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President's Corner

Board Elections October 18th

The Annual Members Meeting will occur on October 18th 6:30-7:30pm at Bridgewire. We need at least 11 members to attend to meet the quorum requirements. At this meeting we will share the accomplishments and changes in the last year. Additionally, if any member wants to share ideas or discuss actions at Bridgewire they are encouraged to participate. The main activity will be to elect directors to the 3 Board seats up for election. You are encouraged to step up and help set the vision for the organization. This is a great learning opportunity to learn what it is like to run an organization. The board seat term is two years. Typically, they meet once a quarter.

If you want to help more with the tasks of running the organization, please let your desires be known to the board. These activities are in the areas of President, Treasurer, Secretary, Facilities, Marketing, Education, and Member management. All job descriptions will be posted in the first week of October at the Bridgewire bulletin board.

Bridgewire Activities

Cleanup and Maintenance Day

Matais mounted the surge protector power strip in a safe orientation at the sanding station

We had a good cleanup day in September, despite the light attendance most of the task items were completed. Any future maintenance days will be scheduled by the new Board and officers we elect and appoint in October.

Daniel replaced our faded door signs with fresh vibrant signs.

Matais stored all the cooling fans for the winter.

FACILITIES UPDATES

A near new SawStop – This month we purchased a slightly used newest generation of a 3.0 Hp SawStop Professional Cabinet saw with 52” extension table. The saw comes with a dado set, Incra crosscut sled and several professional grade blades. In all, we paid about half price if we had bought everything new. This table saw will replace the Powermatic table saw. We hope to have it installed within the month.

However, we will need to hold a general class for all the people approved to operate the current saw. The golden rule will be, if you active the safety cartridge, you will need to replace the cartridge and 10” saw blade. This will cost about $200. Activation with a Dado set will be a little over $400. It sounds expensive but that is nothing compared to loosing a finger.

More Updated Tables – To go along with the new painting in the Multipurpose room the 3D printer and Ham Radio tables were painted and fitted with new tops. These tables are a stark visual improvement from the dreary all black tables.

New Variable speed Drill Press – We purchased a slightly used drill press for the metal shop. This replaces the old worn out Continental drill press. In addition to a quality drill press we purchased a new high quality Wilton X-Y cross slide vise. Finally, we will be able to drill accurate holes in accurate locations in our metal parts. The Variable speed drill is easy to use but we want the users to operate the machine correctly so we minimize wear and damage. There is no belt adjustment to change speeds, just a dial to turn. Classes will be scheduled this coming month before we release the drill press for use.

Hacked – This month our website was hacked. Sometimes it seems okay, then it routes you to several different websites trying to phish. An attempt will be made to recover its function by Oct 3rd. If we can not recover our website function, we will shut it down while we build a new website. Hopefully, it won’t take longer than 2 weeks. Any volunteers among our membership to help rebuild will be appreciated.

New Li Ion Battery charging and storage location. – We have moved the Li ion batteries into steel metal cabinets just incase there is ever a battery fire. In the future, after using a battery it must be unplugged from the tool and either charged or stored in the metal cabinets.

Items for sale – These items are now listed on Craigslist. Member's get a 20% discount off the original listing. This is first come first serve. All proceeds will go towards newer and better equipment at Bridgewire. Eric Bradford and Ron Dayney will be managing the sale of these items.

1. 3M Overhead projector. In working condition. $50
2. 3D printer 230mm x 160mm Malyan model M180. Nice enclosure, dual nozzle design, spools for printer wire integrated on the back. $300
3. 3D printer 200mm x 200mm print bed. Kickstarter Bridgebot. Controller board programmed for this stepper motor. $100
4. Mitsubishi WD2000U Multiple input video projector VGA/DVI/RGB/Composite HD projector with remote and 15 foot video cable. With matching swivel mount. $150
5. RF sweep generator 4-12.4 Ghz. Wilton. Not tested. $50
6. 3D printer 200mm x 200mm print bed. Monoprice IIIP. With digital control box. In working condition. $150

7.

High power Battery backup power supply, needs new batteries. With new batteries the unit with supply up to 30 Amps AC. It has one 240 VAC output, and four 120 VAC $150

8.
XBOX 360 Kinect $13 Cash only

EDUCATION HAPPENINGS

Bridgewire Classes and Workshops

We are looking to have members create and teach classes of their own. All Bridgewire classes will charge a fee of $15/hr. per student. If a materials fee is required it can be added to the total cost. The instructor will receive 50% of the class fee from Bridgewire. The class must be listed on our calendar no less that 30 days before the class. The instructor determines class length in hour increments and the min and max number of student required. Talk to Eric to get a class instruction template and learn more.

FINAL NOTES

New and returning members this last month

Aaron B. and Erica B.

BRIDGEWIRE CALENDAR

As of this printing our website is hacked and you can not get to the calendar. When it is restored you can see the classes and events scheduled on our website under Calendar.