

THE CUTTING EDGE – JUNE/JULY 2025

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*The Official Newsletter of the Rapid City Woodworkers Association (RCWA)*

**JUNE/JULY 2025**

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### President's Message

**Bob Buchanan**



Greetings to the Woodworkers of the Black Hills!

We are in the dog days of summer now, and there's lots of events happening to keep us all busy and out of trouble! I want to thank Rick and friends for keeping it rolling while I get well.

Our next General Meeting is Monday evening July 14th at 7 pm in the annex to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City, SD. We will be planning August activities and looking ahead to the Toymaking Marathon. Then we can share any SHOW AND TELL items. Hope to see you there!

*See you on Monday evening July 14th, 2025 at 7 pm!*



**DUES FOR 2025 - \$25** – If you haven't taken care of your dues for 2025, please bring them to the next 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 1<sup>st</sup> will be pro-rated, during the second half of 2025.

Table 1 - Schedule of Monthly Events For 2025

*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 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturdays – dates verified/announced by email.
Scroll Saw Special Interest Group	Rick Weisbeck's Shop 6704 Kimberly Dr, Black Hawk, SD	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month, 1 pm to 3 pm
Extracurricular Activities	Various Locations - See Table 3.	See Table 3.

Table 2. General Meetings for 2025 (2nd Monday of each Month\*)

(\*Except for Jan-Feb -Mar 2025)

Date	Presentation Topic	Presenter(s)
11 Jan 2025*	General Meeting	RCWA Board
8 Feb 2025	General Meeting	RCWA Board
8 Mar 2025	General Meeting	RCWA Board
14 April 2025	General Meeting	RCWA Board
12 May 2025	General Meeting	RCWA Board
9 June 2025	General Meeting	RCWA Board
14 July 2025	General Meeting	RCWA Board
-- Aug 2025	General Meeting	RCWA Board
8 Sept 2025	General Meeting	RCWA Board
13 Oct 2025	General Meeting	RCWA Board
10 Nov 2025	General Meeting	RCWA Board
13 Dec 2025	Christmas Family Luncheon	All Members



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**Table 3. Events for 2025 – Tentative Dates**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
January thru August	Toy Workshops – bi-weekly	WOOD Shop 910 Wood Ave, Rapid City, SD
January 11 thru Nov 16 – every available day	Toymaking	Club Members Shops
March 14 and 15	Assist with Pinewood derby build	First Assembly of God
April 26, 2025 9 am to 4 pm	WW SHOW	Knecht Home Center
June 14, 2025 - 7 am to 3 pm	Tool SALE	WOOD Shop 910 Wood Ave, Rapid City, SD
June 21, 2025 - 10 am to 2 pm	Vendor's Show	Knecht Home Center
July 7-9 , 2025 – 9 am to noon, daily	Assist with Club for Boys Pinewood Derby - Tanner Tucker	Club for Boys SHOP
Sept date is TBD - ?	5K Walk Little Black Hills Battles - Community Event	Old Story Book Island Park
85th Rally: Aug 1st – 10th, 2025	Sturgis Motorcycle Rally	<i>Minimal Meetings</i>
Aug 10, 2025 – 11 am to 2 pm	Kids Carnival	Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
August 16, 2025 – Setup at 8:30 am event starts at 9 am to 3 pm; 57th Annual Black Hills Steam and Gas Threshing Bee	Sturgis Threshing Bee – Toy Wooden Tractor Giveaways / Racing Tractors	13380 Alkali Rd, Sturgis
Every Saturday from Sept 6 thru Nov 22, 2025 - 9 am to noon	Toymaking <i>Marathon - weekly</i>	WOOD Shop 910 Wood Ave, Rapid City SD
December 6, 2025 8:00 to 12 noon	Toy Packing/Distribution Day	WOOD Shop 910 Wood Ave, Rapid City SD
December 13, 2025 11:30 am	Christmas Family Potluck - Nemo	Nemo Community Hall Nemo, SD
	Shop Tours	Periodically, as announced

**Table 4. WT SIG Schedule March 2025 – March 2026**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Location</b>
March 26, 2025	Planning Meeting	Brown's Shop
April 30, 2025	Bottle Openers	Brown's Shop
May 28, 2025	Chucking Techniques	West Hills Shop
June 25, 2025	Pens - AI Demo	Brown's Shop
July 30, 2025	Finishing / Sharpening	Brown's Shop
Sept 24, 2025	Ornaments	Brown's Shop
Oct 29, 2025	Demo TBD	Brown's Shop
Nov 19, 2025	TBD	Thanksgiving
December 2025	No meeting	Merry Christmas
Jan 28, 2026	Bowls	Brown's Shop
Feb 25, 2026	Platters	Brown's Shop
Mar 25, 2026	Planning Meeting	Brown's Dining Room

2025 Calendar - RCWA Events are Circled

(Refer to Tables 1 thru 4 for Key to Circled Dates.)



## This Month's Meeting Agenda

## Program Chair

Our next General Meeting is Monday evening July 14th at 7 pm in the annex to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City, SD. We will be planning August activities and looking ahead to the Toymaking Marathon. Then we can share any SHOW AND TELL items. The General Meeting will start at 7 pm upstairs from the Wood Shop in the annex to 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City, SD. 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 General Meeting – Monday JULY 14, 2025 at 910 Wood Ave – 7 pm
  - a. Refreshments: \_\_\_\_\_
5. SIG Dates
  - a. CNC SIG – Stu Kellogg – June 5 at Rick's Shop
  - b. SS SIG – Rick W – No meeting this month
  - c. WT SIG – Maggie B – July 30 2025 at Brown's
6. Future Events
  - i. July 7- 9 – CFB Pinewood Derby Assistance – 9 to noon each day
  - ii. Aug 10 – Kid's Carnival - 910 Wood Ave – 11 am to 2 pm
  - iii. August 16 - Threshing Bee in Sturgis – 8:30 am to 4 pm
  - iv. Sept TBD - 2025 – Little Black Hills Battles – Old Story Book Island – 9 to noon
7. TOY PROGRAM
  - a. Toy Workshops – July 12 and 26, 2025 – 9 am to noon
8. Projects for the WOOD SHOP
9. Wood Recovery Projects
10. Future Discussions
11. SHOW and TELL

## Last General Meeting Summary

Our last General Meeting was held on June 9, 2025 at the annex to 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City, SD. For details on the meeting and minutes, go to the RCWA Blog Post for the June 9th, 2025 General Meeting at [www.rcwasd.org](http://www.rcwasd.org).



To check on current happenings - click on “SAVE THE DATES” from the main menu.



## 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.rcwasd.org](http://www.rcwasd.org)

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](mailto:rapidcitywoodworkers@gmail.com)) and she will post them on our social media pages (Facebook ([facebook.com/rcwasd](https://facebook.com/rcwasd)) or Instagram ([instagram.com/rcwasd](https://instagram.com/rcwasd))).

## RCWA Events since the Last Newsletter Release

Events attended by members since the last General Meeting in May 2025 included Toy Workshops, SS SIGs, our annual Tool Sale/Fundraiser, Vendor Show at Knecht, WT SIGs, and CNC SIGs.

1. [CNC SIG 7-5-2025](#)
2. [SPECIAL TOY WORKSHOP 6-30-2025](#)
3. [TOY WORKSHOP \(TWS2025-10\) 6-28-2025](#)
4. [VENDOR EVENT AT KNECHTS HOME CENTER 6-21-2025](#)
5. [SS SIG 6-19-2025](#)
6. [WT SIG 6-18-2025](#)
7. [TOOL SALE 6-14-2025](#)
8. [GENERAL MEETING 6-9-2025](#)
9. [CNC SIG \(6-7-2025\)](#)
10. [PORTABLE TOY LIST](#)
11. [PREP FOR NEXT TWS - 5-31-2025](#)
12. [WOODTURNING SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP \(WT SIG\) 5-28-2025](#)
13. [TOY WORKSHOP \(TWS2025-09\) 5-24-2025](#)
14. [PREP FOR NEXT TWS - 5-17-2025](#)
15. [SCROLL SAW SIG \(SS SIG\) 5-15-2025](#)
16. [GENERAL MEETING 5-12-2025](#)

## 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*

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.rcwasd.org>.

## Toy Workshops

We held our 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Toy Workshop (TWS) for 2025 during May and June 2025, from 9 to 12 noon. These were held at the Wood Shop at 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City. The shop is in the basement of the annex to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.

The next Toy Workshops will be held on Saturdays July 12 and 26, 2025.

Refer to our BLOG for all the details about these workshops on our current website:

<https://rcwasd.org/>



## Quick Status of Toy Workshops



We are done tracing toys on our current list for 2025. We are currently cutting toys to shape, drilling axle and window holes, and routing and sanding. So, we are in phases 2, 3, 4 and 5. Our goal for 2025 is to build about 3,500 toys to donate to organizations who work with kids in South Dakota.





## Scroll Saw Special Interest Group (SS SIG): May 15, 2025

The Scrollsaw Special Interest Group (SS SIG) met at Rick's shop in Black Hawk today from 1 pm to 3pm.

Attending: Bob, Kathie, Rick, Jerry, Roy E, and Ken

Today's discussion included one-one-one discussion about scrollsawing with newer member Roy Erickson. Rick gave him with some more practice using the DEWALT scrollsaw. Members cut Puppy Dog ears for the Toy Program, Tractors for the upcoming community event at the Threshing Bee in Sturgis in August, Giraffes for the upcoming community event 5K Black Hills Battles in September and Show and Tell of the purple peg spraying jig (256 per board). Photos from the event:



## Scroll Saw Special Interest Group (SS SIG): June 19, 2025

The Scrollsaw Special Interest Group (SS SIG) met at Rick's shop in Black Hawk today from 1 pm to 3pm.

Attending: Rick, Al, Roy E, and Ken.

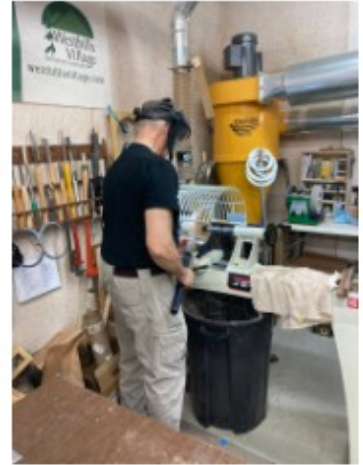
Today's discussion included one-one-one discussions about scrollsawing techniques. Members cut Giraffes for the upcoming community event 5K Black Hills Battles in September.





## Woodturning Special Interest Group (WT SIG) 5-28-2025

The Woodturning Special Interest Group (WT SIG) was held on May 28, 2025. All RCWA members and guests are welcome to attend. It is on the calendar for the last Wednesday of each month at 1 pm. Today's meeting was held at the West Hills Shop in Rapid City, SD. Thank you Michael and Ken for hosting and preparing your shop for today's Woodturning SIG.



Attending (13): Al, Jim and Maggie Brown, Bob and Kathie Buchanan, Steve, Stu, Jerry, Lon, Roy, Ken K, Michael, and Bob A.

Today's demo was done by Michael Howard. He introduced us to his new CNC Machine and showed us what he can do with it so far. The spindle has been backordered, so no sawdust has been made yet. Then Michael showed us how to use a wood chuck and how to make one. The large nuts needed for the chuck were purchased from McMaster catalog. Michael attached a workpiece to the chuck using CA glue and an accelerator.

Show and Tell included another large, open segmented bowl by Steve York made with walnut and zebra wood.

## Woodturning Special Interest Group (WT SIG) 6-18-2025

The Wood Turning Special Interest Group (WT SIG) was held today from 1 pm to 3 pm. All RCWA members and guests are welcome to attend. It is on the calendar for the last Wednesday of each month at 1 pm, but was moved up for this month only. It is held in Jim and Maggie's Shop at 2879 Spotted Fawn Lane, Rapid City, SD 57702. Thank you Jim and Maggie for hosting and preparing your shop for today's Woodturning SIG.



Attending: Al, Jim and Maggie Brown, Rick, Ken M, Steve, Nick, and Stu.

Today's demo was done by Master Turner/Carver/Scrollsawer Al Oines; he showed us how to make several types of wooden pens on the lathe.



## CNC Special Interest Group (CNC SIG) - 6-7-2025

The CNC Special Interest Group met this Saturday, 10:00-12:00 at Kellogg's, 1116 West Blvd. in Rapid City, SD.

Today's topic was "moulding and tiling".

Attendees (11): Bob Arnio, Jeff Albrecht, Grant Coffin, Bobbi Bares, Joan Bares, Lon Gose, Roy Erickson, Stu Kellogg, Michael Howard, Nick Spano, Maggie Brown. Here are pictures from the event:

For more photos, go to the article/blog entry on our website: [rcwasd.org](http://rcwasd.org)



## CNC Special Interest Group (CNC SIG) - 7-5-2025

The CNC Special Interest Group met this Saturday, 10:00-12:00 at Rick's Shop. The topic was basic sign making. Attendees: Rick, Cori, Michael, Grant, and Stu.



## Vendor Event at Knecht Home Center - 6-21-2025

We were invited to a Summer Vendor Show at Knecht Home Center on Saturday, June 21, 2025, from 10 am to 2 pm. The purpose of the show was for vendors to showcase their products and services to local businesses, homeowners and industry professionals.

On an unseasonably warm day in June, members of the Rapid City Woodworkers set up canopies outside Knecht Home

Center before 10 am. During the event, we gave away more than 70 of our now famous Give Away Vans to kids attending the event and were able to share with visitors what we do as an organization. Kids got to decorate the vans, get wheels installed, and then test them on our 8' race track. Thank you to Knecht Home Center for inviting us. We enjoyed this event and were happy to have been able to help to make it a successful event!

Attending: Tony, Rick, Al, Jerry, Roy and a few others.

Knecht Home Center is located at 320 West Boulevard in Rapid City, SD.





## Annual Tool Sale/Fundraiser -6-14-2025

Today we held our Annual Tool Sale. This was a fundraiser to support the Toy Program. The day was predicted to be in the low 90's, and was one of the hottest days of the year so far, with clear skies in the morning and wind after noon.

Members had been bringing in items for the sale for the last month. Friday afternoon Rick opened the Wood Shop for members to bring items by. We also had some donated items which we sorted and labeled on Friday afternoon. The sale was held in the parking lot at 910 Wood Ave next to the Wood Shop where we build toys for the Toy Program.



On Saturday morning, several members, led by Rick moved and set up tables in the wee early hours so that items could be put in place on tables at 7:00 am in preparation for the 7:30 am sale start. Jerry brought 6 6-foot tables from Nemo. We used about 15 tables plus 4 pieces of 2' x 8' plywood and 8 saw horses. Tony handled the cash box and Cori recorded every transaction, allocated to member ID numbers or to the group (#99).

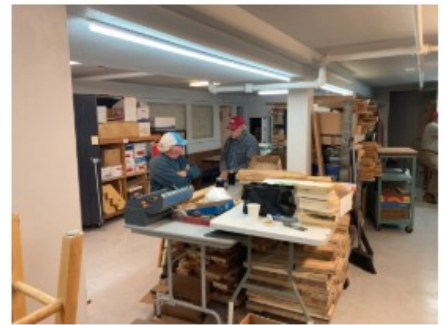
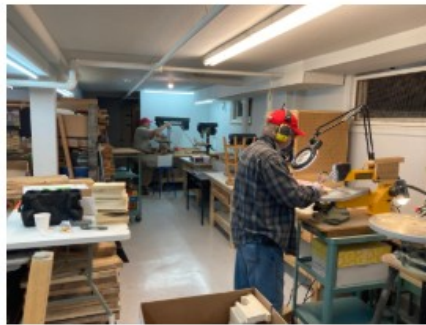
Patty and Jerry set up coffee, cookies, lemon bars, pumpkin scones, and ice tea in the meeting room in the annex. Someone brought in a cooler filled with ice and water. Kathie and Patsy prepared the sandwiches on Friday – deli meat sandwiches, chips, grapes, applesauce, and cheesesticks.

Attendees (20): Bob, Kathie, Jim Burk, Al Oines, Nick Spano, Harley Schmadeke, Lon Gose, Bob A, Cori, Roy E, Patsy, Jerry, Josh, Darwin, Lauree, Grant, Mary, Rick, Tony and Stu.



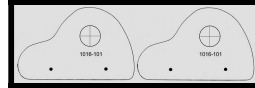


## Toy Workshops 5-24, 6-28, and 6-30-2025



## 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 or Roy E. We keep hearing good stories/feedback from this project. “Love Bugs” are ending up all around the world. If you have more questions, talk to Roy Erickson. He is tracking the status of this project.



## 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](mailto:redtopg@hotmail.com).



## Website Notes

Webmaster

Type this into your browser to get to our new website: [www.rcwasd.org](http://www.rcwasd.org)

To check on current happenings - click on “SAVE THE DATES” from the main menu.

## Social Media Notes

Cori Weisbeck

Cori Weisbeck is our Social Media Manager. 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://facebook.com/rcwasd)

Facebook page name: @rcwasd

Instagram Link: [instagram.com/rcwasd](https://instagram.com/rcwasd)

Instagram username: rcwasd

Cori is also 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](mailto:rapidcitywoodworkers@gmail.com)) and she will post them.

Note: Everyone can send project photos to [rapidcitywoodworkers@gmail.com](mailto:rapidcitywoodworkers@gmail.com) – this is Cori’s address – and she will post them on the club’s social media platforms. Make sure you 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month after the Toymaking Workshop, starting at 11 am.

Until Sept 1, 2025, Project Workshops are held at the “WOOD” SHOP at 910 WOOD Ave on the second and fourth Saturday mornings from 9 am to noon. In September, we begin meeting every Saturday morning in preparation for Toy Distribution Day on Dec 6, 2025. 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.

## HATS and Beanies are now Available

RCWA Hats are back in stock – Tony has them: \$ 15 gets you a new hat bearing our new website address (and a free secondary hat with the old website, while supplies last).



Tony also has Beanies: now available: Beanies (\$20).



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Meeting.

Any articles you wish to submit must be  
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before that date.

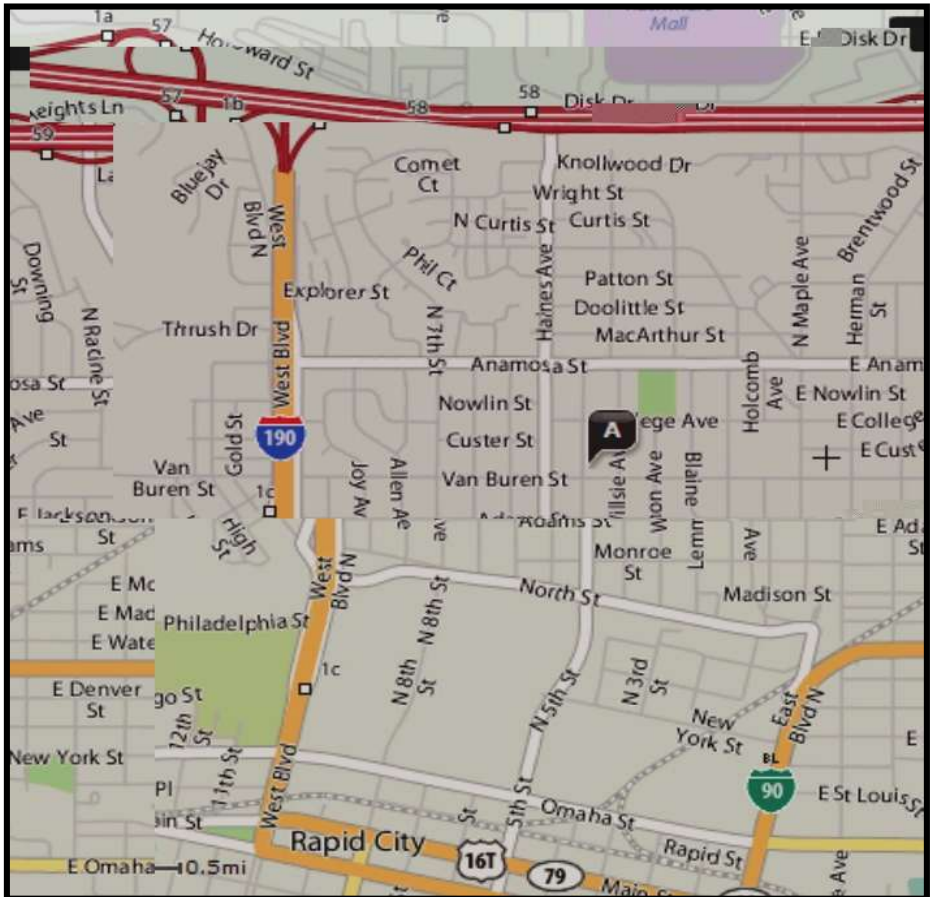
Editor – Bob Buchanan

### **WHERE?**

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

### **WHEN?**

***GENERAL MEETING***  
Monday July 14, 2025  
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	Verl and Kathy Scheibe
Nuts and Bolts Fabric	Solutions Chiropractic