SUNDAY, MAY 7
At the TechShop in Allen Park from 2:00 to 4:30 pm
The raffle and other activities from 1:00 to 2:00 pm

Clay Bolduc, Bill Rigstad, and Ken Wolf will demonstrate making dovetail joints on two different machines and by hand.

There will be no luncheon this month

It has certainly been an interesting month. It started off with an excellent meeting on “Jigs and Tools”. I am again reminded that this is a group of extremely talented woodworkers. I am definitely going to try to replicate a couple of the jigs, especially the cross cut table saw sled that Jerry Romito demonstrated.

Then there were two Tiger ball games that Carolyn and I attended, Doctors appointments for both of us, Easter dinner with the family, and my first golf game of the year (don’t ask).

As some of you know, we have recently moved to Fox Run in Novi. The complex includes all of the activities one could want: including a very complete wood shop. Once they found out that I was a retired shop teacher, they all wanted me to teach some classes. So far I have taught 6 of them with several more to go. It feels good to get ‘back in the saddle again’.

The best part of the month, however, were the meetings I had with Pete Goddard who has volunteered to be a candidate for President effective as soon as he is elected (hopefully at the May meeting) and Ed Thomas who has agreed to take over the Membership job by the end of the year. I also talked to Tony Gigliotti who is willing to help out with the camera work at the meetings.

Could not have been a better month! (well, the golf game could have been better)
Kreg adds auto-adjusting face clamps to new K5

Kreg Tool Co., a manufacturer of woodworking tools and accessories, introduced its K5 Master System, model K5MS, with an additional auto-adjusting face clamp and portable base.

“We came out with the K5 in early 2014 and we’ve always offered a Master System with our K4 jig, which has been our standard jig for years,” Kreg brand manager Dave Stone says.

“The idea of this Master System is when you buy any Kreg jig, there are a few things that are really helpful, like our face clamps. The K5 Master System has auto-adjusting face clamps. Unlike our standard clamps, these will automatically do the adjusting for you when you switch from one thickness to another. For custom woodworkers, this really speeds up their setup time.”

Stone points out these adjustable clamps can also work well with creating pocket hole joints as they can hold the two workpieces flush as you drive a screw from one workpiece into another at an angle.

“In a production environment, the K4 style is a ridged setup,” Stone explains. “It uses a threaded rod and if there are any slight material variations, the clamping pressure is not as efficient unless it’s readjusted. On the K5, the (clamping) pad is spring-loaded. It’s a really fast, tool-free change which for a custom woodworker is a very big deal.”

The K5 Master System sells for $170.00

Contact: Kreg Tool Co. Tel: 800-447-8638. www.kregtool.com

THE FIRST TABLE SAWS

Table saws have come a long way since 1885. The first one sold commercially in America was featured that year in a catalog of tools offered by the W.F. & John Barnes Company. According to the folks at Vintage Machinery, the company was located in Rockford, Ill.

“It was established in 1869,” says Jeff Joslin, the official historian at Vintagemachinery.org. “The business became a formal partnership between William F. Barnes and John Barnes in 1872 and was incorporated in 1884. The brothers were early manufacturers of pedal-powered equipment and by 1881 they were also making powered machinery.”

The picture shown here is from their catalog and shows a “Hand Circular Rip Saw.” This photo is reproduced courtesy of Richard Van Vleck of the American Artifacts website (www.americanartifacts.com), where the saw’s action is described as follows:

“The lumber is placed between two feed rollers, which feed it to the saw. The feed can be made slow or fast, as the operator may desire, by the cone pulleys on feed rolls. These rollers are self-adjusting to thick, thin or uneven lumber.”

Feed rates for 1-inch thick material varied from 150 to 600 lineal feet per hour, depending on the species being ripped and the strength and endurance of the person who was turning the crank. (This could also have been the first commercially available exercise machine.)
APRIL MEETING PRESENTERS

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OPEN FORUM
By Ken Wolf

Joint Venture of Michigan Woodworkers Guild and Center for Craft & Applied Arts (CCAA)

The non-profit CCAA of Detroit recently contacted our guild looking for areas which could benefit members of both organizations through cooperative ventures/opportunities. The CCAA is a 3 year old group of craftspeople focused on woodworking, metalsmithing, clay and textiles. They provide a community service by connecting craftspeople interested in these areas and enhancing their skills through training and sharing knowledge.

Our board reviewed areas in woodworking that MWG could work with CCAA for the mutual benefit of both organizations. We elected to pursue opportunities in the following areas:

- MWG and CCAA will share our upcoming meetings and events through our newsletters and websites. We have provided CCAA with our upcoming meeting detail and they have provided their next event which is a monthly “Maker Mixer” gathering of interested “maker” craftspeople to meet for drinks, refreshments and sharing ideas in a casual setting. Their next “Maker Mixer” will be Saturday May 20 at 7:00 PM at Mutual Adoration, 14500 Kercheval Ave., Detroit, MI 48215. Mutual Adoration is a woodworking studio that utilizes reclaimed wood to build furniture, picture frames and houseware. Interested MWG members are invited to attend.

- CCAA has a need for teachers who would conduct skill building classes for CCAA members. Teachers are financially compensated for their teaching by receiving 50% of the student’s class fees. CCAA receives the other 50% for providing class materials and a training/teaching facility (currently the “Pony Ride” business incubator). Classes can be 1 day workshops, weekend intensive classes or 6 week evening weekday classes (same day each week for about 3 hours each evening).

If you would like to teach a class, contact Keegan Sullivan of CCAA at info@ccaadetroit.org stating your interest and he will provide a teaching proposal form to input more information about the class you would like to conduct and the number of students you could accommodate.

- CCAA periodically conducts exhibitions often in conjunction with other sponsors. MWG members will be advised of appropriate opportunities to participate in these events. This is an opportunity for MWG members to meet more craftspeople with an interest in woodworking and to participate in teaching and in other CCAA events.

THE WANT ADS

Guild member Dan O’Brien has many woodworking power tools for sale. Prices are negotiable. Call him at: 248+335-2703.
For membership information contact Bill Gayde at: williamgayde@comcast.net.

For name tags, sign up with Ed Stuckey at a regular meeting.
The Picture Gallery

Pete Goddard getting a well deserved thank you gift from the Guild

An appreciative audience at the April meeting