

# Newsletter

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## MEETING NOTICE

**DATE: SATURDAY JANUARY 9, 2016**

**TIME: 10:00AM**

The meeting will start at 10:00AM and the **doors will open at 9:30 AM**

**NOTE: All members and guests must have a signed liability waiver on file to enter the building.** (Waivers will be available at the meeting if you have not already completed a waiver)

**Location:** The shop of Bill James (James Wood Works) & Craig Marcus (Marcus Studio)  
(The shop is at 6545 Hamilton Ave., please see the website for detailed directions.)

## JANUARY MEETING: MAKING A BAMBOO FLY ROD

Today many fly fishing enthusiasts use bamboo rods, but they're not the fishing pole we used as kids made from a bamboo cane pulled out of the trash. These fly rods are fabricated from six 60 degree segments split from a bamboo cane and glued together to form a highly flexible and strong rod. A typical bamboo rod will taper from 1/2 inch at the butt end to a 1/16 inch at the tip and is made up of six pieces over the entire length of eight feet.

Tim Zietak, a part time professional rod builder living here in Pittsburgh, will discuss and demonstrate the special techniques, glues, clamping methods and show the tools involved in this unique and precision craft. – Ken Bayer

## MEETING REPORT: ADHESIVES

Bob Behnke from Franklin Industries taught us more than we ever knew we needed to know about wood movement, adhesives, and how to attach materials together.

Bob offered to send any club member a free sample of the adhesives demonstrated at the meeting. Information to request your sample will be available at the January meeting.



Adhesives demonstrated included a new fast drying adhesive suitable for use on end grain

(photos courtesy Calvin Wilson)

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- February 13, 2016:** To Be Announced – Bill James
- March 12, 2016:** Carving – Bill Doughty
- April 9, 2016:** Shop layout and math – Regis Will
- May 14, 2016:** 30 minute presentations from each Splinter Group

## NAME BADGES

Anybody that is in the need of a name badge, please contact Ed Kardell at [ekardell2@gmail.com](mailto:ekardell2@gmail.com) or leave a message 724-832-2265.

## NEWSLETTER CONTENT

The publication deadline for the next newsletter is **January 30, 2016**. Submissions received after this date may be published in the newsletter for the following month if requested.

The content of this newsletter is written by club members just like you. If you have an interesting story, tip, plan, or idea, please contribute it to the newsletter. We particularly need shorter articles that would be a paragraph or two. **PLEASE let us know if you see a news article or otherwise have news about club members or woodworking activity in the area.** Newsletter contributions and information about news and events may be emailed to [wpwweditor@yahoo.com](mailto:wpwweditor@yahoo.com). Contributions can be submitted as either a word document or as a text file with no returns between lines in a paragraph.

## SPLINTER GROUPS

Our club currently has three active splinter groups, small groups that meet between club meetings.

**North Hills Splinter Group:** Ralph Sprang [wpwweditor@yahoo.com](mailto:wpwweditor@yahoo.com) fourth Saturday of the month

**East End Splinter Group:** Alex Botkin [alexbotkin@hotmail.com](mailto:alexbotkin@hotmail.com) Every other Wednesday.

**The Murrysville splinter group (also known as The Westmoreland Chippers):** Eric Stacey [ejstacey@aol.com](mailto:ejstacey@aol.com) 10:00 AM Fridays.

## WPW PRIVACY STATEMENT

WPW Privacy Statement: Since the WPW now uses email as the primary means of communicating with our members, we want to make our members aware of our privacy policy. Quite simply, we will not rent, sell, give, or otherwise disseminate our members' contact information without consent of the member to anyone, for any reason, period. Occasionally, we receive information via email from other organizations that may be of interest to our members (special events, activities, etc.), but the event will occur before our next newsletter will be published. On these rare occasions we may forward such emails to you, but they will always come from the WPW email address (i.e., your email information will not be given to the other organization). If you have any concerns regarding this policy, please express them to Bill James.

## MEMBER CLASSIFIED ADS: ADVERTISING POLICY

Club members may submit one quarter page or less non-commercial advertisement per month for publication in the newsletter on a space-available basis, subject to the discretion of the board and editor. Advertisements are accepted only as a Word document emailed to [wpwweditor@yahoo.com](mailto:wpwweditor@yahoo.com). The Word document can contain up to 200 characters, should be minimally formatted (no boxes, borders, special characters, etc.) and must be received by the submission deadline. Photos may be inserted into the document, but will be resized to fit the newsletter format. The advertisement must include contact information and asking price and be complete and ready to cut and paste into the newsletter.

Commercial advertisements for products and services of interest to our members may be accepted at the discretion of the board of directors, at rates determined on a case-by-case basis.

## CLUB MEMBER ADVERTISEMENTS

## COMMERCIAL ADVERTISEMENTS

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**Machinery Repair and Service** Dean Ridgeway, through his company Ridgeway's Machine Maintenance and Sharpening, offers machinery repair and service. Dean teaches in Westmoreland Co., lives in Butler County, and is willing to travel to work on your machinery. Please contact Dean at (724) 816-6683 or [deanwridgeway@gmail.com](mailto:deanwridgeway@gmail.com) for more information.