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Normally, I would be sending out our monthly newsletter today, but we had no meeting, which means no minutes to publish, and no Show-N-Tell or demonstration pictures to share.

Instead, your club officers have been discussing club activities in light of the national shutdown. With the school now closed for the remainder of the school year, we do not have our regular meeting facility, and it would be very difficult to have a meeting in someone's shop and maintain safe distancing. As a result, **we have decided to cancel the May meeting**. Our next regular meeting will be Tuesday, September 8, the day after labor day.

The **annual club picnic** is planned for Saturday, June 27, at the city park in Clyde Park. Social hour starts at 11 am with the meal starting around noon. You are asked to bring either a side dish or a dessert, and the club will provide chicken or hot dogs. As we all can understand, there is still a possibility the pandemic rules will not allow us to host a picnic on that date, so stay tuned for updates.

The **President's Challenge** for the month of April is "Make something using a kit". I would like to have your photographs back to me by Tuesday evening, so I can assemble a group mailing with the entries. If you have other items you've been working on and would like to submit photos of them for a Show-N-Tell spread, send them along, too.

The **NRWG Facebook group** is up and running, with about 16 members participating. Instructions for joining in on the conversation follow. All members are welcome, and the group is private, so you should be quite safe if you join in.

*The private group on Facebook is set up under the title NRWG.*

*You can find it here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/517151388964885/>*

*It is a private group so you cannot enter it until you become a member of the group and you need to request membership on the Facebook page. Jay and Jess are moderating the group and screening applicants.*

*Once you are approved as a member you can view and post.*

We will try to arrange **Shop Tours** later this summer. Please look over your schedule and see if you can find a Saturday morning in July or August to host a few of your fellow woodworkers at your shop. If you would like to volunteer, please contact me as soon as possible.

Normally, the **club library** spends the summer in my living room. I will try to get it home from the high school, and will let everyone know if/when I have done so.

Last thing—it's **Spring Storm Season**, when heavy, wet snow and wind can bring us a bounty of **Free Wood!** Everyone please keep their eyes out for storm damage and tree service trucks. It's particularly desirable to get fresh, intact trunks, so ask "Are you doing a removal?" and if so, politely ask if you can have some. The arborists are generally very accommodating, though you may be told you have to get permission from the landowner. If you do identify a good score, don't hesitate to let me know so we can offer the 'excess' to other club members.

Stay well, make good stuff, and we'll look forward to catching up in September.

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