



## Newsletter

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### President's Letter

We are now three-quarters through 2023. Personally, I had hoped to complete a few more projects by this point, but life often has its own plans. Lately, I've been experimenting with some reclaimed barn wood I acquired for free. Despite its bent shape, numerous nails, and wormholes, the wood remains remarkably sturdy. My plan is to meticulously rip the massive 8x8 beams into individual boards and craft them into a hall tree/bench for our home's entrance. This project should keep me occupied throughout the upcoming winter months.

My inspiration for this undertaking came from Dean's presentation last month. I was truly impressed by his fearless approach in trying out various new techniques. I have no doubt that the rocking chair he's building will become a remarkable piece of furniture, destined to be cherished for generations within his family. A heartfelt thank you to Dean for sharing his expertise with us during that demonstration.

Sincerely,

John Loyd  
President, Missouri Woodworkers Association

### SEPTEMBER NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The September meeting will be at Sawdust Studios' **new location** on the 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30. Charlie Leverett will be joining us to share his laser cutting/engraving "side hustle" and will be sharing some tips and tricks he has learned along the way.
  - o Note, Sawdust is now at **3150 Paris Rd Columbia, MO 65202**. The new shop is spacious and will be an awesome place for us to meet.
- I will share an update on electronic payment methods and the website

### 2023 HARTSBURG PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

The Hartsburg Pumpkin Festival will be held on October 14 and 25, 2023 (Saturday and Sunday) and the Midwest Woodworkers' Association will be there with the Kids Car Building exhibition. This is the only fund-raising event for the club and we will need plenty of help to work with kids of all ages to put wheels on the toy cars we have cut out and painted. We usually operate four stations so we will need six or seven

members (at least). You can come for as much time as you are available but those who have been to the Pumpkin Festival know that if you come late, you will have a hike from and back to the parking lot. If you come early (before 7:00 AM), you can likely get a parking place near the MWA tent. Additional benefits available are the opportunity to sample the many healthy snacks that are on offer, get a head start on your holiday shopping, and enjoy the company of the “dog food lady” in the tent next door. Sign up for helping at the booth Saturday or Sunday, morning or afternoon (or both) by sending an email to: [youngquistr@missouri.edu](mailto:youngquistr@missouri.edu). Thanks!

### **TOY CAR ASSEMBLY**

After the Pumpkin Festival, we will need to put wheels on the toy cars that remain and get them ready for distribution to various children’s service agencies prior to Christmas. We will spend an evening in November at my shop finishing the cars. I will send a notice of the date and time as well as directions.

### **TOY DISTRIBUTION**

Yet another opportunity to volunteer for the Christmas Toy Project will be in early December when help is needed to deliver toys to various places around Columbia and Boone County. I will send a note when I have the cars ready for delivery and you can pick them up at my shop.

### **CAR BODY STOCK**

Terry tells me he has a new supply of car body stock ready to go for the 2024 car building season. These are molded 2 x 4’s and 2 x 6’s that have been molded into the shape of a car. They need to be cut into 2 inch sections, holes drilled for axle pegs, sanded, and the edges routed. More detailed instructions are available if you need them. Contact Terry Selby when you are ready to make cars for the 2024 Christmas Toy Project

### **PLANNING WAY AHEAD**

In the spring and summer of 2024, we will need to paint the car bodies that have been made. Experience has shown that it is easiest to spray the cars on a sheet of cardboard that is placed on a piece of plywood. The plywood pieces are 24” x 24”. My supply of cardboard sheets has been exhausted so we could use some more that are approximately 24 x 24 (more or less).



#### **Woodworking Resources**

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