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SAD NEWS

We received some sad news early in July. It seems that due to a lack of interest on the part of exhibitors, the Atlantic Woodworking Show has been cancelled for this year.

This is a *double* blow for AWA members in that not only will we have nothing to do in the second week of November, but even worse, the Kiddies Workshop will not happen.

The reason that the cancellation has happened has to do with the dates of the show. The show has always been in the second week of November and coincidentally so is Armistice Day. If the holiday is on the weekend then the show must close that day. AWA Not a very economical situation. In addition to that, the out of town (CFA's) exhibitors do a circuit for economical reasons. They leave Halifax, go to Moncton and then on to the last show of the year in Ottawa. Without the Moncton show, this worked out real well.

WE TRIED

With the disappointing news from the Atlantic Woodworking Show organizers we were in a quandary. Your directors really wanted to have a Kiddies Workshop even though the show would not be available. We put our heads together and the result would be that we would contact the organizers of The Fall Ideal Home Show.

I contacted them and their initial response was that of excitement and enthusiasm. They thought that it would be a tremendous draw for the Home Show. They would provide us with the space and all of the free accoutrements required, just like the wood show did. The lady running the Halifax show said that she would run it by her boss, a rubber stamp process. I was really excited about the prospects. Well, it was not quite a rubber stamp.

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OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING

I hope you all have had a great summer and now we are in September. The summer was too short for most of us. But, it's now time to get down to business and we have some super business to look forward to.

Our **September 11th** meeting will take place at Lee Valley. As the store will be closed, entry will be by the *back door* at the usual 7:00 P.M. The meeting will feature Lee Valley's Dave Wilkins and Dave will be giving us some tips on using and maintaining the bandsaw. Dave is quite the expert on the subject so it is a meeting that should not be missed. In fact, bring a friend.





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A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I hope everyone had great summer and has made more sawdust than I have managed to.

Thanks to all that turned out at the SPCA for the shed construction. The job went very well and the people there were very grateful to the AWA for their time and efforts.

Thanks as well go to Larry Graham again this year for hosting the annual BBQ. The party was well attended and certainly enjoyed by the attendees.

Speaking of community projects, if you have any ideas that we can participate in in the coming months, please let us know.

Due to the fact that our September meeting will be held at Lee Valley and not our usual venue, the library will not be open. So, to all of you that would have forgotten to return the books anyway, you have an extension.

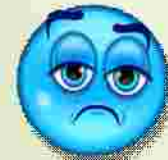
We are still looking for some spinning tops for the kids in Timbuktu; your help here would be surely appreciated.

Cecil

We Tried.....

Catherine McNutt, the Halifax show manager got back to me saying that they would go for it if I could talk The Home Depot (our sponsors) into allowing them (the Home Show) to distribute \$1.00 off coupons and to place posters in their two stores. It was an ultimatum that I was not aware of in the beginning. The Home Depot however has a very strict policy; No In Store Advertising period. I tried to get this reversed (after all, they are the sponsors) but was not successful.

I further tried the guilt thingy with the show people, they wouldn't bite. It is a shame that we are going to miss a year of the Kiddies Workshop.



Sad News.....

Before Moncton was included our show was a week later. Last year (due to Armistice Day) our show was after the Moncton show and they outdid us. They outdid us in both attendance and sales. It would seem that the Amherst folks went west rather than east to Halifax.

And on top of that, the first Moncton Show was very successful and brought woodworkers from Saint John, Fredericton and PEI. Geographically, Moncton is a far more convenient city for them to get to.

Next year however, Armistice Day will be on a Tuesday so we will see our Atlantic Woodworking Show back at the Fair Grounds. Checking out the calendar, we should be good for another three years.



Free To A Good Home

I have two sheets of book-matched ¼" Birch plywood to give away. One sheet is the full 4' x 8' and the second is 3' x 8'. You may recall that I sent out an E-mail about this several weeks ago, but the individual that was the first to lay claim to them had a problem getting transportation to pick them up. So the sheets are still here, high and dry in my shed and I would really like to get them out of there.

Call me at 479-0221
Graham



SCARY SHARP

Let me preface this by saying I am the world's worst sharpener.....until now. I recall our meeting with Rob Cosman and how he made sharpening with wet stones so easy, but so expensive. Well people, I just got the Work Sharp sharpening tool and I can tell you I am now a professional. I put an edge on a couple of 1" chisels that you can shave with and even honed the back perfectly flat. Quite the machine. I'll bring it to the meeting on Tuesday. See you then.

Graham



PHOTO GALLERY

The following are candid shots of the SPCA storage shed built by our community minded AWA volunteers.

