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Notes Of Our Last Meeting...

Our February meeting was officiated by Ron Acton, 1st V.P., as Spruce McRee was unable to attend. Verbal testimonials were given about Spruce and what he has accomplished in the formation of the AWG and his tenure as president. Much hard work and many hours were spent by Spruce in making the AWG what it is today. Many thanks for your devotion, Spruce, we appreciate you.

With a representation of 55 members, the first order of business was the nomination and election of officers. The only changes to the incumbent slate was Leonard Sanders as President, Debbie Doonan to the Board of Directors, and Nelson Brooks as Toys For Tots Show Chairman. Unanimous votes were cast and congratulations and good wishes extended to all. We all look forward to a fruitful and interesting year for the AWG.

President's Letter...

Greetings:
 As I said at the last meeting, no one is more surprised than I am that I was elected your president. Now that it's over and done with, let's get on with continuing the progress our guild has made in its first few years.

We are certainly indebted to Spruce McRee, Ron Acton, and their officers and associates for getting us started and keeping us going. Many such groups die on the vine for any number of reasons unless hard work and thought is applied, and that is what our officers have done for us.

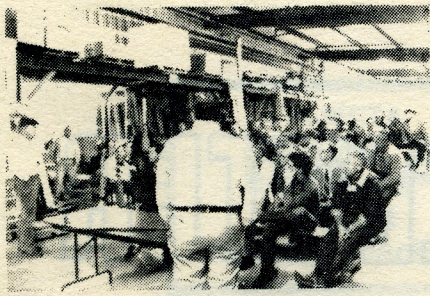
It is my hope we can continue the progress. There must be a need for a group like ours or we wouldn't have more than 100 members now, and 55 in attendance last meeting.

The evening classes are a success. Dr. Armstrong is living up to his reputation by providing us good information and insight into many areas of woodworking most of us know little about. Where else can you learn that much for \$25.00, the cost of providing liability insurance against any of us getting injured? Even though the first lesson is over, there is much to come in future lessons, still worth the money. The text book is only \$30.00 (optional) but will also serve as an excellent reference book for your future projects.

I'm looking forward to our year together and encourage you to support the guild with your attendance at its meetings.

Leonard Sanders

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And Our Treasurer...

Walter Barnett stated that our treasury is in good standing and it is his goal to publish a semi-annual Treasurer's Report in the Newsletter. Hopefully, it will be available for the April Newsletter.

Show And Tell..

Kerry McCalla is not only our Guild Secretary, but is also a collector of antique tools. At this meeting, he demonstrated a lumberman's stick which is used to determine the yield of lumber per tree. This was followed by a caliper type gauge which is also used to determine board footage per log.

Next, he showed a plough plane; very popular in the 1870's. This one had a moveable fence, similar to today's router edge guides, manufactured by Baldwin, of New York, it also had an adjustable depth gauge. It seems as if the same technology was available in the "Good Old Days", save one had to do the manual aspect, instead of just plugging it in.

Kerry brought out a good point regarding antique, or old tools we might come across. He suggested, merely cleaning it up with a wax cleaner, (such as Trawax or Formby) and sharpening the blade. That is about the extent of maintenance needed.

Something Old, Something New...

Have you been searching for a television program worth watching? If you've not seen, "This Old House" on PBS Educational Channel 10, you've been missing a great show! The theme of this program is the remodeling of an older house. A different section of the dwelling is covered each week. The new series will feature building a house from foundation on up.

A few weeks ago, viewers were taken to Sweden to see how hardwood flooring for USA consumption was manufactured, quite interesting. Many techniques are shown that will make our honey-do projects at home a bit easier.

View this show one time, and you may get hooked on it. If you can't watch it at that time and you have a VCR, tape it for later viewing. It's a

good family show. I believe you'll enjoy it.

Never Too Early...

As time has a way of escaping us, it's never too early to start thinking of our Toys For Tots Show. Nelson Brooks will spearhead this endeavor for this year. Hopefully it will be bigger and better than ever. For more info. call Nelson 988-3520.

The Woodshed...

Another local supplier of hardwoods added to our list is Magic City Plywood, Inc.

Hardwoods are available in 4/4 (13/16") and in dressed form only. The following are stocked: basswood, soft maple, red alder, red oak, cherry, mahogany, and walnut.

They also carry hardwood plywoods in thicknesses ranging from 1/8, 1/4, 1/2, 5/8, and 3/4". Birch, red oak, white oak, Honduras mahogany, cherry and walnut are stocked. Knotty pine and luan plywoods are also available.

They are located at: 3925 - 2nd Ave., South, Birmingham, AL 205-591-7246 800-645-7503.

Shop Tips...

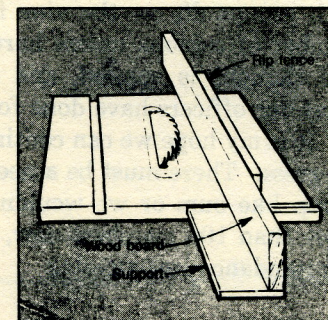
The following hints are submitted in hopes they may be useful to someone.

A bevel on the level

The trick to cutting an accurate bevel on a long piece of stock is to keep the board flat against the surface of the table saw. If either end of the board raises off the table, the bevel will be uneven.

TIP: Attach a long, straight board to your fence. (Many fences have pre-drilled holes for this purpose.) Before gluing a piece of wood to the underside of the leading edge, be sure you can still use the fence-tightening knobs. This jig will help keep the stock aligned as it feeds into the saw. Use a roller support on the outfeed.

—Tom Peters
Midland, Mich.



The program for the evening was a very interesting video film on "49 Ways To Cut Costs On Lumber Yield Allowances". Although we were observing big furniture manufacturing companies many of the procedures can be applied to us. We may not realize a \$10,000 - \$1,000,000 annual saving, but it gave us a different perspective on laying out our projects and ripping our wood to get the most of what we have.

As the computer age seems to have crept into all walks of life, so too, in the lumber yards. Logs are sequentially numbered and computerized as to diameter length, and species. The computer then figures the yield of each log. When it is cut, the number is then re-fed in the computer and inventory is up to date as to species, and yield.

The various methods of clamping, sawing, and gluing was also quite interesting. It's always fascinating to see how, "The Big Boys" do it.

Door Prize Winner...

An advantage to signing the member registration log at each meeting, is that you are eligible for a door prize. This month the prize was a Warrington Hammer. It was won by Dale Lewis, a long standing member of our guild. Congratulations, Dale.

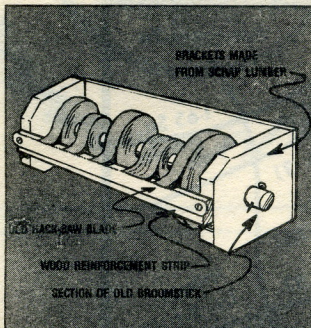
Reminder From Our Secretary...

Kerry McCalla reminded everyone that our annual dues were due as of the beginning of the year. Anyone who has not as yet paid their 1987 dues are past due and the March Newsletter will be the last one received. Annual fee is \$20.00. If anyone has changed address/phone number, please contact Kerry McCalla at 991-0413 for update.

Handy tape dispenser

In many shops, finding the right tape at the right time can be a problem. Once located, it's often covered with sawdust and wood shavings. To keep various types and sizes of tape in one handy location, use scrap wood and a piece of dowel or broomstick to make a tape dispenser. An old hacksaw blade reinforced with a wooden strip makes a good cutter.

—Dwight Blakeney, Seaford, Del.



Sue's Corner...

Sue Acton is interested in starting a women's auxiliary of the AWG. As most women are already inundated with meetings, the auxiliary would meet on a bi-monthly basis.

At this time, a Spring social-only family get together is suggested. Are you interested? Please call Sue at 663-0130.

For Sale...

Rockwell RC 33 - 13" Planer
2 HP - 220 v - Single Phase.
Set on 3 Point Caster System
Used Less Than 10 Hrs.
\$900. Call Ken Warr 665-4096

To list any item in this section, please contact Anita Skocik 798-9571. Submit item at least 2 weeks before next meeting.

Final Note...

If anyone needs to order some wood at the same time they are coming to the guild meeting, call Ron ahead of time to place your order and it will be read when you arrive for the meeting.

**SEE YOU AT THE
NEXT MEETING
MARCH 12, 1987
7:30 P.M.**

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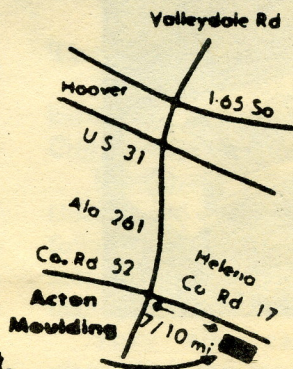
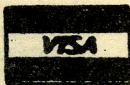
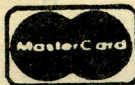
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