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◀ Anita Speedy demonstrating scroll sawing on her Hegner scroll saw at the Pretoria Woodworking Association show, September 2012.

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Next Turners' meeting – Monday, 8th April 2024 from 18h00 at **Made in Workshop** – Anesh will demonstrate turning acrylic by making a pen or perfume bottle.

Next Main club meeting – Wednesday, 10th April 2024 from 18h00 at **Made in Workshop** – Talk by Kevin Steel from Tork Craft on new products from Kreg and Festool.

New WWA Account number. **FNB 63026931287** – please make sure that your payment can be identified by adding your **full name**, perhaps cell number and **reason for payment**.

News

Turners' meeting. Monday, 4th March 2024 from 18h00 at **Made in Workshop** – How to teach beginners. Two example projects were demonstrated – a spinning top and a lidded box, which may be attempted at the Hobby-X teaching sessions. Trevor showed the basics of making a simple spinning top. Herman showed how to make a lidded box.

The picture shows Herman hollowing out the base of a lidded box. Just below his right ear is our new video camera on a tripod, capturing the image you can see at the top of the picture. This allows the audience to get a close-up view of the action, without having to crowd around the lathe.

Main club meeting – Wednesday, 13th March 2024 from 18h00 at **Made in Workshop** – Talk on router planes and how they can be used for cutting accurate grooves and recesses. Trevor showed examples of the Stanley #71, #71½ and the Record #071; as well as a shop-made wooden “old woman’s tooth” router. Willie showed two wooden based routers as well. Trevor showed how to cut out a hinge recess and a dado using a #071 router plane, similar to the one shown on the right.



For more information on router planes see the end of this newsletter.

Anita Speedy - The WWA was saddened by the recent passing of Anita Speedy, John Speedy's wife of 66 years. Anita was an expert scroll saw artist who produced much of the craft that she and John sold at the Irene Village Market for 15 years. She also demonstrated scroll-sawing at shows and helped Hardware Centre sell many Hegner machines.

Anita Speedy showing her grandson how to change a scroll saw blade at Hardware Centre, June 2013 ▶



◀ Anita demoing at REAA in July 2007 (thanks to Kenneth for this picture.)



WWA AGM – 2024. The 2024 Annual General Meeting for the Wits Woodworking Association will take place at the Main Club meeting on Wednesday, the 8th May 2024 at 18h00 at **MiW**. Formal notices of the AGM have been issued via email. Please

remember to send in your apologies and associated proxies to the secretary before the meeting.

If you are able to assist with tasks through the year or by joining the committee, please volunteer.

The secretary requests that nominations be submitted by Monday, 6th May 2024, however nominations from the floor will be accepted at the meeting. Before nominating someone, please confirm their availability.

We are always looking for help with tasks for running the club. Any assistance that you can volunteer, however small will be appreciated.

This Makita saw will be raffled at the AGM. If we don't sell all the tickets by the AGM, the draw may be postponed.

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MEMBERS ONLY RAFFLE



Makita

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SLIDING COMPOUND MITRE SAW



VALUE
R11K

100 TICKETS

R100 PER TICKET

ONE TICKET PER MEMBER

NUMBERS ALLOCATED AS THEY COME IN

DRAW WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE AGM

ATTENDANCE AT THE AGM IS NOT A REQUIREMENT TO WIN

Hobby-X

2 - 5 May 2024
09h00 - 17h00 daily
Kyalami Grand Prix
Circuit, JHB

Hobby-X was first staged in 1998. The WWA has had a stand for many years because it is a good way to



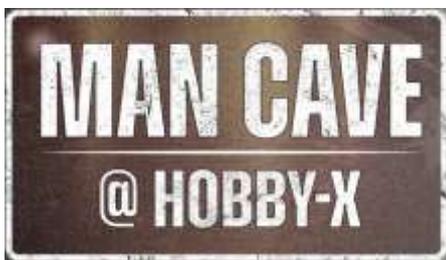
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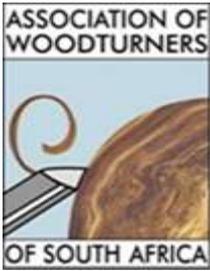
attract new members.

Before COVID, Hobby-X was staged at the Dome next to Northgate. However, the Dome became a massive used car lot and Hobby-X has moved to Kyalami.



This year there will be a separate area called the Man Cave, where we will have several lathes to demonstrate turning. We may also be running some workshops on flat work and turning as part of the man cave program. A roster for members to volunteer to demonstrate and mind the stand will be published closer to the time and will be available at the April meetings.





AWSA Annual Symposium. The date and venue for the 2024 AWSA symposium have been announced. It will take place at the Northlink College, Tygerberg Campus in Panorama, Cape Town from the 20 to 23 September 2024. The main demonstrator will be Phil Irons who is a regular visitor to Cape Town. Some WWA members will have seen Phil before in Johannesburg, when the WWA still met at Helpmekaar in Braamfontein. There will be a main demonstration room as well as two break-away rooms with demonstrations, so there will be a lot to see and take in.

Please look out for the registration form and AWSA membership application form in your email. If you have attended the annual symposium before you will know about the two and half days of woodturning demonstrations, products for sale, and the gallery that you can expect.

AWSA membership is only R100- per year. Members are encouraged to join to ensure that they receive updates on the symposium and to help grow woodturning in South Africa.

Visit <https://www.philironswoodturning.co.uk/> for more information on Phil Irons.



Reminder - New WWA Account number. Due to ongoing difficulties in changing signatories and poor service from Nedbank, the committee resolved to change banks. Anesh, our treasurer has opened an account with **FNB** and requests that all payments be made into this new account: **63026931287** – please add this to your beneficiaries list. Please make sure that your payment can be identified by adding your **name**, perhaps cell number and **reason for payment**. Annotations such as “annual subs” or “WWA shirt” without your name are not helpful – Anesh will not be able to trace your payment. Please note that the **Nedbank account will be inactive from the 01st April 2024**, so any funds paid into the Nedbank account may be forfeited.

Access times for **Made in Workshop for WWA members :**

MiW times for WWA members are as follows

Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 9AM to 12AM. However please take note of the following: WWA members CANNOT just arrive at MiW and use machines unless they have booked them with MiW. This refers to the bookable machines such as the panel saw, thicknesser/planer, drum sander, spindle moulder as well as CNC machines of any kind.

Machines such as the bandsaw and the Triton router table need no booking.

Henry has also asked me to convey that all the major machines may only be used if the WWA member is familiar and fully understands the importance of the correct and safe use of these machines. Speak to Graham regarding training and qualification to use machines.

Bookings can be made during office hours of 8h00 to 17h00, weekdays by contacting one of these numbers:

Henry – 083-269 9505; Josh – 083-768 7853; or Trenton – 081-365 6039

Schedule for Regular Events at **Made in Workshop**

1. Second Saturday of month at 9h00 - Herman – all things turning related – 083 631 0501
[hermanpotgieteresq AT gmail.com](mailto:hermanpotgieteresq@gmail.com)

This list is subject to change, so please consult your *Crosscut* each month for any updates.

Show & Tell meetings are held at Hardware Centre every Friday Morning at 09:30. All WWA members welcome. Contact Eugene on 0824953394 or eugene@antlerfin.co.za

Router Planes available in South Africa

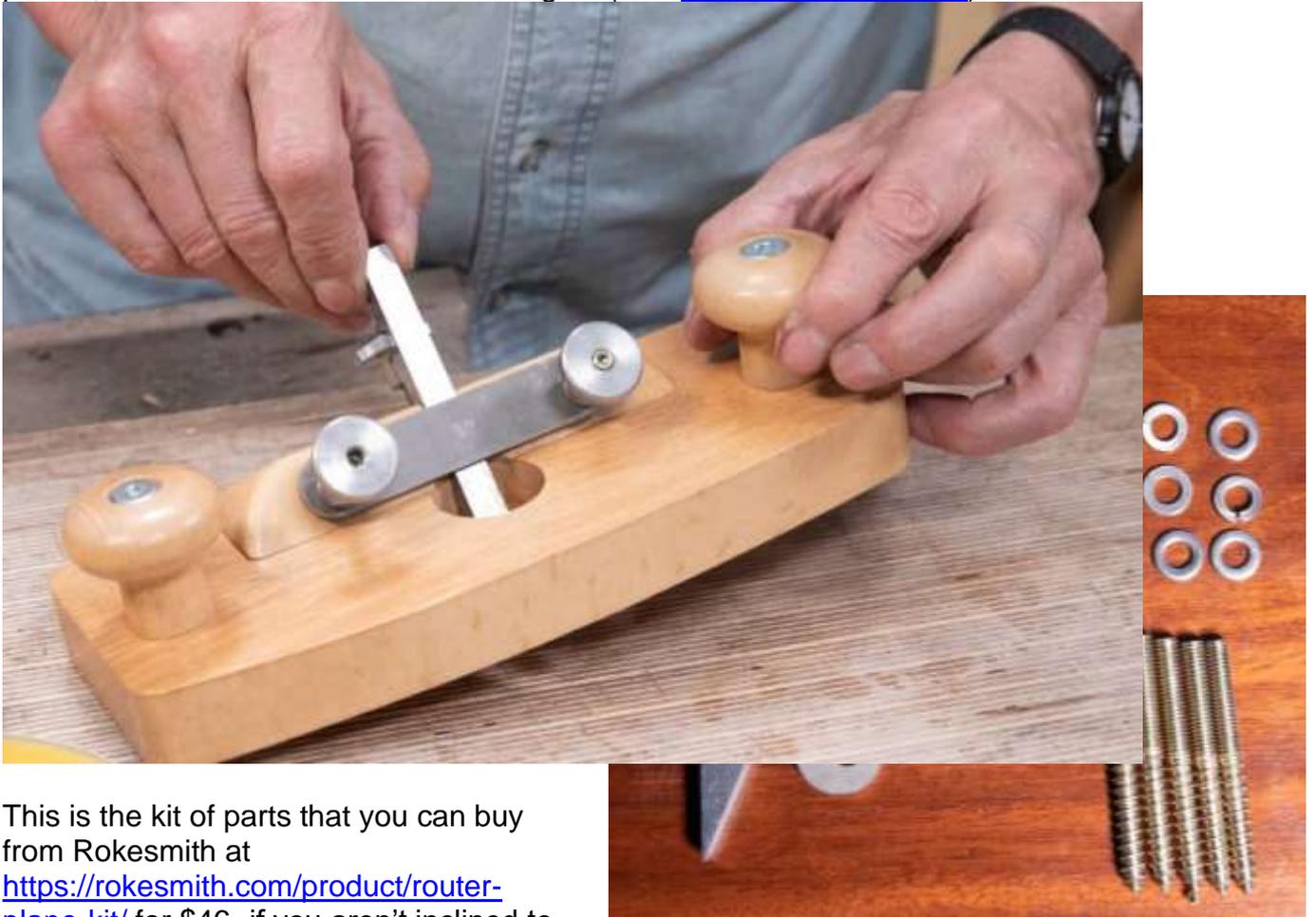
The most common router planes found second-hand in South Africa are the Stanley #71; the Record #071 and less commonly, the Stanley #271 on the right. The #70½ may also be found.

For a detailed history on the Stanley #71 go to www.supertool.com/StanleyBG/stan10.htm



New planes available include the Veritas and Lie Nielsen #71 equivalents, which have been available locally. They are rather pricey but very good. Luban make a version of the 271 – see below, from Hardware Centre. Hongdui make a #71 that looks similar to the Veritas, with some design changes, which may be worth looking at.

Paul Sellers has written some very good articles on his web site on the use of conventional router planes, as well as some alternative designs. (See www.paulsellers.com)



This is the kit of parts that you can buy from Rokesmith at <https://rokesmith.com/product/router-plane-kit/> for \$46- if you aren't inclined to make your own.

The two examples that Willie showed at the meeting were made by him, with the one design very similar to the design that Paul Sellers recommends. Willie made the hardware himself. He says this design works very well, better than the Stanley #71 that he has. The adjustment mechanism is very precise, again better than the Stanley / Record.



The Hongdai below looks like a copy of the Veritas Large Router plane (left), but with some changes.

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Lie-Nielsen Large Router Plane No. 71

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Quantity: