

**SALUTATIONS
TO SUMMER SURVIVORS (AKA SWEATBIRDS)
TO EARLY-RETURNING SNOWBIRDS,
AND
TO SNOWBIRDS WHO HAVE ENOUGH
SENSE TO STAY AWAY A BIT LONGER**

**THIS SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER IS THE FIRST OF THE
NEW SEASON**



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ORIENTATION SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

Fall is almost here!

Labor Day (September 5th) usually marks the end of summer in the U.S., but in Sun City West certainly not the end of warmer summer weather.

The wood shop WILL BE open on Labor Day normal hours, 8-4 (we close only on Thanksgiving and Christmas).

However, the holiday has required some changes in the

shop scheduling. Normally orientation is the first Monday to Wednesday of each month. In September, the new member classes will be: **Tuesday, 6 September** (following the club general meeting),
Wednesday, 7 September, hands on training (shop will close at noon) Wednesday, 8 September.

Members are reminded to check the Orientation binder in the tool crib for future dates and to sign in potential members.

GENERAL MEETING DATE SET

September 6th will be the club's general meeting. Meeting time is 1:00 p.m. at the RH Johnson Lecture Hall. This reporter has been informed that there might be discussion of interest to members including new vacuums for the shop floor, new rules on what can be cut on machines, safety procedures, and announcements about new equipment being purchased. Come and stay informed and a part of the club.

SHOP WILL BE UPDATING RULES ON OPERATION

Watch for upcoming signs and announcements regarding updated shop guidelines on what can be cut on shop saws, safety rules in the power room.

NEW EQUIPMENT PURCHASED FOR WOOD SHOP

President Gary advises that the board has approved, and purchases have been made of, some much-needed equipment in the shop. Continuing the plan from previous years, a new lathe (Powermatic long bed) has been added to the shop. One more has been approved and will be purchased soon.

A new small drum sander has been purchased and is in process of being put in place. The large band saw (Tanowitz) has been rebuilt by our crack maintenance team and is working better than ever.

The other band saws all have new blades, and two of them have new lights!

EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

The club is benefitting from the work of the Equipment Committee, led by **Vice President Ken Brydon**. Needs are assessed, research is done and recommendations are made to the board. If you have thoughts on club equipment, see Ken.

SUMMER LUNCHES A HUGE SUCCESS!

Over eighty members and guests gathered in the Sun City West Wood Working Club to enjoy great food and great fellowship.

Thanks go to **Director Sue Trevison** and her party team! Everything went as planned, people eating at tables, benches, in the library or just standing and talking to friends old and new.

The next lunch is September 13th, and should prove to be just as fun!!! Put it on your calendar.



NEW SKILL CLASSES STARTING IN OCT

Dates to be announced.

Watch your email and the sign up board in the shop hallway.

TERMITE TIDINGS

Past President George Wildridge



Stan Mifflin has been with us for a very short time having moved to Sun City West in 2014. In the two short years he has lived here he has already made a mark for himself in the Wood Shop. A major contribution has been the acceptance of the responsibility of managing the lumber room. In this

position he has been in charge of procuring and pricing the materials we use every day as well as keeping this area organized so as to provide easy to the stock.

Prior to becoming a resident of SCW he lived in Seward, Nebraska where he worked as an engineering technician for a manufacturing company that made utility items for electrical transmission lines. His job was to do destructive testing on these items. What a childhood dream come true...to be paid to destroy things.

A trip to Sun City West to visit a friend included a visit to the Wood Shop. That was all it took to clinch the notion that this was the place to come to retire.

Married for 50 years he and his wife had two sons, both of whom met untimely deaths. One was killed in a motor-cycle accident and the other succumbed to diabetes.

Always community-minded and willing to assist others he was, for 35 years, a member of the Seward Volunteer Fire Company where he rose to the rank of Assistant Union Chief. While there he worked closely with Heartfelt, Inc. to help raise money for building the Children's Memorial. Since coming to SCW he has made a number of toy trucks and one, a fire engine, he donated to the Fire Company in Seward. Several other toys and games have been given to grandchildren and friends. A photo gallery of several of the items he has made is something he enjoys sharing with other wood-workers.

His current project is a grouping of oak cabinets for his home. They are beautiful pieces of work. In the past he has made a number of wood articles for gifts. Among them were toys, cutting boards, ring bowls, etc. Stan is a happy camper!!