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Agenda:

Set up Friday afternoon and early Saturday morning.

Show open to public, Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Presentation of toys to "Toys for Tots" Saturday 6:30 p.m.

Following the presentation will be covered dish dinner and Christmas party with entertainment.

Note: There will be nice door prizes and show prizes. Be there and bring a prize winner.

From the President ...

Gentlemen.

Again I apologize for missing the last meeting. I had to be out of town. I understand that attendance was good and that Richard Gilbert again did a noteworthy job of handling the program. Many thanks, Richard.

There are some exciting things planned for the remainder of the year and I feel certain you will make a special effort to attend.

October is "Bring a Friend" month. The meeting will be held at Ronnie Acton's shop. Our guest speaker and demonstrator will be Brad Packard from North Carolina. If you have not attended one of Brad's sessions, you are in for a special treat. Brad is a representative from Inca Tools who is a talented woodworker and speaker. He will be demonstrating how to cut dovetails on the table saw. This method was developed by a friend of his and was described in an article published in Fine Woodworking.

As usual, when Ronnie hosts our meeting, there will be plenty of good things to eat and plenty of coffee and cokes. If it is impossible for you to attend the meeting, we plan to videotape the proceedings and make the tape available for you to view at a later time.

In December, we will be holding our first annual toy show. The show will be held December 14th and 15th, Friday and Saturday, in the auditorium at the home office of Liberty National. We are requesting that each guild member make one or more wooden toys of his choice. The toys will be exhibited during the show and then donated to the "Toys for Tots" program. I sincerely hope that each member will participate. This is an excellent opportunity for us to sharpen our woodworking skills and to do something nice for some underprivileged children who would not otherwise have a Christmas. (Continued)

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From The President (continued)

In November we will again meet at Ronnie's shop. The Hegner scroll saws and their operation will highlight the program and everyone will have a chance to get "hands on" experience. This will be an excellent opportunity to do some special work on your toys. The Pelham High School wood shop will also be open to anyone needing specialized equipment for their toymaking.

We apologize for a somewhat slow summer, but we have it going now, so you get going and come on out.

See you in October.

Spruce

Discounts, Datcounts

The Guild now receives free subscriptions to Fine Woodworking and Woodsmith. These are available at the monthly meetings or by contacting Spruce McRee.

Also, Guild Members are entitled to discounts on certain merchandise at the following businesses:

Precision Sharpening
3156 Cahaba Hts. Plaza
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Birmingham Saw
910 North 28th Street
Birmingham
Acton Moulding & Millwork
County Road 17, Helena
Mohawk Finishing Products
Double Springs
Floors, Walls & All
Lorna Road, Hoover

Show your membership card to receive the discounts.

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Someone sent in an ad for the Chiseler's Corner section of our newsletter. It concerned a 4" jointer for use with a Craftsman 9" or 10" table saw and a request for a Rockwell or Powermatic 14" Bandsaw. We need your name and phone number.

Woodbutcher of the Month

This month your reporter found himself talking with our Secretary, Mr. Spruce McRee, Jr.

Spruce was born in Ensley, graduated from Ensley High School, and has remained in the Birmingham area since. His higher education was obtained from the College of Hard Knocks. Sounds familiar doesn't it?

Spruce was first exposed to working in grammar school making rectangle stools with the tops laced with papers. Hey—this might make an interesting presentation at one of our meetings. Making cars out of crates and racing them was also a lot of fun. He continued woodworking in high school. I think you'll agree, he was very fortunate in having so many years of structured instruction.

His first major project was a cedar chest, and believe it or not, he still has it in his basement storing who knows what. The project he is most proud of is a cross bow he made out of solid mahogany, 17 years ago, for his son John, who had to really keep after him to complete. The most fun was making the bow out of a spring that came off a car.

In 1950 he moved to Crestline Heights where he still resides. Here he began building his shop up with some power tools. It seems he was tired of the hand tool and hand sanding scene.

The building of furniture became a primary interest with heavy emphasis on lawn chairs.

To support himself and his hobby, he started out with A&P as a package boy and worked his way to heading up the sales department.

Since retiring in 1976, he spends his time trying to stay out of trouble and is currently involved in making toys with Spruce III.

He would like our Guild membership to continue to grow and become a dominant force in the community building up more interest in good furniture making.

I know I speak for all of us in saying how much we appreciate his time and effort in our Guild, and will give our total support to THRIVE IN 85!

Dick Beecham

Hints and Suggestions for Santa's Elves

Remember, toys will be played with, not looked at, so make them strong. Make sure there are no sharp edges, points or loose parts that could be swallowed. Sand all parts smooth to avoid splinters. If you wish to paint your toys use a non-toxic paint. Check your local paint dealer for advice.

Be creative and use your own design if you wish, but if you need help several plans and designs we have ordered are available.

This is your chance to really be Santa Claus so please get into the Christmas spirit early. Bring your ideas or toys to the meetings. We would love to see them.

Y'awls Point

Let's have your comments and suggestions. Address them to:

Dale Lewis Newsletter Editor 1720 Driftwood Lane Birmingham, AL 35235

Cheaper By The Dozen

In order to take advantage of the Guild's combined purchasing power, the purchasing committee needs to know what supplies, tools or equipment you members would like to purchase.

If you are interested in participating in combined purchasing, complete the information below and return it to the purchasing committee at the next meeting, or mail to the P.O. Box published in this newsletter. (Be as specific as possible using brand names or model numbers, sizes and quantities where possible.)

Your Name:

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Supplies:			
Tools:			
Equipment:			

Chiseler's Corner ...

Are you having a problem trying to buy, sell or trade something? Do you want help on a specific project? Having difficulty trying to locate a rare tool or supply?

Place an ad in our Chiseler's Corner column next month. Mail this form 2 weeks prior to the next meeting and your ad will be printed.

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Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Alabama Woodworkers Guild will be Thursday, October 11 at 7:00 p.m. at Acton Moulding, Millwork and Tools.

A Special Invitation

If you have written to us seeking information about the Alabama Woodworker Guild, we cordially invite you to our October meeting. Seeing the activities and meeting our members would be the best way for you to understand our goals and purpose.

The meeting will be held Thursday, October 11 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting site will be Acton Moulding, Millwork and Tools in Helena (See map in newsletter ad).

We promise you an enjoyable and informative evening. Make a special effort to come. You'll be glad you did.

Spruce McRee President

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