



Atlantic Woodworkers'
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THE AWA ENTERS ELECTRONIC AGE



The directors of the Atlantic woodworkers Association have approved funding to institute the design and production of a Web Page on the Internet. As this is being written our designer is hard at work getting the site up and running. We don't have an inaugural date yet but we'll keep you posted.

Features

There will be some really neat features for both the AWA members and the general public.

- ❖ AWA Past Projects
- ❖ AWA Future Projects

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AWA VOTES YEA TO NEW MEETING DAYS

On January 17th the Directors of the Atlantic Woodworkers Association vote to change the day of the monthly meetings from the *first* Tuesday of every month to the **second** Tuesday of every month. this was done to prevent both confusion and conflict with holiday long weekends. E-letters were sent out to the general membership last month asking for objections to this change. There was only one response and that was in the affirmative.

See you February 13!

**OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 7:00 PM ON FEBRUARY 13
AT THE HOME DEPOT**



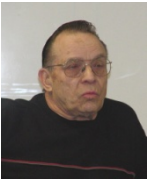
February Meeting

Our February meeting will feature a Mortise & Tenon joinery demonstration by member Roslyn Duffus, Graham McCulloch will keep you up to date with some new tools from Bosch, Skil and Vermont American. And, our library will be open. As always, our monthly meetings welcome new members.



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**A Word From Our
Chairman**

Hi All

Time again for our monthly Newsletter. I don't have a lot to say at this time but will pass on a few words.

The Board of Directors met in January to go over a few items. The main topics were the programs for the next meetings and the Association's liability regarding the renting of Electric Tools. The consensus was we should not be in the business of renting tools that may or may not cause injuries. To this end it was agreed to get out of the renting of electric equipment that might be a liability. We have several tools that belong to the Association a list of which you can read in another part of this newsletter. The Directors plan is to have a Silent Auction for the electrical tools within the next few months. More information on the auction will be forthcoming.

Many of the members have not met or at least had much association with Larry Graham over the past couple of years. Larry is one of the founding members of the Association and had been very active serving, I believe, in all Executive and Director positions of the Association at one time or another. He has not been able to attend most of the meetings for some time due to other commitments on the first Tuesday of the month.

Now that we have moved the meeting night to the second Tuesday of the month he expects to be able to attend more often. I was talking to Larry recently and asked if he would be able to give us a talk on the history of the Association sometime during this our Twenty Fifth Anniversary year. He graciously agreed he could sometime in the next few months, being fully committed for the next while. Larry makes me envious of his memory and it wouldn't surprise me if he could name all the original members and what was discussed at the first meeting. I'm sure all will enjoy his story of the Association when he is able to relate it. Larry is presently the holder of the tools that can be rented by members of the Association. He can be reached at 466-4447. Hope to see you all at the meeting.

Lewis Hatt

Note: The AWA Bylaws are available for those who want a copy. Contact Jen Canam.





AWA Enters Electronic Age

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- ❖ Members Work
- ❖ Join Now
- ❖ Contact Us
- ❖ Links



In addition to this public area there is the Members Site. As a paid-up member of the AWA you will be able to access this area. The Members Site has some interesting areas as well, such as; Current Newsletter, Membership List, an illustrated Library Book List, Magazine and DVD listings, a Buy & Sell area, the Latest News and more.

Please E-mail Graham for your user name and password.

We Need Your Help!

We want all of our members to know a little bit more about each other so we are asking you to send us a short bio on yourself. Nothing elaborate but let us know what type of woodworking you do, where you do it, is it for sale, how long have you been doing it and here's the clincher, we want a photo of you perhaps doing your woodworking.

More

Over the years you have volunteered your skills to build various community-related projects such as the Point Pleasant Park Benches, Wishing Wells for the Children's Wish Foundation and more.

We are looking to do more community-related projects and need your suggestions.

Please contact either Lew or Cecil with your ideas.

Shakin' In Glen Margaret

After cutting, hauling, splitting and stacking next year's fuel supply, I wanted to have more fun with firewood. I decided to side the woodshed in shakes. It turns out to be easy, and it makes use of wind fallen balsam fir, something I have lots of but not much use for. The finished product looks rough, but appropriate on a rustic outbuilding.

After some experimentation I can make somewhat uniform shakes, ½ in. thick, tapering to less than ¼ in., 15 in. long by 4 or 5 in. wide (all measurements approx). I can't do it fast, but it is cheap. There is no waste - well split firewood is a by-product.

I use a chainsaw maul, froe and mallet. From a tree 12 in. or more in diameter, quarter a 15 in. section, free of knots. I tried splitting from the round, but had poor results. That might work in other woods but not fir.

When splitting wood, the split will not be straight, unless both sides of the piece are equal. If the areas on each side of the split are not equal, the split will wander towards the smaller portion. I knew this but I had almost no success. I found that if I tried to split off one shake at a time, starting at around ½ in. thick, occasionally it would work, but usually it made an unusable or short shake as the split tapered off too quickly. I split a lot of kindling before I solved the problem. I now split off about 1 in. thick, and that tapers down to about ½ in. (most of the time), then I split the piece again to make 2 shakes. As the quarter piece gets smaller, occasionally flip it end for end. If required I trim edges with a hatchet.

I get around 20 good shakes per round. This is not fine carpentry. If I had figured out the technique before I shingled the roof this would have been more interesting.

Fraser Howell

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Welcome New Members



The AWA directors and members wish to extend a warm welcome to **George Beatty** and **Brian Cooper** from Halifax, **Jan Jamer** from Fall River and **Ted Monk** from Westphal. We hope that your membership will be mutually beneficial.



For those of you like Gene Nurse that are fortunate to be able to play 18 holes in February, now is the time to buy our AWA Golf Shirt. It's 90/10% cotton/polyester and it is a paltry \$30. Call Jen Canam to order yours today.

I'll take this opportunity to put in a plug for Rod's Machine shop in Burnside. They did a difficult job well, and despite difficulties kept to their estimate.

I had recently bought a old lathe made in the UK. It had a problem with the spur drive, as it would not thread properly. It looked like a simple job, merely cut new threads in the existing spur centre. Their first try didn't work. It was discovered that the thread that had to be matched was a "Whitworth" standard.

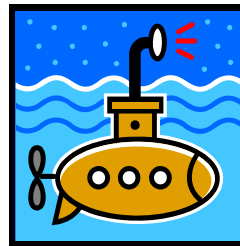
The differences in standards for fasteners, nuts and bolts, and threads and heads would make a good article in itself. Mismatching fasteners of different standards is probably fairly common in folks who are attracted to old iron. Sometimes they fit, sometimes they seem to fit, and sometimes they just come very close.

To make a long story short, there were no suitable parts to be had in Halifax, not even a nut to start from. Rod's fabricated the piece and it works well. They had estimated \$30, and that is all they charged.

The moral is beware buying used British machines, especially sporty cars, woodworking tools, Landrovers, and submarines.

Cheers

Fraser Howell



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UPDATE

Notes N' Stuff

There was a great turnout at our January meeting and a number of you brought your latest woodworking projects in for all to view. As usual, our members really excel at what they do. Check out the pictures on page six.

We welcomed four new members to our fold (page 4) and Jen officially opened our library. Jen and a few other members are to be commended for their help in getting the library up and running. Our new web site will have a full listing of the available books along with the rules of borrowing.

DVD's

Cecil is in the process of having our video tapes converted to DVD format and when ready, these too will be available for borrowing.

Magazines

We have a large number of magazines on hand that are very difficult to catalogue so we are asking you for suggestions for their disposition. Call or E-mail Jen with your ideas.

Tools

Lew indicated our concern regarding the power tool rental situation, our possible liability for injury so it was deemed that we dispose of them. This will be done at a later date and probably through a blind auction. We'll keep you posted.

A Reminder

There are real benefits to being a member of the *Atlantic Woodworkers' Association* but you can't benefit unless you are paid up. Please get your 2007 membership at our February meeting on Tuesday the 13th.

Graham



AWA Rental Tools

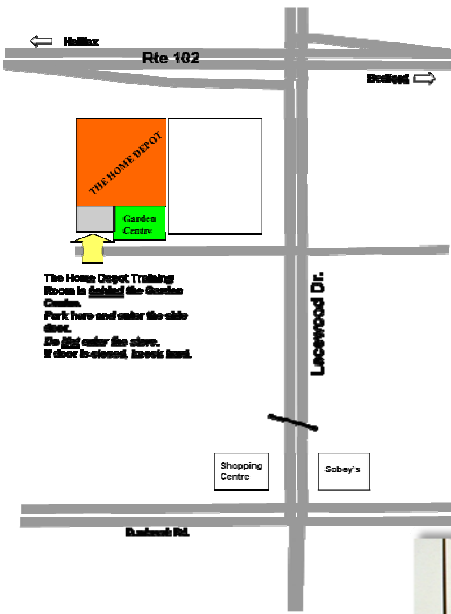
Tool	Rate	Deposit
Finger Jointer Jig	\$3/wk.	\$20.
Veneer Punch	\$3/wk.	\$20.
½" Pipe Tap	\$1./day	\$20.
Clamps	\$1./day-10	\$20.
Moisture Meter	\$4./wk.	\$20.
Engraver Tool	\$2./wk.	\$20.
Magna Set	\$1./day	\$50.
Wood Tap & Die	\$2./wk.	\$50.
Flocking Tool	\$4./wk	\$20.

Flocking fibers are available in small (1/2oz) packages can be purchased at \$3. Each and this includes the required adhesive.

As promised, Faser Howell's Shakin' Shed



Our Photo Page



A Full House



The Library Is Open



This just came in, it is *official*. Add the following to your bookmark list, <http://www.atlanticwoodworkers.ca> . It is now official, the AWA is on the World-Wide Web. We are up and running.

However, we need your help, we need your input. As mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter we would like some personal stuff about you along with a photo of you doing your stuff. We need photos of your stuff and some brief details on how you made it. Got a favourite link to other good woodworking web sites? Share them with us and we'll put 'em on for ya. Any other ideas for our web site, share them with us. E-mail Graham, Lew or Cecil.

To obtain your *user name* and *password* E-mail graham@atlanticwoodworkers.ca with "Password" in the subject heading.