (?) If you can help Bud, contact him at:

< mv-rjstatzer@verizon.net > .

And a note from the Front Office, if you will permit: we are currently carrying over 200 on our mail listing for news/club meeting announcements...yet our "honest roster" indicates there is only a 59 dues paid membership. It is my present intention to drop the mailing list down to the actual membership list as of 15 September 2005. If there are some of you who cannot make the club meetings due to other commitments, travel limitations, health considerations, etc., but who desire to remain on the mailing list, "just to keep in touch," please take the time to inform me by email or phone message, and I will consider retaining your listing.

Our guest for this coming Monday eve is an "ex" (that is, he is retired) Delta Tool Representative who is now a morning mainstay at my local hardware outlet...Cape Henry Hardware- on Great Neck Road in VA Beach. Norm - a little

grayer around the temples than the New England Woodworker of television fame - has an extensive background in woodworking shop tools, and has agreed to share the evening with us. While Delta was his line- Norm can speak shop woodworking across a pretty broad area- alignment, care / maintenance, and measurement methods (he rarely uses "instruments" to achieve dimensions ...saying all he needs to make his point is a piece of 2 x 4 and a jointer). He is still in demand at many manufacturers training seminars- so I think he'll have something worthwhile to share with us.

Before signing off- let me "float one by you" - a suggestion made some time ago by member Tommy Whitaker that I think has merit...you let me know if the idea is of interest to some...especially, those who consider themselves "newbies".

" If you are looking for ideas, I thought it might be good to have a "hands on" or "work night" where people could bring in wood to have cut down, joined, planed and work as needed. This would be a great way for someone who is not familiar with a piece of equipment to get some

hands on time with someone there to help show and explain the proper procedures. The club could also pick a piece of equipment and clean, inspect, calibrate and sharpen as needed. I think most everyone could learn something from this ..."

(Keep in mind, this suggestion was made when we were meeting at the Tidewater Career Development Center - Tech School - where the shop equipment was indeed in need of some caring hands.) Still, the idea of teaching methods is appealing- whether we take it on during meeting sessions or in smaller member-shop sessions for groups of 4 or 5 who want the hands-on guidance and participation. Let's hear what you think- till then- Keep it With the Grain.

Pat

PS...We have received the shop aprons with our TWWWG club logo silk screened on the chest: They came in at \$11.00 each. Hunter Green.

For those that ordered -they will be at the meeting- I pre-ordered 6 extra aprons in Blue- for those (others) who may be interested. Our caps -with embroidered logo, are also available at \$11- and will be on hand.

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