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President's Message

Bob Buchanan



Greetings to the Woodworkers of the Black Hills!

We are back to the normal meeting schedule again. And, it's time for the show: the 16th Annual Wood Working Show set for April 20th.

Our General Meeting is Monday evening at 7 pm upstairs in the annex to 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City, SD. We'll finalize the show details, and then share any SHOW AND TELL items. Hope to see you there!

See you on Monday evening April 8th, 2024 starting at 7 pm!



DUES FOR 2024 - \$25 - Please bring your dues to the January meeting or mail them to our treasurer Tony Verchio at 143 Rainbow Ridge Ct, Hill City, SD, 57745. Dues cover the entire family. Dues for new members joining after July 1st will be pro-rated during the second half of 2024.

Table 1 - Schedule of Monthly Events For 2024

See calendar on next page.

Event	Location	Dates*
General Meetings – see Table 2 for presentation details	Our Redeemer Lutheran Church – in the Annex, 910 Wood Ave, Rapid City, SD	2 nd Monday of the Month, 7 pm to 9 pm
Woodturner's Special Interest Group	Brown's Shop 2879 Spotted Fawn Lane Rapid City, SD	Last Wednesday of the Month 1 pm to 3:00 pm
Toy Making Workshop – Parts Milling and Toy Assembly	Wood Shop 910 Wood Ave, Rapid City, SD	2 nd and 4 th Saturdays – dates verified/announced by email.
Scroll Saw Special Interest Group	Rick Weisbeck's Shop 6704 Kimberly Dr, Black Hawk, SD	3 rd Thursday of the Month, 1 pm to 3 pm
Extracurricular Activities	Various Locations - See Table 3.	See Table 3.

Table 2. General Meetings for 2024 (2nd Monday of each Month*)

Date	Presentation Topic	Presenter(s)
20 Jan 2024*	General Meeting	RCWA Board
10 Feb 2024*	General Meeting	RCWA Board
9 Mar 2024*	General Meeting	RCWA Board
8 April 2024	General Meeting	RCWA Board
13 May 2024	General Meeting	RCWA Board
10 June 2024	General Meeting	RCWA Board
8 July 2024	General Meeting	RCWA Board
-- Aug 2024	General Meeting	RCWA Board
9 Sept 2024	General Meeting	RCWA Board
14 Oct 2024	General Meeting	RCWA Board
11 Nov 2024	General Meeting	RCWA Board
14 Dec 2024	Christmas Family Luncheon	All Members

*Except for Jan Feb Mar 2024



2024 Calendar - RCWA Events are Circled

(Refer to Table 1 and Table 3 for Key to Circled Dates.)



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Table 3. Events for 2024

Date	Event	Location
January thru August	Toy Workshops – bi-weekly 2 nd and 4 th Saturdays	WOOD Shop 910 Wood Ave, Rapid City, SD
January 13 thru Nov 16 – every available day	Toymaking	Club Members Shops
April 11 and 12 – talk to Rick for details	Assist with Pinewood Derby – Rangers	First Assembly of God Church
April 20, 2024	Woodworking Show at Knecht Home Center	
June 15, 2024 – 7 am	Tool Sale at Wes Murphy's	Murphys Driveway Rapid City, SD
July 8-10, 2024	Assist with Club for Boys Pinewood Derby	Club for Boys SHOP
84 th Rally: Aug 2 – 11, 2024	Sturgis Motorcycle Rally	<i>Minimal Meetings</i>
August 17, 2024 – 9 am to 3 pm; 56th Annual Black Hills Steam and Gas Threshing Bee	Sturgis Threshing Bee – Toy Wooden Tractor Giveaways and Racing Tractors	13380 Alkali Rd, Sturgis
Sept 14, 2024	5K Walk Little Black Hills Battles - Community Event	Old Story Book Island Park
Every Saturday from Sept 9 thru Nov 16, 2024 9 am to noon	Toymaking <i>Marathon - weekly</i>	WOOD Shop 910 Wood Ave, Rapid City SD
December 7, 2024 8:00 to 12 noon	Toy Packing/Distribution Day	WOOD Shop 910 Wood Ave, Rapid City SD
December 14, 2024 11:30 am	Christmas Family Potluck - Nemo	Nemo Community Hall Nemo, SD



This Month's Meeting Agenda (4-8-2024)

Program Chair

Our April 2024 General Meeting will be held from 7 pm to 9 pm upstairs from the Wood Shop at the annex to 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City, SD on April 8, 2024. At the upcoming meeting, we will primarily be discussing our 16th Annual Woodworking Show coming up on 20 April 2024. Then we will share any SHOW AND TELL items. Items to be discussed:

1. Guests/new members
2. Treasurer's Report- Reminder about Dues - \$25/year
3. Sign-in / Email / Newsletter Check / Blog
4. Next Events:
 - a. This months' meeting: April 8th at 7 pm
 - b. Events/Extracurricular Activities – Al Oines
 - c. April 12-13: Pinewood Derby Assistance at First Assembly of God Church – Rick
 - d. Special Interest Groups
 - i. SS SIG - date is: 4-18-2024 at 1 pm at Rick's
 - ii. WT SIG - date is: 4-24-2024 at 1 pm at Brown's
5. Next General Meeting – May 13th, 2024 at 910 Wood Ave at 7 pm
 - a. Refreshments: _____
6. Other Topics for Discussion
 - a. Tool Sale Date: 15 June at Wes Murphy's
 - b. Community Event Date: Sept 14, 2024 Black Hills Battles - at Old Story Book Island
7. WOOD SHOW at Knecht Home Center
 - a. Date: April 20, 2024
 - b. Theme for 2024: "Christmas in April"
 - c. See separate WW Show agenda or Minutes -- Christmas in April WW Show - Rick
8. TOY PROGRAM
 - a. Toy Workshops – every 2nd and 4th weekend – April 13th and 27th, 2024
9. Projects for the WOOD SHOP
10. Wood Recovery Projects
11. Future Discussions
12. SHOW and TELL



Last General Meeting Summary – March 9, 2024

Our last General Meeting was held on March 9, 2024 at the annex to 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City, SD from 10 am to 12 pm. For details on the meeting and minutes, go to the Blog.

Photos from Previous Meeting

Lon Gose/Cori Weisbeck

Photos taken at previous meetings are posted on our social media pages and/or on the BLOG on the website: www.rapidcitywoodworkers.com

If you have a completed project, bring it or photos of it, if it's too big to carry, to the next meeting for SHOW and TELL. Or send photos of it to Cori (rapidcitywoodworkers@gmail.com) and she will post them on our social media pages (Facebook (facebook.com/rcwasd) or Instagram (instagram.com/rcwasd)).

RCWA Events since the Last Newsletter Release

Events attended by members since the last General Meeting in March 2024 included one Toy Workshop, a Woodturning SIG, and a Scrollsaw SIG.

Toy Program/Toy Workshops

Toy Makers



THE TOY PROGRAM. The Toy Program effort consists of 5 major phases:

- Phase 1: Tracing
- Phase 2: Cutting toys to shape
- Phase 3: Milling - routing, drilling, machine sanding
- Phase 4: Finish - sealer coat - sanding - spray - sanding
- Phase 5: Wheel installations

Simplified: Draw! Saw! Stack! Play!



For more information, contact Bob Buchanan at (605) 348-2865 or Rick Weisbeck at (605) 431-4708. Or go to our website at <http://www.rapidcitywoodworkers.com>.

Next Toy Workshops

We will hold our next workshop at the WOOD SHOP in the basement of the annex to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church on 910 Wood Ave on Saturday morning April 13 and April 27, 2024 from 9 am to noon. Refer to our BLOG for all the details about these workshops:

www.rapidcitywoodworkers.com



Quick Status of Toy Workshops



We have completed most of Phase 1 tracing, so are moving to phases 2, 3, 4 and 5. Our goal for 2024 is to build about 3,500 toys to donate to organizations who work with kids in South Dakota.



Photos from Toy Workshops



SS SIG March 21.2024

The ScrollSaw Special Interest Group (SS SIG) was held today from 1 pm to 3 pm at Rick's shop in Black Hawk. Al, Ken, Jerry and Rick attended the SIG today. They cut out 36 gave away sleighs for the April WW show.



WT SIG 3.27.2024

The Wood Turning Special Interest Group (WT SIG) was held on Mar 27, 2024. All RCWA members and guests are welcome to attend. It is on the calendar for the last Wednesday of each month at 1 pm. It is held in Jim and Maggie's Shop at 2879 Spotted Fawn Lane, Rapid City, SD 57702. Thank you to Maggie and Jim for hosting and preparing today's Woodturning SIG.

Attending today: Lon, Stu, Dave, Al, Maggie, Jim Brown, Ken, Rick, Michael, Jerry and others.

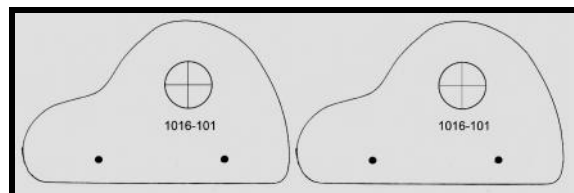
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More discussion was held about what the Turner's will be demonstrating and giving away at the upcoming April 20th Wood Show at Knecht Home Center in Rapid City. There was lots of Show and Tell items shown and discussed along with the techniques used to make them.



Project Love Bug

Lots of Love Bugs have been made at Toy Workshops and in-home shops; and are available to members. This special toy is allocated for distribution to members for everyday giving to a child deserving or needing a little love. If you need a few “Love Bugs”, ask Rick. We keep hearing good stories/feedback from this project. “Love Bugs” are ending up all around the world.



Library

Grant Coffin

Grant Coffin, our librarian, has lists of available DVDs, and books that you can review. Additionally, you may send an email to Grant to request info on any subject and he will research it for you and send you a response. So, send your requests to Grant Coffin: redtopg@hotmail.com.

Website Notes

Webmaster

We now have one convenient way to get to our website: www.rapidcitywoodworkers.com

Social Media Notes

Cori Weisbeck

Cori Weisbeck is our Social Media Manager. Cori says that most organizations these days use social media to disseminate information about events around the community. She has set up accounts for the RCWA on Facebook and Instagram. Facebook is for information and pictures, and Instagram is mostly for pictures. You do not need an account to read our Facebook and Instagram information. To see current events and photos, type in the links below. The accounts can be viewed by using these details:

Facebook page link: [facebook.com/rcwasd](https://www.facebook.com/rcwasd)
Instagram Link: [instagram.com/rcwasd](https://www.instagram.com/rcwasd)

Facebook page name: @rcwasd
Instagram username: rcwasd

Cori is our central point for posting information and photos on these two sites. You can email your project photos to her at the address below (rapidcitywoodworkers@gmail.com) and she will post them.

Note: Everyone can send project photos to rapidcitywoodworkers@gmail.com – this is Cori’s address – and she will post them on the club’s social media platforms. Please include a few words about each project.

Meeting Location/Project Shop Location

With the exception of the Winter Months (Jan thru March), we hold general meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month on the main level of the annex to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City from 7 pm to 9 pm. In the winter months, we meet on the 2nd Saturday of the month after the Toymaking Workshop, starting at 11 am.

Project Workshops are now being held at the “WOOD” SHOP at 910 WOOD Ave on the second and fourth Saturday mornings from 9 am to noon. The WOOD SHOP on WOOD Ave is located in the basement of the annex to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City. You can enter the WOOD SHOP thru the brown door on the east side of the building. Parking is available on the east and south sides of the building. Wood and supplies are stored at an off-site location.

Purpose of the RCWA

The RCWA exists for two main reasons: (1) To exchange information that will enhance the enjoyment and skills of woodworking; and (2) To promote woodworking as a hobby, as a profession, or anywhere in between. The focus of the RCWA is woodworking in general. We discuss everything from the phenomenon of seasonal wood movement, to finishing techniques, to table-saw tuning, to shop safety. Members include a mixture of hand-tool (Galoot) and power tool (Normite) enthusiasts.

Except for Jan-Mar, the RCWA meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. on the main floor of the annex to OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH at 910 WOOD Avenue in Rapid City. Each general meeting has a theme with one main topic, which is presented and discussed. It’s a great opportunity to meet fellow woodworkers, share ideas, seek advice, and get out of the sawdust for a while. We cordially invite men and women of all ages who have any interest in woodworking, both hobby and professional, to attend our meetings.

SARC – Article 2 by M Haselton

This is the second article about the SARC. Written by M Haselton, age 13, Chino, CA.

SARC to Test a Whole Batch of New Racers

The SARC (South Dakota Annual Racing Competition) Committee (like a board of directors) has decided to spice up the next annual competition by introducing a bunch of new racers. Today, we are going to explore these new racers, models, and designs, and the makers of these beautiful creations.

As you recall, the first group of racers were a whole bunch of random cars lying around the shop of one of the members of the Rapid City Woodworkers Association that were either left behind or broken. The SARC committee then took those cars and made them into racers. However, this time around one of the members from the Rapid City Woodworkers’ Association came to California where two members of the SARC Committee live, and decided to join the committee. There, he helped the SARC Committee roll out some new cars. He taught them how to cut pieces of wood to shape on the scroll saw. Once the pieces of wood were modeled perfectly, the edges were then routed, the shapes were designed (decorated), and axle holes were drilled on them. Being able to make the cars from scratch gave the committee more flexibility and variety with the cars. The models selected include the classic Giveaway Vans, a log truck, a turtle, a hippopotamus, a Love Bug, and a few new designs.



This new generation of SARC racers will definitely have some big names and races. The SARC committee has decided to share many of these cars to the public. Below is the list of the cars and information that is being shared with the general public.

Stunt Car: This car has a giveaway van shape and it has a blue background with a lot of sketches of filming equipment. The inspiration for this car was a stuntman in live action films, only now it is a car. Made by Mason.

Undercover Cop: A giveaway van; on one side, the name is traced out in blue, and the other side has the name in black surrounded by pink question marks. Made by Tyler.

Big Bum: This is the first Hippopotamus model introduced to the SARC. It is colored purple and it has a face with one side saying “I’m a hippo...” and the other side saying “...with a mustache!” Made by Tyler.

Unnamed Turtle: This car has yet to be named, but all we know is that it will feature the first Turtle model in SARC history. Made by Mason.

All Star Car: This is a green giveaway van with the name of the car spelled out in outstanding fashion. On the other side, there is an Olympic logo made entirely out of stars and plastered throughout the car are yellow cars. The license plate on this car says “WCAR”. Made by Mason.

Mischievous: A giveaway van featuring a man taking money from a truck on one side and the other side featuring a little kid taking money from that same man that took the money from the truck. Made by Tyler.

Artistic Art Car: A giveaway van featuring various artsy stuff on it. Made by Natalya.

Luck of the Irish: This car features a man with an orange beard, head, and eyebrows wearing a top hat. On it you can find three-leaf clovers, with a couple four-leaf clovers on it, and a black pot filled with gold and a rainbow right next to it. Made by Mason.

Mallard Duck: This duck is a new model not yet introduced to SARC. It is creatively modeled after a mallard duck, with the entire “forehead” in green and the front of the car in yellow. The windows are the eyes, painted in black. Made by Mason.

Tonic: A car made for David with a bunch of various medical equipment on it. On the sides is a gray background, while the top has a dark blue background. The inspiration for this car was from a video game character named Sonic. Made by Mason for David.

Safari Van: This giveaway van accidentally had two holes drilled into it, but the design makes this car work. The holes represent two big eyes, on one side a mouse is drawn, and the other side is a seal. On top of this car is a bunch of grassy texture and the front of this car is a few perpendicular splash lines. Made by Grandpa Bob.

Grandma’s Star Car: Bringing back the Little Racer model, this car is guaranteed to give you a touch of nostalgia. On the car designed by Mason’s grandma, is a ton of stars in quilts and stars all around it. Made by Grandma Kathie.

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Saley: This giveaway van has a grass field on one side and a green heart on the other. Made by Natalya's friend Makayla and donated to the SARC.

Family Van: This giveaway van resembles the Haseltons' gray van with the iconic Astros' sticker on it and each family member visible on this car. The license plate on this car says "MAMAG", referencing a common nickname of Mason's mom's van. Made by Amie.

Yahoo!: A red "Flyer" style car with the word "Yahoo!" on it. Made by Natalya.

Grandma's Cooking Car: This giveaway van design is covered with cupcakes and the letter G is visible on all of them. This is the second car made by Grandma Kathie.

Houston Sports Van: This giveaway van features 4 classic Houston sports teams, the Rockets, Astros, Oilers, and the Texans. Made by Mark.

Square Root: The car is literally a giant rectangle with a little round window. On it are a bunch of math equations and symbols. This is also the newest SARC VIP. This will serve as one of the qualification standards for becoming a SARC racer: no car can be any greater in any dimension than this car, or they will be disqualified from competing.

My Bus: This car (pronounced My Boose) will serve as nostalgia. This car is a normal school bus, besides the fact that it is completely beat up. Every part of this car is either cracked, dented, or covered with filth. The story behind this is from an old giveaway van titled My Bus from the days before the racing league was titled SARC. This car was a fan favorite, until it mysteriously disappeared. According to legend, this car was forcibly remodeled to look like an actual school bus and the driver drove it off of a cliff to destroy the bus because he did not like it participating in the competition. However, years later, it was found in a pile of junk, and the person who found it told the SARC about it. It looked a lot different than the original model, but they allowed it anyway. So it was restored and put into shape for racing. This is the most notable of any of the cars being put into SARC.



The SARC committee is excited to see how these racers will do in the next competition. Please note that these are not the only new cars; these are only the cars that the SARC recently shared for us to see. The SARC committee put lots of effort into the creation of these cars, and they hope you will enjoy seeing them race. Who will you root for?



New Car: The Flyer was designed on a Napkin at Wendy's

You are invited to the FREE

16th Annual Rapid City Woodworkers Association (RCWA)



WOODWORKING SHOW

Saturday, April 20, 2024

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Knecht Home Center
320 West Blvd, Rapid City**



Theme: “Christmas in April”

**See Displays of Woodworking Projects, Old Tools
plus, Games for Kids**

**Watch Demonstrations of Woodturning, CNC,
Scroll Sawing, and Toy Making**



**Door Prizes and Raffle plus Silent Auction of Handcrafted Wooden Items
Will benefit Toy Making Program for kids**

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shortly before the RCWA General
Meeting.

Any articles you wish to submit must be
in my hands no later than the Tuesday
before that date.

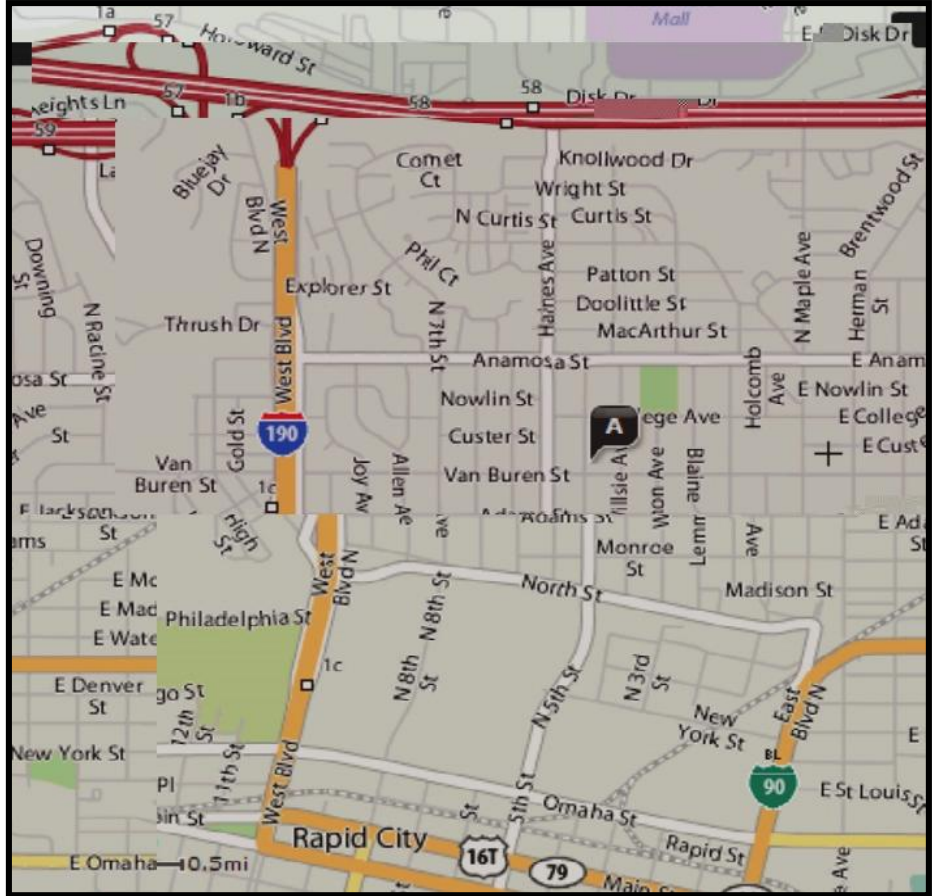
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WHERE?

In the Annex to:
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
910 Wood Avenue
Rapid City, SD 57701

WHEN?

GENERAL MEETING
Monday, April 8, 2024
7 pm to 9 pm



Friends of the RCWA

J&D Woodworking	Knecht Home Center
Magnum Enterprises, LLC	Club for Boys
Ray Tree Farm on Nemo Rd	Jim and Marilyn Reaser
Forest Products	Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Katherine Hastings	Chris Dancy
Nuts and Bolts Fabric	Solutions Chiropractic