



<p><b>Gene Munsell can weld band saw blades</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>A SAFETY NOTE</b></p> <p>For all hands on meetings and classes you will need to bring your own safety glasses and ear plugs.</p>	<p><b>Eastern Michigan Woodworkers Newsletter</b> is published once a month by Eastern Michigan Woodworkers, located in Genesee County Michigan.</p> <p>We meet the second Tuesday of the month in the Buffy building of the Kearsley School District.</p>																						
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>EMW LIBRARY</b></p> <p>Remember that the EMW Library has many books, plans, magazines, and VHS tapes. Check with Larry Keeman before you spend your hard earned money</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NELSON'S WOOD PRODUCTS</b> 4375 W. OREGON ROAD LAPEER, MICHIGAN 48446 (810) 664-6091</p> <p>Will give EMW members a 10% discount. Just show your EMW membership card</p>																						
<p><b>Graphics Galore</b> (the hat and t-shirt guy) is located at Genesee MI. If you are interested in getting a hat or t-shirt, you can stop by and pick the style of hat and shirt. They have the EMW logo on file.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>E &amp; L Hardwoods</b> 5365 Gary Rd. Chesaning, MI 48616. <b>For directions call 989-845-2457.</b></p> <p>Will give EMW members a 10% discount. Just show your EMW membership card.</p>																						
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DEMOTT TOOL AND SAW SHARPENING AND REPAIR</b></p> <p>Eric Johnson is the owner and operator of located at 1919 N Lapeer Rd., Lapeer 48446. Phone 810.667.2005. (Located, in the back, of Lapeer Awning and Window.</p>																							

**SketchUp:** There are two versions of sketchUp. The one woodworkers are using is the free version. Google Sketchup is free. If you are a builder, design houses, or an architect, there is SketchUp Pro for \$495.00. If you are not one of those people, then you have no reason to use pro. Fine Woodworking, Popular Woodworking, Shop Notes, Woodsmith and many more are starting to have a library of sketchUP images.

I'm trying to get a demo set up for one of our meetings.

# Cross-country tandem bicyclists stop in Midland

By Cindy Crain Newman for the Daily News

Full Article @ [http://www.ourmidland.com/accent/article\\_f1cc75dc-c7b2-58ec-ad1a-190f6cdd714e.html](http://www.ourmidland.com/accent/article_f1cc75dc-c7b2-58ec-ad1a-190f6cdd714e.html)

Scott and Karla Fitzwater bike the final few miles of the day through Midland. The couple had biked more than 3,000 miles by the time they hit Michigan, and they had another 1,300 miles to go on their way to Bar Harbor, Maine. They celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on the trip.

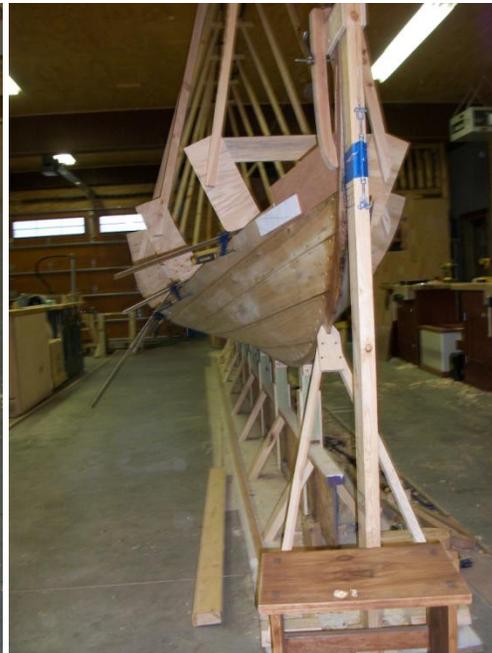
Midland is also where they reconnected with good friends and fellow adventurers Dan Bare Jr. and wife Shyla Bare. A native of Michigan, Dan Jr. is Debra (Bare) Cochran's brother, and he was in Midland in August due to the death of their mother.



The Bares are a fascinating travel story themselves, as they have traversed the globe three times, lived in Thailand for a year, and continue to seek out adventures. [www.eskobare.com](http://www.eskobare.com) The two couples have met up with each other on trips in Thailand, Indonesia, Mexico, Oregon, and now Michigan. They connected on Mackinac Island when the Fitzwaters arrived there, and the Bares rented a tandem so all four could cycle the perimeter. Since the Fitzwaters had been coming across the U.P. and couldn't ride across the Mackinac Bridge, they ferried from St. Ignace to Mackinac Island and then onward to Mackinac City. The Bares also camped with and cooked for the Fitzwaters at Interlochen State Park and enjoyed wine tasting in Old Mission Peninsula in Traverse City.

**Follow the Fitzwaters' blog at [www.nomadsintandem.net](http://www.nomadsintandem.net)**

----- These are the 2 pictures that wouldn't fit last issue from Great Lakes Boat Building School -----



# Christmas Toy Made by EMW



# Assessment

By Augie

Toy making is done; you have given the things to the people who wanted you to make them something for Christmas from your workshop. You have recovered from New Year's celebrations and now you can set back relax and plan for 2013. The world did not end on December 21<sup>st</sup> so it is time to do some **assessment**. This is a good time to think about the shop since you should not be rushed to be getting things done, after all, the toys for 2013 aren't due until December and that is a good 12 months away.

Hold it, hold it, **assess** what did you do last year? Did you start the toy making in November last year? I am sure you were not alone. That still does not make it a good thing. Now may be a good time to look back and **assess** how the last year went and how you may want to make some changes. Here are a few ideas that may help to make this year go a little better. I will not call them New Year's resolutions because 99.9% are never kept.

First make a list of what you may want to change. **Assess** how the toy project went and think of ways you can change a procedure to make them better or the making of them more efficient. You may want to ask another woodworker how they would do a particular procedure. Maybe you would like to make a new item. If this is the case start early because if you are anything like me it will not go like the wood shows on the tube.

**Assess** how the tools performed and what maintenance may be needed. Can you do the

maintenance yourself, will you need help, or will it have to be sent out to be repaired. **Assess** whether it is worth to repair or better to replace. Maybe you would like to buy a new tool. Start shopping now. When you get a new tool become familiar with it before you need to use it for making a project. Ask another wood worker how they may do a particular task. I had a visitor in my shop recently whom I was helping. This person has made many things and I was very impressed when I looked through their portfolio. During the process of helping them as they were watching me do a task they surprisingly said "I never thought of doing that that way". So it goes to show that one can always learn new things.

**Assess** how you may want to change the shop to make a nicer place in which to work. Develop a time line and a critical path so when you start in the shop for the New Year all will go smoothly and safely. Usually accidents in a shop are no accident. I certainly do not want you to have to **assess** why an accident happened in your shop.

As you work in your shop **assess** of what is happening around you and how things are going. Think of ways to do it better. When you are in your shop it is not just a matter of cutting, gluing, nailing, sanding, and finishing etc.

Last write it down and then you can **assess** through the year how it is going.

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>INSTRUCTOR</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Taper Jig Class	Jim Carsten	810. 232.4685	After first of the year	
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Shaving Horse	D Bare, J Carsten	810.240-4192	April	
Taper Spline Box With Lid	Ken Herriman	810. 686-6613	After first of the year	
Stained Glass	Arnold Wagner	810.659-5402	January	
Portugese Style Table	Arnold Wagner	810.659-5402	Sat, after new years	
Scrollsaw Class	John Schwab	810. 820-7184	February	
Folding Step Stool	Gene Munsell, A Wagner	810. 686-2182		
Spoke Shave	Gene Munsell	810. 686-2182	Early Spring	
Cutting Board Class	Gene, Ken, Arnold	810. 686-2182	Early Spring	
Step Stool With Pull Out Step	Arnold, Ross, Larry	810.569-0474	after new year	

All of the Christmas Toys will be posted on web site.

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