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**August 6 General Meeting Tugaloo Pavilion Set up at 4:00 Tool Swap starts at 4:30**  
**August 24 Business Meeting Little Italy 8:15 AM All Members welcome**

**Business Meeting Highlights:** (all members welcome)

- Richard Ganch presented status of the Madisonville Boys and Girls club Aug 10 fundraiser.
- Mike Lynch has volunteered to man the New Villagers table for the remainder of the year.
- Audio / Visual: Ron Cirincione volunteered to study a solution to the microphone issues..
- Service Projects: Our Place Phase II cabinet build & Toqua sports bar cabinet underway.
- Steve Bolton sending a questionnaire to gauge members' interests for next year.
- Membership: Currently there are 291 members
- Treasurer: The current balance is \$21331
- Website: Bruce Barbre updating the Resource Book & requested a study of improvements.
- Wood Operations: The next wood cutting is scheduled for Tuesday July 30.
- Upcoming Programs:
  - September – Shop Tours
  - October – Able Trade presentation with a possible shop tour of their facility
  - November – Dick Hoffmann with give a presentation on making faux burls
  - December TFT meeting will be held again at the Community church
- Picnic: Vince Evans reported that he met with Chris at Toqua and finalized menu and date (September 18th). Dick Hoffmann made a motion that attendees pay a \$10 nonrefundable registration fee. It was seconded by many and passed.
- Woodworking 101: 18 people have signed up to participate. Some sessions have already finished while others are in various stages of completion.

# August 6 Meeting

## Tool Swap - Tugaloo Pavilion

Overall, the event is an opportunity to talk with each other about our craft while getting our shops into shape. So, start inventorying your shops for what you do and don't need and get ready to make deals.

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### Show and Tell:

All show and tell participants are entered into a raffle using the randomizer for a first board pick at a sale within a year.

**Club hats:** Now available to purchase for \$15. Since we won't have a membership meeting at the Yacht Club for two months, you can arrange to get your hat by calling Barry Brandt at 865-657-3128 or [barrybrandt3@hotmail.com](mailto:barrybrandt3@hotmail.com).

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### Volunteers needed

**Shop Tours:** Rather than having our September 3, 2024 meeting in the Yacht Club, we will be conducting shop tours of some of our members. We need 3 volunteers to display their shop. If you are willing to let members tour your shop, I would appreciate replies by August 8th. Thx, Dennis Smith 865-803-9235 ([carvinwood@gmail.com](mailto:carvinwood@gmail.com)).

### Wood Cutting:

Volunteers will be given (1) chit per shift worked. 2 chits are required to get priority purchasing of a board. The sequence of purchasing boards is as follows: After the first show and tell pick: Round One: chits select first, then everyone else will select. Round Two: all will select according to number.

Requests for Additional help - **Contact Bob Brown [xxpat@charter.net](mailto:xxpat@charter.net)**

### Historic TVWC documents/items volunteer request

The club is revising the role and activities of the club historian, and is looking for volunteers to assist in converting archived print materials to digital media. If you have access to a scanner and are available to help us digitize our historical records,

**Contact Ben La Pointe, [benclapointe@gmail.com](mailto:benclapointe@gmail.com)**

### Meeting Programs:

Requests for future program ideas - *Neil Wilson*

At every meeting we try and have a guest speaker, or member participation event. If anyone has a program idea, or wants to provide a certain woodworking experience you have, **Contact Neil Wilson [crawil@charter.net](mailto:crawil@charter.net)**

### Meeting Programs:

Ned Miller is requesting a backup for him, especially someone who has contacts in the community. **Contact Ned Miller [tenned@gmail.com](mailto:tenned@gmail.com)**

# Christmas in July

If you are able or interested in hosting a team to produce toys or items for the Fantasy of Trees in November please respond with your contact information and I will get in touch with you. Or if you are new and interested in learning how to make some of these cherished toys please let me know and we will find a place for you to participate.

Bill Gulasey T4T's Coordinator wgulasey@gmail.com

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## July 2 Meeting ~ Projects with Grandchildren

### Ned Miller (presented by Dennis Smith)

Ned made these stars with his grandchildren. They are made as 5 separate parts from 2x4's and then screwed together. Templates for this project were provided at the meeting.



### Dennis Smith

Dennis saw this easy to make game on Pinterest. There are 6 disks on each side and a notch for a rubber band. Each player tries to shoot the disks through the hole as fast as they can. The one who shoots all of their disks in the other side first wins.



### Lloyd Donnelly

"I made this for my granddaughter and gave it to her for her 13th birthday." The desk has pull out work surfaces on both sides and 12 secret compartments! The inlay was laser engraved by Pepper Authement and is a copy of a picture that his granddaughter drew of herself when she was very young. The desk took about 4 years to complete.



This jewelry box is made of curly maple and sapele.





# Chuck Turner

“These rocking horses were my first project!”  
They were made from plywood laminated together. I have 2 grandsons born 1 month apart, so whatever I make for one, I have to make for the other.



This is a puzzle roadster made up of 11 pieces. Each piece is made from a different species of wood.



This was one of Chuck's favorites. He had never done any lathe work before and this was his first and only lathe project.



Chuck made 2 of these (1 cherry, 1 walnut) for his 2 granddaughters first christmas.



Chuck made this out of Walnut for his 11 year old grandson



Chuck's grandson asked him to make an airplane to use when playing with toy soldiers. Once Chuck showed it to him, his grandson asked him to make another piece for his playmate, so Chuck and his grandson worked on this tank together.



“This rocking horse is kind of special to me and my kids. I've made 5 of them and give them to them on their first Christmas.”





# Ken Harvey

Presented a nice video of some of his projects. It can be found at link below.

Video Name on YouTube: Woodworker Projects made for Grandchildren

<https://youtu.be/Csm0EqQDoG4>

Some pictures from the video



# Bob Brown

Bob "put this rocking horse together" based on a pattern that he had seen used for T4T's years earlier.



Bob's 14 year old grandson came over and didn't know if he really wanted to turn. Bob took him downstairs and he turned his first bowl. The next day, Bob asked if he wanted to go tubing and he said "No, let's go back and turn". He turned another bowl and a pen for his girlfriend.





# Glenn Nief

**Family Projects** With my Nieces, my Father, my 3 Daughters, and my Wife. Made for daughters, nieces, sisters grandchildren, and cousins.

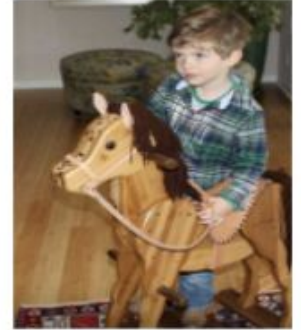
1980 Shop Drawer Storage bins With my 5 & 10 year old Nieces



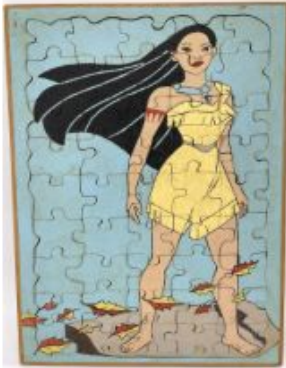
1995 A rocking horse my 3 year old Daughter helped sand



2017 Bamboo Horse & Saddle  
One daughter made the Saddle  
One daughter delivered to cousin in Texas and assembled rockers.



1996 My Father painted For my Daughter's 4th birthday



2000 Puzzle Woodburned 6 year old daughters drawings of her favorite animals



2000 Puzzle Woodburned by 8 year old Daughter



Daughters Painting T-VOL Puzzle pieces for cousin



2001 ABC Blocks and boxes for TFT's Help painting from daughters





# Glenn Nief

## 2003 Family Project for Cousins Puzzle Box



Christmas Ornaments  
Hand made by  
daughters



Christmas  
Ornaments  
Family trees with  
help from family



2016 Puzzle Box  
for my niece with  
my daughters help



2007~2008 Tool boxes for T4T's & Church Missions



Checker piece pouch by  
daughter  
Crafted using Black  
Walnuts harvested from  
our trees.



Doll Houses for  
TFTs  
Dog House and  
Bird house made  
by daughter



# Monroe area Boys and girls club Ocoee region

We discussed at Tuesday's meeting, the growing relationship between the Woodworkers Club and the Monroe County Boys and Girls Club. This is an amazing organization, focused on the development of underprivileged youth in the Monroe County area. Their dream is to insure that every child who walks through their doors becomes a caring, productive and responsible individual. A great amount of info can be found on their website <https://bgcocoe.org/> To that end, we hope to help them in a number of ways that match up well to our capabilities.

The first challenge for any non profit is money. They are holding their major fundraiser on August 10 at the Anderson Ridge Event Center in Sweetwater. Information can be found on their website. They are asking the Woodworkers Club for donated items that can be included in their auction. If you have something that you feel is suitable for an auction, please call me at 219 688 2588 and I will pick it up and insure it is in the auction. Additionally, they are having a raffle for a new Ford Bronco, selling 100.00 raffle tickets. Tickets can be purchased online. If you choose to attend the auction,(hope to see you there), possibly bid on some items, or pursue that Ford Bronco, all that information can be found on their website. <https://bgcocoe.org/>

I'm excited for the Woodworkers Club to be assisting the Monroe County Boys and Girls Club and hope you will join me in supporting this event, as well as future projects we will be initiating. Today's youth is our future and we have an opportunity to make a difference!

Richard Ganch

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call or text me at 219 688 2588 or email Rich0153@comcast.net. Thank you..





Bob  
Brown



Our club has made and donated more beads of courage boxes than anyone else in East Tennessee. We've donated well over 300, more than all of the others combined. You can see some of these on this link to our club Website.



### [Beads of Courage | Tellico Village Woodworker's Club](#)



Bob has these beads for anybody that wants to make bowls or boxes.

These kids receive many different beads for all of the treatments they get. Different colored beads represent challenges that children faced: Black beads are given for every poke. Yellow beads represent hospital stays. Act of Courage artist-made glass beads honor courage displayed during a milestone treatment. The Purple Heart bead is presented at the completion of treatment. As an example some of these kids have 10,000 beads.



### **Bowl/Box Size Interior Dimensions:**

Turned bowls 6" diameter (5" min.), 5" height (4" min.) Fatwork boxes: 4"x6"x4"

**Base and lids:** Not tip over easily. Lids easy to remove or lift.

**Design considerations:** Avoid excessively elaborate designs that may easily break or be damaged.

**Finishes:** Use a safe finishing process without toxic materials. Bowls that have not been properly sealed can harbor mold which is dangerous to our members with compromised immune systems. Do not use finishes like linseed oil or other finishes that take a long time to outgas. Refrain from painting the boxes. Instead, highlight the beauty of the wood with clear varnish, a stain, and/or burning. <https://beadsofcourage.org/bead-bowls/>

# Show and Tell - Bill Buelow

The **three jewelry boxes** are patterned after a beautiful box Dick Hoffman displayed many years ago. I made one for my daughter and decided to make 3 more. I have no idea why nor what to do with them.

The **dining room tabletop** was a badly scratched and suffered major water damage. After several years of covering it with a tablecloth, I decided to refinish it. I began by looking at several videos regarding the finishing of mahogany. 1. Sanded back to bare wood (to 300 grit). 2. Applied Formby's grain filler. 3. Applied Restore it Mahogany stain that did not match the color of the chairs. 4. Applied a coat of Cabernet stain - a very dark stain. 5 Sanded away some of the Cabernet stain until a dark reddish color match was secured. 6. Applied 2 coats of varnish (cut 1/3 varnish, 2/3 paint thinner). 7. Applied 3 coats of varnish (cut 2/3 varnish 1/3 thinner). 8. Wet sanded to 3000 grit. 9. Last, the top was sanded with a block wrapped in a paper bag and paste waxed. For a first attempt, I'm happy with the results. A long, tedious and frightening project but I had little to lose. When I decided I couldn't make it look worse, I went to work.

The **sofa table** is Walnut, bordered in Cherry from a club wood sale. Held together by titebond II and dowels. It measure 48" X 31" X 12". I've received an order for another one -- from my daughter Lori.



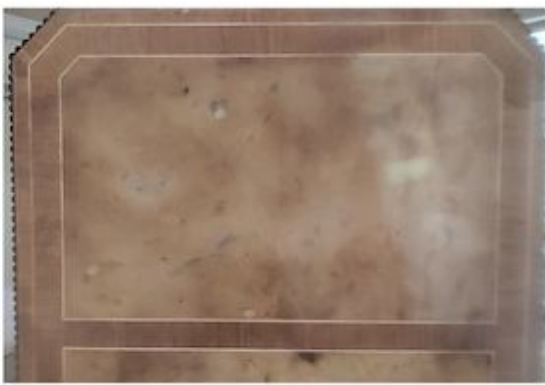


# Show and Tell - Dick Hoffmann

At the July meeting I brought a small jewelry box made with faux burl. This process is used quite often for restoration of car dashes and I need to restore a burl desktop where it had been deeply scratched and in sanding out the scratches, most of the burl was removed.

The process uses oil based stains and takes less than an hour to make a faux burl and can be done on paper, plywood or Masonite or any smooth surface. I will be demonstrating making a burl at one of our upcoming meetings.

Shown below are part of the sanded desktop and the restored top along with a section of faux burl.





# Walker Platform after Fall - Wally MacLeod

I made a cabinet/shelf/drawer for my wife to fill the microwave cubby in our kitchen. I was carrying it downstairs to my shop for one final tweak, when I lost my balance and tumbled down the stairs. The cabinet made is unscathed except for a small chip in one corner of the face plate. I wasn't so lucky. I came out with two broken eye sockets, a broken nose, a broken neck, six broken ribs, a brain bleed, a collapsed lung and a couple of other issues.

Scott Rotunda came over and built this really nice platform for me to safely get into and out of the house with my walker. Less than 24 hours after I first requested it. Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! This club is awesome!!!



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## Log Moving - July 20







## Dave Ritzenthaler

December 5, 1939 - July 5, 2024

On January 30, 1997 Dave allowed 8-10 of us to meet at his home to discuss the formation of our club. That was the first meeting of our Tellico Village woodworkers Club. Dave served our club as the first secretary.

Dave will be missed..

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, August 10th at 11 a.m. at the Community Church at Tellico Village.

Obituary information for David O. Ritzenthaler  
See <https://www.clickfuneralhome.com/obituaries/David-O-Ritzenthaler?obId=32246785>

### MEMBER PROFILE

by *Charlie Anderson*



A picture of total relaxation is what you now get from **Dave Ritzenthaler** but it has not always been that way for Dave.

Both Dave and wife Carol are natives of Wisconsin. They married in 1960 and Dave then attended the U. of Wisconsin Medical School. He interned in S. Dakota and served a year as Battalion Surgeon for the Marines in Vietnam. Returning home he began a general practice and he and Carol started to raise a family. His true medical interest was in ophthalmology and 5 years later was awarded a grant for an eye residency at Indiana Univ. Dave and Carol then settled in Indianapolis where he practiced as a retina specialist for the next 17 years. It was then that his years of devoted medical work was interrupted by severe coronary artery disease. Dave had undergone a five artery bypass at 39, again at 44 and balloon angioplasty at 45. It was suggested that stress was the culprit and he was strongly urged to retire from practice.

Seeking another outlet for his energy Dave located an old craftsman cabinetmaker who had learned his trade in Latvia. (continued)

Dave volunteered his time and labor in exchange for learning woodworking skills. Able to attend a few hours each day Dave was able to absorb the craftsman techniques and shortly purchased his first tool, a Shopsmith Mark 5, and started working in his own garage. His mentors cabinetry was custom face framed construction with double doweling of the joints. Dave tells me you learn to be patient and exact with this technique and spend a lot of time sanding. He remembers his masters criteria, "the final feel must be as smooth as a baby's butt".

Dave "retired" to Florida where he honed his cabinet making skills. The furniture in his home and the picture portfolio of his work express the talent he has acquired as a fine cabinetmaker. He has made many items for others and only has 2 rules, no time limit on when the project will be completed and if they don't like it he will find a place for it in his home. Unfortunately Carol has never ended up with any of these projects.

Daves health has been quite stable since starting on woodworking. "Breathing in sawdust must clear the arteries", he jokes "but I'm sure it's the relaxation, I go into my shop without a watch or any way to tell time and work until I'm tired. I don't remember having any angina while in the workshop" he says.

His list of projects for the Village is numerous, including:

Kitchen Cabinets for Womens Crisis Center, Tennis Court display cases, Bag racks for golf course, Signs for golf course gardens, Community Church altar furniture and much, much more.

Dave recently moved into his new home here in the Village and is now putting the finishing touches on his enlarged workshop.

By the way, Dave was one of the original founding fathers of our club. We certainly are grateful for all that Dave has contributed to our success as a club and wish him continued good health and personal contentment.