



Contains June 2009 Minutes

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The June meeting was held at Doll Lumber Company. As you can see from the photos on the right, The staff at Doll put on a great chainsaw demo including safety tips on how to get the job done without getting hurt. Safety glasses are a must by the way, and a pair of specially designed chaps will go a long way to help prevent leg injuries. Of course a few years of carefully guided experience doesn't hurt either. I think the most important tip I picked up was not to let the tip of the chainsaw hit anything while you're cutting, doing so will likely cause the saw to fly back toward the operator so fast that it's virtually impossible to stop it. All chainsaws built now have a chain brake located directly in front of the handle that is designed to lock the chain when the brake paddle hits the back of your hand as the saw comes back toward you. I don't care to test that theory and I hope none of you will either.

At the same time the chain saw demo was going on some of the group were enjoying a tour of the saw mill and also saw the equipment used to sharpen the huge band saw blades. The blades have heavy solid carbide tips, but even so they only get a half day out of a blade before it needs sharpening.

Don Brennen of the U.S. Department of Agriculture spoke to us about the Emerald Ash Bore and its effect on all types of Ash trees. He told us the bore arrived here in wooden pallets from China. Don also reminded us that is illegal to transport firewood from any quarantined county into another county.



One of the best things about our Doll Lumber meeting is that we always have great food !

Thanks to Benny Fix, Bill Stone, and an unidentified helper, we had an excellent lunch of burgers, hot dogs, potato salad and chips. No extra charge for smoking it.



Below are a few pictures I shot at this years wood turning exhibit at The Wayne Art Center in Wooster.



Following are photos taken at the recent Ice Cream Social hosted by George and Pat Raeder at their lovely home and gardens near Fairlawn. Both the North Coast club and BWWT were well represented. The ice cream flowed freely as did cake and cookies. If you missed it, shame on you! George provided a tour of his shop, and I heard later that's Pat's pottery shop was also open. I regret missing Pat's shop, but I won't let it happen again! drf







June Monthly Meeting

Date: June 20, 2009

Location: Doll Lumber Company, Southington, Ohio

Attendance: Approximately 70 attendees

Minutes:

9:30a.m. – Bill Stone, President, brought the meeting to order, welcomed all members and visitors and reviewed the following:

Bill Stone, Pres.:

Due to illness, the former President, Jim Brown, has stepped down and Bill Stone, the former Vice President, will take over for the remainder of the year. Tom Johnson has been appointed as the Interim Vice President

Jim Brown is undergoing rehabilitation at the Greenbrier Rehabilitation Center in Youngstown.

Doll Lumber Company – Schedule for the day:

9:30a.m. – 10:00a.m. - Chainsaw Demo
10:00a.m. – 10:15a.m. - Speaker – Donald Brennan, USDA
11:00a.m. – 11:30a.m. - Tour Facility
11:30a.m. – 12:00 noon - Lunch

Doll Lumber has been a great supporter of our group. They had several types of wood available for sale at discounted prices during the meeting. They will also be donating wood for our Auction in July. Bill asked volunteers to haul the donated wood away and bring it to the Auction.

July Auction – Items are still needed for the auction. Bill asked that if anyone intends to donate any large machinery type items that these items not be brought to the Auction, but to bring a picture and description of the item instead.

Operations Meeting – At the last Ops. meeting two Official Advisors were chosen, Hoby Horn and Larry McCardel.

Condolences – John Sabo one of our members recently passed away.

Club Purchases – New tool rests were purchased for the mini lathes.

Cindy Drozda workshop – Bill announced that no visitors would be allowed at the September 19, 2009 meeting.

Bill Seabolt, Treas:

Cindy Drozda Workshop – There are still three spots available. If no one from our club signs up for these Bill will open the spots up to the North Coast Club.

Ben Fix:

Y-Noah Wednesday Workshop – Last Wednesday, June 17, 2009 was the first meeting. We had 13 participants, 11 girls and 2 boys. We also had 21 members show up to instruct and help setup.

August 15, 2009 meeting – a workshop on “Pen Making” will be held after this meeting. We will try something new – you will be able to purchase any type of pen and make it at the workshop. There are only 8-10 spots available. Call Ben Fix to reserve a spot.

George Raeder:

Ice Cream Social – July 2, 2009 at his home. George gave out maps.

Wooster Art Show – Posters and postcards were handed out to be put up on bulletin boards. Pieces for the show will be accepted until July 2, 2009.

Speaker – Don Brennan, Technician, USDA

Don spoke about the Emerald Ash Borer beetle. Native to China and eastern Asia, this pest probably arrived in North America in wood packing materials used to ship consumer goods. It is responsible for the death or decline of tens of millions of ash trees. It is difficult to determine whether an ash tree is infested with this pest. Early symptoms of infestation may include dead branches near the top, wild leafy shoots growing out from its lower trunk, D-shaped exit holes and bark splits. If a tree is infested, removal is the most effective way to eliminate further spread. To prevent additional artificial spread of this beetle the USDA has established quarantines to prohibit the movement of ash materials and hardwood firewood out of the states where they are known to exist. Today, the entire States of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and the Lower Peninsula of Michigan are quarantined. Some of the things we can do to help stop the spread of this pest are, don't move firewood, visually inspect your trees, spread the word, know State and Federal regulations and ask questions. The Emerald Ash Borer hotline for Ohio is 888-644-6322.

Chainsaw Demonstration

During the demonstration proper safety precautions were discussed. The various types and sizes of chainsaws was reviewed and there was a discussion on how to properly use this tool. There was a demonstration on which size saw to use for various types of cuts. Some wood was cut and distributed among the participants.

Tour of the Saw Mill

The tour was very interesting, although the mill was not actually running, participants were taken through each step from receiving the logs, stripping and cutting. There was also a tour showing how the massive cutting blades are sharpened.

Lunch

An excellent lunch was served by Chef's Ben Fix and Bill Stone.

Calendar of Events

The July meeting on the 18th will be the annual club auction.

The meeting while still at Camp Y NOAH, is in a slightly different location. We will meet at the pavilion across the lake from our usual digs. To get to the pavilion from Mt Pleasant, go past the usual entrance a short distance to Christman Road. Turn right (North) on Christman, go about 1/4 mile and turn right again at a gravel drive with a green metal gate. If you see the concrete dam on your right you have missed the drive, turn around.

Please bring something of use to someone else to be sold, and or bring a little cash to buy something for yourself. This is our main fund raiser and it pays for most of what we do.

Future demos as scheduled

July.....Annual club auction
 August.....Professional woodturner
 Sept.....Professional woodturner,
 Cindy Drozda from Colorado
 Oct. and Nov. ..To be announced
 Dec.....Annual Christmas Dinner

The Cindy Drozda demonstration will be held in Sept. 2009. There will be one day of club demonstrations by her, as well as two days of hands on activities. One of those days will be a beginner hands on while the second day will be for intermediate skill based turners. The cost will be \$100 per day for each individual. There will be no cost to members for the club demonstration on Sat. She is able to accommodate 6 to 8 members per hands on days. Members are to see Bill if they wish to participate in this activity. He is willing to take partial payment through out the year in order to pay for the \$100 tuition.

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