

EASTERN MICHIGAN WOODWORKERS

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The March 12th meeting will be held at the Buffy Elementary beginning at 7:00PM. 4235 Crosby Road • Flint, MI 48506 If you arrive late and the doors are locked, walk around to the Gym in the back and knock on the doors, if they are not open.

Directions: Buffy Elementary School is located off Genesee Road between Richfield and Carpenter roads. Turn west off of Genesee on Crosby Road. Buffy Elementary is on the north side of the road.

This meeting March 12: How to make and accurately use a Band saw re-sawing fence.

Upcoming meetings

April: Hands-on making a long push block for your Jointer
May: To be determined
June: Annual Picnic the first Saturday in June.

Dues: If you have not paid your dues, please do so right away.

Please pay at the meeting or mail to Dennis to keep your name on the membership list.

MAIL TO: **Dennis Ackerman, 4470 Branch Rd., Flint, MI 48506**

Email Address?: If you have a new email address, or now can switch, from the mailed newsletter, to the email version, of the newsletter, to save the club money. Please email it to **dcbare@comcast.net**

Sunshine Gal: Barb Lussier (810) 736-8705, is our Sunshine Gal. She will send get well cards and/or flowers for EMW.

Classes: We have many classes, but we plan to have all of them finished before summer. What do you want for classes next year? We will be taking ideas and making sign-up sheets.

St Jude Children's Hospital: I will be contacting St Judes Children's Hospital before our meeting to see how we can best help them. I'll report at the meeting. Following is a few facts about the hospital:

- St. Jude Children's Research Hospital opened on February 4, 1962 and was founded by the late entertainer Danny Thomas. Its mission is to find cures for children with cancer and other catastrophic diseases through research and treatment.
- St. Jude has treated children from all 50 states and from around the world.
- St. Jude is the first and only pediatric cancer center to be designated as a Comprehensive Cancer Center by the National Cancer Institute.
- St. Jude is the first institution established for the sole purpose of conducting basic and clinical research and treatment into catastrophic childhood diseases, mainly cancer.
- **No family ever pays St. Jude for anything.**

Trying to get ahead: My Grandson with wife and two young daughters has worked for a man for about a year, putting down, all types of flooring, for one of the big box stores, here in Flint. He would like to start working on his own, to learn more than minimum wage. He is looking for a used **chop saw, portable table saw, jig saw, and a saws-all** at a good price. Jonathon Foster can be contacted at (810) 391-3415 or jonfoster89@icloud.com

Our Library is moving to Buffy and we need a new librarian. Apply at the meeting

<p>Gene Munsell can weld band saw blades</p>	<p>Eastern Michigan Woodworkers Newsletter</p>		
<p>A SAFETY NOTE For all hands on meetings and classes you will need to bring your own safety glasses and ear plugs.</p>	<p>Is published once a month by Eastern Michigan Woodworkers, located in Genesee County Michigan. We meet the second Tuesday of the month in the Buffy building of the Kearsley School District. You may contact us at: EMW 6295 Flushing Rd Flint MI 48433-2546 dcbare@comcast.net</p>		
<p>Buy or Sell Remember if you are looking for something to buy or sell or have some info for the newsletter, contact Dan Bare dcbare@comcast.net or 6295 Flushing Rd., Flushing, MI 48433</p>	<p>EMW LIBRARY 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> ROCKLER® WOODWORKING AND HARDWARE Create with Confidence™</p> <p>Will give EMW members a 10% discount. Just show your EMW membership card Make sure they record your purchase in their binder for us.</p>	<p>President</p>	<p>Gene Munsell</p>	<p>810.686.2182</p>
<p>Make someone else very happy! Don't you have something to give away or sell?.</p>	<p>V-President</p>	<p>Arnold Wagner</p>	<p>810.659-5402</p>
<p>Graphics Galore (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>Treasurer</p>	<p>Dennis Ackerman</p>	<p>810.736.4726</p>
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What I Had To Do To Spend One Afternoon With Gene Munsell

A while back in time I loaded up some very rough slabs of black walnut, that I and a friend cut up at Lake Ann, which is about 14 miles west south west of Traverse City. I had arranged with Gene Munsell to cut some of our rough slabs into usable wood.

First I want to tell you where the wood came from. Three or four years before my trip to Gene's, a friend from Lake Ann called and told me where there was a good size black walnut

tree that I could have and they would burn the rest for firewood.

Not really knowing what I was getting into, I bought a chainsaw attachment from Harbor Freight for about \$30. The box said that said you could cut your own lumber from logs. All you had to do was attach the unit to the blade of your chainsaw and set it on a guide and cut all the lumber you wanted. All you had to do was keep the chainsaw at the same angle. It looked simple enough. The picture in the instruction showed lumber that had to have been cut at a sawmill.

I replace the 16 inch bar on my 1976 Stihl Farm Boss with a 24 inch bar and purchased several chains for it.

We were excited! We drove 3 hrs to Lake Ann to the farm house and found out that the downed tree was about 4 ft. thick at the base. We attached a straight 2 by 6 onto the top of the log as the straight edge. We had to stand on the log and cut straight down. Then we had to setup for a second cut, from the side, straight into the log to free our slab. We could cut slabs, but it was impossible for us to hold the saw at the same angle for 7 or 8 feet. All of our slabs resembled trapezoids. If you ever get the urge to climb onto a tree trunk and rip it, in 8 ft sections, with a 24 inch chain saw, (FORGET IT). I don't care how sharp your chain is, or how aggressive your chain is, it is still tough work.

We found that a slab about 6"x20"x7' was hard to be handled by us, let alone put is on my old snowmobile trailer. Our friends 6th grade son went to the barn and came back with a tractor with a fork lift on the front. We had to guess at the weight of the slabs, as the trailer had a 2,000 weight limit.

At the completion of the third 150 mile trip, we backed into my drive way, and as we unhooked the trailer, there was a loud bang; the trailer axle broke into two parts.

A couple of days later we went to Harbor Freight again and got one of their deluxe trailers. Did you know that their trailers come in several boxes, plus the wheels and several thousand nuts and bolts?

We assembled the trailer, but only made about 6 or 7 more commutes, to Lake Ann, because my friend refused to go with me. I don't know why he refused to go.

I don't know what ever happened to the tree. I hope some woodworker came along and took it. I hope they did not use it for firewood.

Now here are some pictures of Gene and his sawmill in action. (Online pictures are in Color.)

Here is Gene.





TAPER SIDE SPLINE BOX CLASS



SCROLL SAW CLASS

“Stand Back”

By Augie

I'm sure you have heard that at some time in your life. You may have said it yourself like on the Fourth of July or when you were working on something that there may have been an element of danger.

There are times when you should tell yourself to, stand back, slow down, take a break. I was working on a Christmas project (one of the toys) and as usual I was trying to do too much in the allotted time. In the process I messed up and had to make a correction, just one little cut and it would solve my problem. Without stopping to think I pushed it through the saw, **BAM**. First I checked to make sure I had all my flangees and I did not see any blood. Next I looked at the project which was near completion and was so upset that I was ready to throw it across the shop. I did not have time to make another one and it looked like this one was destroyed. From past experience I have learned that if you don't stop and think it usually makes the situation worse. At this point it looked like there was not going to be a contribution from me for the toy project that year. That night while lying in bed thinking about the stupid thing I had done I thought of a way I could possibly fix the situation. The next morning with a clear head I went to the shop, evaluated the problem and determined that it could be fixed. It would take some extra work but it was doable. What I ended up with is one of my better looking Aztec drums.

The lesson is, don't put yourself in a situation where you are rushed. Be able to take a break and relax and evaluate your progress. In the past if I had some special project I would go to the shop with the idea I am not coming out until my idea was reality. One time when I was still in HS I had this idea and had been thinking about, had collected parts and thinking how I was going to do my project. The time came when it was time to see this idea to reality. So that weekend I started working on my idea, had the radio on and time was of no concern, this was either going to work or it was on to the next project. I really can't remember when I never had a to-do list. Anyway I'm working away and I hear a noise which there should not be anybody or anything around at that time. I look up and it's my dad and he doesn't look very happy. He must have checked my bed and with me not there he had all kinds of things going through his head. "What are you doing out here", he asks. "I'm just working on my idea" I say. He says "I think it's time to come in and go to bed, it's starting to get light out". I really didn't want to stop, I was on a roll and being young, time didn't mean much. Even after I married I would tell my wife not to bother me because today I am not going to stop until I have this completed. She would come out to the shop and ask "Do you know what time it is"? "Not really" I answer. "It's 2:00" she told me, and that was not in the afternoon.

Unfortunately it is more difficult for me to do that at my age now. I usually get to tired and have to come in. I did have a comfortable chair out there for awhile and my wife would come out and find me sleeping.

So until the next time I get an idea I would like to tell you. Take time to, stand back, slow down, take a break. It may be the best thing you ever do.

Woodmizer LT-15 Saw Mill For Sale: 16' bed, ½ Box of Blades. Contact Karl Titsworth (989) 871-4196 or his brother Mike who is a new EMW member this year.

This saw was formerly owned by Gene Munsell who knows quite abit about it.

Welcome: new member John Hull

CLASS	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE	DATE	TIME
Taper Jig Class	Jim Carsten	810. 232.4685	After first of the year	
Taper Jig Class	Jim Carsten	810. 232.4685	March	
Shaving Horse	D Bare, J Carsten	810.240-4192	Date will be set at this meeting	
Taper Spine Box With Lid	Ken Herriman	810. 686-6613	Finished	
Stained Glass	Arnold Wagner	810.659-5402	Finished	
Portuguese Style Table	Arnold Wagner	810.659-5402	Almost Finished	
Scrollsaw Class	John Schwab	810. 820-7184	Finished	
Folding Step Stool	Gene Munsell,	810. 686-2182		
Spoke Shave	Gene Munsell	810. 686-2182	Finished	
Cutting Board Class	Gene, Ken, Arnold	810. 686-2182	Finished	
Step Stool With Pull Out Step	Arnold, Ross, Larry	810.569-0474	April	

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