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JULY 2020 MEETING:

We are planning to have the July 14, 2020 meeting. The meeting will be at the 4H Fair Grounds Banquet Hall at 6:00 pm as normal. The business meeting will last about 30 minutes then we will have an open carving session. I will bring some of Steve Oliver's Flag pin blanks if anyone wants to try one. **Please, out of respect for you fellow carvers, plan to wear a face covering and social distance. Do not feel obligated to come if**

you are not comfortable with getting out yet and DO NOT ATTEND IF YOU ARE NOT FEELING WELL.

Please help set up the seminar area so that social distancing is possible. Thanks to Frank for stepping up to run last month's meeting and a huge thank you to Kathy for doing the mini seminar.

We can discuss the auction of Conrad Wetzel's carving supplies at this meeting but as of now we plan to postpone the auction until 2021, Steve and Palanita Eli have offered to store the items until such time as we can have the auction. This virus keeps gaining momentum instead of stabilizing like we hoped it would.

SHOW:

Please contact Jeff Hancock for any show updates.

2020 MEETING PROGRAMS:

Jeff Hancock, and Marvin Daniels, have committed to doing mini seminars at this year's remaining meetings. Scheduling for each will be updated in a future newsletter.

SEMINARS:

Marvin Daniels has offered to do a weekend seminar. The seminar would be your choice of one of his roughouts. Cost would be \$50.00 plus the cost of the roughout you choose. The date that



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seems to fit into everyone's calendar is August 29-30, 2020. Ken Alvey has offered his studio for this seminar. Thank you Ken. There is still room in the class if anyone else is interested in attending just let Jack Winkleman know.

ORNAMENTS:

Please continue to carve Christmas ornaments for the show as time and materials permit.

NAME TAGS:

The gauntlet has been thrown for this year's name tag carving competition. **We will select winners for the 2020 name tag carving competition at the August meeting.** You have plenty of time to work on your design, and to get the carving completed. Let the chips fly. More details can be found in the Feb. 2020 newsletter on line.

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS:

Strive to carve on something every day. I hope you will continue to support the Tri-State Woodcarvers Club as part of your personal woodcarving journey. As stated in the Club bylaws "The objective of this Club shall be to promote the art of woodcarving, and to provide activities for woodcarvers." I sincerely hope that we have and continue to strive to fulfill this objective.

Please continue to practice social distancing and stay safe through this health challenge we are currently experiencing.

Jack Winkleman

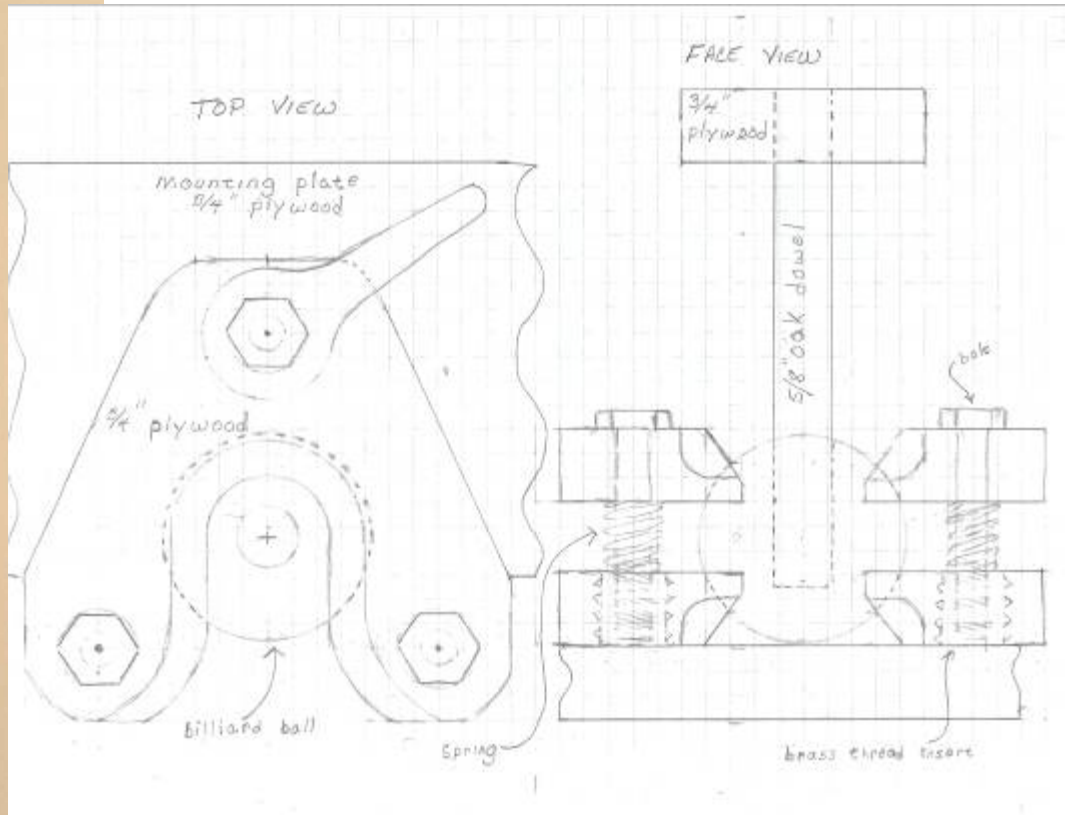
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SCRIBBLES:

Well, I continue to be restricted from being around dust and my vision has been a little iffy, but is getting better. At least those are my excuses for once again not having a carving for this section. That said I have been thinking about a design for a fixture to hold wood while you carve. There are several designs out there and one you can go to the hardware store and buy all you need to build. (Talk to Neil Ward for information on that one.)

The one I am thinking about is based on a

commercial rig you can buy (but what fun is that?), that is made of metal. I have not built my prototype yet so I cannot attest to its true functionality but, hey. It should be fun to build. It all starts with a billiard ball found at a flea market. Yea I originally purchased a set of billiard balls to carve like Nancy Tuttle. If you have not seen Nancy's carvings, Google her. It's worth the time. Anyhoo, I am yet to carve the first billiard ball so this project might just justify my purchase. In my mind anyway. Billiard balls of today are made of a hard plastic and can be ground or drilled. As long as you use a slow speed to keep your bit running cool. Otherwise it is a real bummer to dig the molten plastic off your bit. I am attaching two pictures to support this design. A picture of a billiard ball drilled for a 5/8 inch oak dowel to be inserted in the drilled hole. The other is my design sketch at ~50% scale. Enjoy!



THINGS TO DO:

If you have a carving related web page, you tube channel or book etc. that you like, please email me and I will share it here for the club to enjoy. I am about at the end of my bag of ideas. Until next time stay safe and keep carving.

Jack Winkleman