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Newsletter of the Witwatersrand Woodworkers' Association

◀ Reinette Potgieter and Eddie Marchio discussing the educational value of a puzzle.

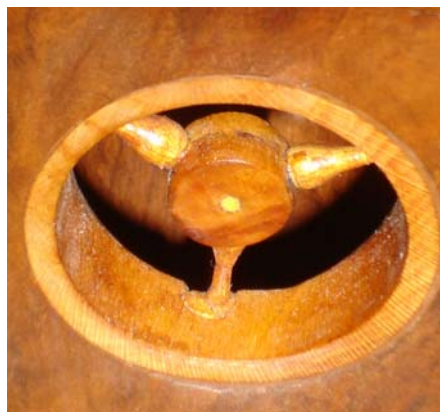
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Next Turners Meeting on Monday, the 5th October 2015 from 18h00 at WWA clubhouse at the Living Link Hall. Captive Deep Hollowing Tool - demo by Chris van Heeswijk

Next Meeting on Wednesday, the 14th October 2015 – General meeting from 18h00 at WWA clubhouse at the Living Link Hall. Safety/Noise Protection/Dust Extraction & Protection/Trauma by Neels Pretorius Herman Potgieter

News

7th September - Turner's meeting. Buddy Lawson spoke on making a five sided box with inserted miniature roundels. Buddy explained how he solved the problem of calculating the compound angles required for the five sided box shown. He eventually used a spreadsheet that give him the blade tilt and miter



gauge angles to use with his table saw. The roundels that Buddy inserted into the sides of the box are made up from miniature turnings. Each one contains five parts – the outer ring, the inner hub and three spokes, which all fit together. Buddy explained the challenges of making these small parts, some of which were only 2mm in diameter, as well as the difficulties of fitting them together. He showed some of the special turning tools used, including ones he made himself.

Tippe Tops. A tippe top is special design of top that is able to invert itself while spinning. Herman explained some of the features of these tops and how to make them. They are not straight-forward and require some trial and error before they

behave predictably.

Although the diagram is a starting point, it seems that the centre of gravity should be lower than given by the diagram – make the recess shallower or insert a ball bearing at

the base of the stem. This diagram can be found at:

<http://home.hccnet.nl/j.g.scholte/pics/omkeertol.png>

12th August - Club meeting. Educational toys – Reinette Potgieter, who is a remedial therapist gave some guidelines on suitable toys for pre-school children. Aside from the common sense issues of safety, she explained the types of toys that are valuable for developing skills in small children.

Shaker boxes – Clive Stacey explained the principles behind them and the process for making them. More information can be found on www.shakerovalbox.com



Club Notices

Spring challenge – The Spring Challenge is on **Saturday 10th October 2015** at Albertskroon. Display of “World Cup trophies” for best/worst player/ref/best try/ etc - use your imagination. Challenge on the day to turn a rugby ball or a Yo-Yo. Yo-Yo to be made from a single piece of wood and balance is important. Prizes will be awarded to the winners, followed by a bring & braai.

Annual Toys for Charity braai. This will take place at the Guide Dogs Association premises (same as last year) on the 21st November 2015. Don't forget to make your toys for donation. See ideas below.

From the committee:

1. Members are encouraged to bring friends/neighbours/relatives to our meetings with the view to increasing membership.
2. Members are requested to advise the committee of demos/subjects they would like to see covered at the Saturday Workshop meetings.
3. We have secured the services of the local security company in Albertskroon to be present when we lock up in the evening – on this basis we can commence Wednesday Workshop meetings subject to a member volunteering to open the workshop and supervise the meetings.
4. DVD's of Ernie Campbell's Workshop 1 book are ready to be handed out to new members (those who have joined the WWA during the last 12 months) other members may purchase them (to cover costs) at R10.00
5. The Turners jackets are being made by another supplier and should be available for embroidery at the end of the month.
6. Members are encouraged to donate items they have made for raffles at our meetings.

Bandsaw tires – if your bandsaw needs new rubber tires on the wheels, read on.

The committee has investigated a number of companies and think that the best value for money can be found at Printflex Rollers. They can be found at 26 Meson Road, ELECTRON Contact Rene on 011 613 3524. Allow between 7 & 10 working days.

Rechargeable tool Battery Packs. Pano used the following company to replace/re-pack the batteries for his Metabo Cordless Drill: S.J. Andrews Electronics Contact them at 011 444 1521 /2. 41 14th Street, Eastgate Gardens, Marlboro, Sandton. He paid R250.00 as opposed to a new battery from Metabo at R1000.00.

Regular Events:

Toymakers. The toymakers meet on the first and third Mondays of every month, at 09h00 till 12h00 at the Albertskroon workshop. Contact Eddie Marchio on 011-678-8062 or [rm22 AT mweb.co.za](mailto:rm22@mweb.co.za) for more information.

Wednesday workshop. 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, from 17h30 to 20h00 at Albertskroon. Contact John Allen on 083 407 8008 or Clive Stacey (See below)

Ken's Saturday Workshop. Ken Bullivant holds a Saturday workshop at his house in Boksburg. The location is 13 Franklin Avenue, Comet, Boksburg on the first Saturday of the month from 09:00 to 12:00. They decide on an annual project and work throughout the year making it. Individual projects are discussed and problems solved. Ken also offers private lessons too. Contact Ken on 082 809 0020 if you wish to take part.

Friday Morning workshop - Winston Klein will be convening a workshop at the Albertskroon work shop on the 1st and 3rd Fridays monthly from 09:00 to 12:00. Contact Winston at 072 553 5045 or [kleins AT iburst.co.za](mailto:kleins@iburst.co.za) (Winston previously ran the Wednesday workshops at the clubhouse until Grant took over.)

Saturday Turning workshop. Schalk van Niekerk conducts Saturday morning turning workshops at his premises in Germiston. (At the old East-African Timbers site) Membership is R400- per year, R30- per meeting. He can accommodate up to 12 people in a session with the lathes he has available for teaching. They meet on the 2nd and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 8h00 to 12h00. Contact Schalk on 082 443 4972 or schalk@onegoodturn.co.za or Johan Kramer on 083 251 0183.

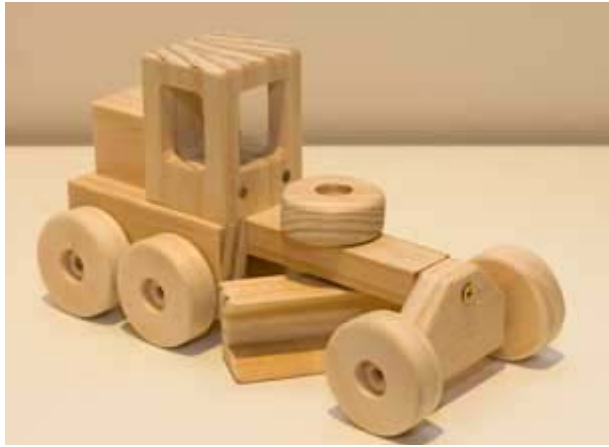
Saturday meetings

1. Second Saturday of month - Eddie will open the workshop – 011 678 8062 [rm22 AT mweb.co.za](mailto:rm22@mweb.co.za)
 2. Third Saturday of month – Clive will open the workshop – 083 407 8008 [stacey AT netactive.co.za](mailto:stacey@netactive.co.za) Clive will also open the workshop during the week “BY ARRANGEMENT”
 3. Fourth Saturday of month – Graham will open the workshop – 082 900 0242 [grahamcr AT mweb.co.za](mailto:grahamcr@mweb.co.za)
- Please can the conveners complete the attendance register on the bar counter, so we can gauge attendance?



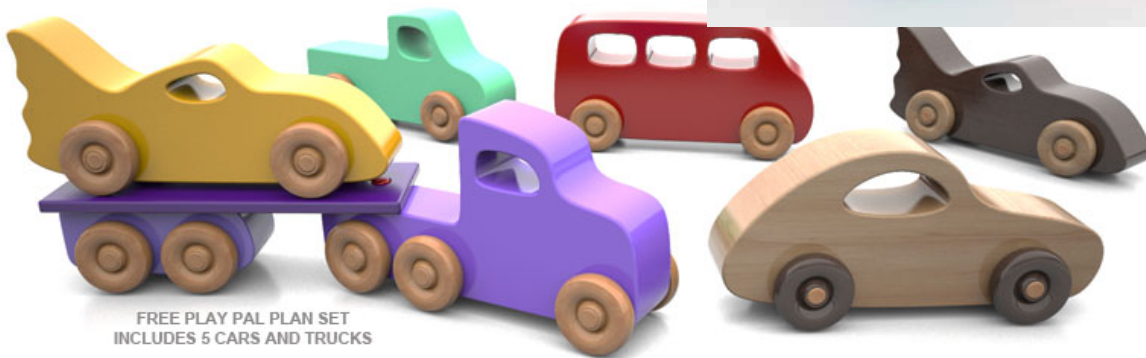
Ideas for toys

From a search on Google for images such as "free wooden toy plans":
(Some of these may be copyrighted!)



Lot of ideas here...





FREE PLAY PAL PLAN SET
INCLUDES 5 CARS AND TRUCKS

