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There will be no newsletter this month - the next edition will be in January!

### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

This is the season for giving thanks, and, being a woodworker, I started thinking about the things for which I am thankful.

Let's start with our main material - wood. In the old days, certain species of lumber were very expensive or hard to find, so the cabinet makers used what was available in their neck of the woods. Can you imagine how excited the old craftsmen would have been with our great selection of plywood? We can get any kind of veneered plywood we want in many thicknesses. And, most important, we don't have to cut it from a log. Also, we now have those beautiful exotic woods with their gorgeous colors and grains that can add that special touch to our projects.

Then we have so many glues to use for all kinds of special jobs. It makes our heads spin! And power tools - holy smokes, what else do we need to use to make woodworking any easier! I especially like the cordless tools (I'm spoiled!). How about the fasteners? With all of the special easy ways of joining wood, the above mentioned glues, and the latest clamps -- how easy can it get?!

You see, we DO have so much to be thankful for. Now let's get into our shops and get to work using them.

Palmer Burke

Our get together will be on Sunday, Dec. 9th between two to five in the afternoon. As in the past, please bring some finger food. I will add some myself and the club will cover the cost of beer and a wine punch.

In addition, we will have Dan Bodan of the Harrisburg group as a guest. He will bring his collection of Lee-Nielsen planes. I will have my old Stanley Bailey's so that you can compare the old and the new. We did this at one of their meetings and it was quite interesting. Especially when you consider that they are almost a hundred years apart in age. Without question, Lee-Nielsen has done a beautiful job of improving on the older planes.

In addition, I will set up a shaving bench, so that those who have not had the pleasure of using a draw knife or spoke shave can give these two fine tools a chance. When shaping a irregular piece of wood, these tools are just what you need. Good ones can still be found for very reasonable prices are flea markets.

And, finally, we will have a demo on rust removal. You have to be here by 3:00 for the beginning of the process. I'll have hand outs of the process and I'll write a summary for the next newsletter.

Ray Parsons

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

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