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Newsletter of the St Tammany Woodworkers Guild

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Jim Suarez svpanoya@gmail.com his has been a rough spring for many of our woodworkers and friends.
Tornado warnings caused our February meeting to be canceled. Record rainfall and river risings in March have flooded the St. Joseph Abbey Woodshop and Clark Gristina's home.

The March meeting was held at Brian Harrell's shop. Brian gave a demonstration on setting up and aligning a radial arm saw. We will be printing an additional bit of instruction that he forgot to mention at the meeting.

Also in March, woodworkers got together at Carroll Miller's place to cut boat parts for the Madisonville Boat Festival. I wasn't able to make it, but the



We are getting ready to set sail - or is it hammer, saw, and glue? Photos from 2015.

pictures show a fun and productive day.

Jim Suarez is maintaining our lending library and will bring books and DVDs to a meeting upon your email request. Please note that his email address was incorrect in the February newsletter. It should be svpanoya@gmail.com.

Our April meeting will be on the fourth Tuesday, Apr. 26, at 7:00 pm at Carroll Miller's shop. The demonstration will be a video on table saw set-up from the Woodworker's Guild of America.

-Pat





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Cutting Boat Parts

Our woodworkers had a busy day cutting hull blanks for the Madisonville Boat Festival.

Present were Brian Harrell, Dale Mahnke, Tom Gustafson, Michael Wicks, Carroll Miller, Jack Terry, Bob Busfield, Wayne Thompson, Ed Beshoner, Joe Perret, and Gerald Gibson.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday April 26, 2016 7:00 PM Video demonstration: Table saw set-up

Carroll Miller's Workshop 74436 River Rd Covington, LA 70435

Directions from Covington: Take US-190 W for 7.6 mi. Continue onto LA-25 north for 1.9 mi.

Turn right onto River Rd for 2.0 mi, traveling past the entrance to St. Joseph Abbey.

Turn left onto Carroll's property.







MISSION

The Guild is an organization founded in 1991 by local woodworkers for the purpose of education and inspiration in the art of woodcraft. The Guild is open to anyone who has an interest in woodworking at any skill level. Most members live in St. Tammany Parish but some come from Washinton Parish and Orleans Parish. Meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM except July when there is no meeting and November and December when the meetings are on the third Tuesday.

No matter what your level of experience is in the field of woodworking or where your interests lie, e.g., woodturning, flatwork, or carving, the Guild is there for your enjoyment and fellowship. Regardless of how many tools you own, whether you have a shop or not, come and see what the Guild is all about.





MARCH MEETING

Brain Harrell gave a workshop on setting up and aligning a radial arm saw.

EDITOR'S PICK

If you need a saw blade or a planer blade sharpened, drop it off at Southern Carlson, 455 Asbury Dr. Mandeville. This is northeast of the intersection of US-190 and LA-22. A man from Lacomb travels a circuit including Mandeville, Hammond, New Orleans, and Slidell every Thursday, picking up new work and returning sharpened items to Southern Carlson. This business has previously been known as Lemoine's, Southern Saw, and Southern Fastening Systems. Southern Carlson's business hours are 7-5 M-F. A sample price is \$10 for a 24 tpi saw blade.

How about a quirky read that includes woodworking, WWI era history, and a mystery? I am talking about Roy Underhill's novel, "Calvin Cobb: Radio Woodworker," Lost Art Press LLC, 2014, \$29.00.





Hi Guys and Gals,

I left one item out of the radial arm saw alignment demo.

Once you have squared the blade to the fence (framing square against fence and up diagonally against the blade - using the yoke nuts to adjust this alignment) you need to square the travel of the blade square to the fence.

- 1. Use a framing square against the fence and laid on top of the table.
- 2. Run the blade out to it's full travel with one tooth touching the framing square for the full travel.
- 3. If the blade does not contact the framing square for the full travel, there are set screws at the rear of the arm.
- 4. Loosen the set screws and tap the arm in the correct direction, recheck for contact for the full travel.
- 5. Tighten set screws
- 6. Recheck your other blade alignments sometimes you have to tweek each a little to get everything square.

Sorry I left this important item out of the demo. If you are aligning your saw and have any problems, call me.

-Brian





Brian Harrell demonstrates the alignment of a radial arm saw.





Aaron Mahnke made a slab style bread board.

Aaron Mahnke showed some work he has done on his antique wooden plane.

