OCTOBER 11, 2015 MEETING NOTES

Seven people attended the meeting. The business portion of the meeting concerned the Woodworking Show scheduled for January 22 - 24, 2016, The members present at the meeting believe that the club should participate, and will demonstrate cutting as well as talking to attendees. Murray will bring his saw for demos, and other members will assist at the booth. If you are willing to help out during the show, please send me an email and let me know. I will be unable to help this year (I will be in Florida), but I will help coordinate communications via email before and during the show as necessary.

The New England Seacoast Scrollers (which meets at the Woodcraft Store in Portsmouth, NH) will share the booth and share in the activities. I will be communicating with them during the next few weeks to determine more details of the plan. I am excited to see that our club will be working with another club from MA at the show - it was not all that long ago that our club did not exist, and now we have other scroll saw enthusiasts that will share the booth. Great to see the growth and progress.

The email address for the New England Seacoast Scrollers is neseacoastscrollers@googlefgroups.com.

Several members brought in their donations for our Toys for Tots drive this year. Special thanks go out to Dick W. for the 12 marshmallow shooting crossbows for the children and the 6 (sets of three each) bowls for the Moms! A lot of work and job well done. Terry brought in a box full of puzzles (i did not count how many - there are a lot of them in the box!), and Bill brought in a bag full of toys for the children and ornaments for the adults. I am truly overwhelmed by the response. I had made a few toy cars for the children, but now I feel that I must get busy and make more, and perhaps some ornaments for the parents. I will keep the club posted on how the logistics work out this year, and I will contact my Marine neighbor tomorrow to find out when and where I will need to deliver the goods. If you have projects to donate for our club Christmas drive, please let me know. I am not sure if the items need to be at the Marine center before our next meeting in December, but will find out soon.

We also discussed a possible joint event (picnic?) with the Seacoast Scrollers - perhaps in March or April of next year. I will continue discussions with members of that club, and keep our members posted.

I spoke with the manager (Don) of the Woodcraft Store about demonstrating one of their scroll saws during the Woodworking Show, and handing out information about the store. They have been very generous giving us room for our meetings and referring potential new members for our club, and it would be nice for us to return the favors. Don said he would speak to the owner (who owns the West Springfield, MA, store as well), and will have him contact me to discuss the offer.

We had a great show & tell, and the photos will soon be posted on our website. Dick W. brought in a small box with dovetail joints he cut on the scroll saw, and that technique may be our demonstration at the next meeting.

Speaking of which, the next meeting will be December 13, 2015, from 1-3, at the Woodcraft Store in Manchester, CT. See you there!

Arnie