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AWA Newsletter

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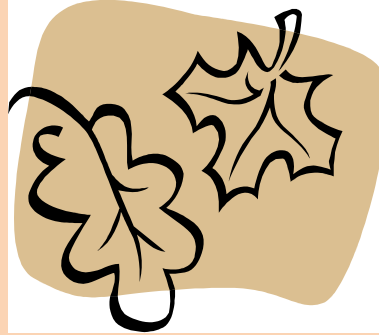
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OCTOBER MEETING

Our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm and this month we will meet at Busy Bee in Burnside, Dartmouth.

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The October meeting scheduled for October 11th at 7 PM will be held at Busy Bee and the demo will be by Bill Luther. Bill will demo a Christmas ornament with the scroll saw. This guy is magic—don't miss.



Notes from the Chair;

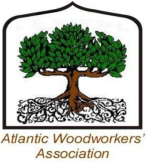
The AWA Executive held its most recent meeting in early June of this year. As a matter of course, and in accordance with our bylaws, we meet 2 or 3 times a year. In my experience in the Executive over the last few years, the meetings have been very well attended, and with 14 executive members there is reliable representation of the Association membership

to discuss matters and make decisions.

At the meetings the Executive reviews the state of affairs hearing from the officers who report on membership, finance, library resources, projects, communications and monthly meeting programme. The Executive meeting agenda includes items that cover the current known issues and concerns; some merit recurring attention while other topics only require common understanding of the situation.

At the past June meeting a handful of topics were discussed that may be of interest to the membership:

1. Although we are quite pleased and grateful to be welcome to the use Kent's training facility to host our monthly meetings, the executive is aware that access to our meeting room is restricted due to lack of an elevator. There are members



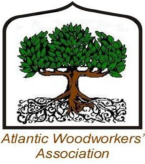
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who do not attend meetings because of the limitation. Fortunately, many of our monthly meetings throughout the year are held “off-site” where access is less of or no issue. The Executive has agreed to an ongoing search for a suitable meeting facility with unrestricted access for our membership.

2. The executive continues to explore the need for liability insurance for any that carry responsibility within the AWA. Although we are volunteers, there exists potential for individuals and the group to be liable in the cases such a perceived failure of safety. Members of the Executive are currently exploring insurance options.
3. The Executive discussed information security as it relates to our email communications and access to the content on our website. Specifically, we want to ensure sufficient protection of privacy for the members while ensuring reasonable access and exchange of information. The Executive agreed that, after studying the matter and with recent changes to the website, that we have the right balance of privacy and access. The final step on the matter will be to post on our website a statement concerning our information policy.
4. We discussed the AWA website’s role and value to the membership. It was agreed that the website is exceptionally valuable in its new form. Direct membership interaction with the site is easier (and called for), and the site is being productively maintained and kept very current. Some members wished the forum was more active, although it was noted, even if many do not provide comment, several do read other people’s contributions. There are plans to provide to the membership at an upcoming monthly meeting a presentation on the workings of the website, so all can benefit from the features.
5. The Executive discussed the role of the AWA newsletter. It was suggested by one on the Executive that it duplicates content that is on or could be included on the website. Some members still receive the newsletter through regular mail. Most agreed that receiving the newsletter by email was a good reminder to get ready for the next meeting. All agreed on the status quo for the newsletter with a view to incorporate improvements as suggestions arise.

Something that has not been an agenda item for awhile, but is always briefly covered is the need to increase membership dues, or I should be saying, not to increase dues. Our association has a safe bank balance and our annual expenses have been comfortably covered by the dues we do collect.

-----Don



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Christmas is Coming



This month is our second last month be for our Christmas social and toy drive which will be held at Lee Valley. It is not to soon get started if you haven't already. For our new members Our december meeting is a social where members bring some nibbles, Lee Valley supply the drinks and coffee. Members that come are encouraged to bring a toy or toys that they have made. Once we ooo and ah! Over them they are given to the Salvation Army to distribute in their Christmas boxes for children. This is a worth while project that we have a number of years. You can bring your wives, in fact they are encouraged to come.



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Tool sale and Exchange

Our first ever tool sale and exchange will be held on October 22nd 10 AM until 2 PM.

The event will be held at the **Salvation Army Hall, 171 Pleasant Street, Dartmouth.**

Come and bring any old or new tools that you will sell or exchange or just show up to buy tools.

Coffee will be available (it's free)

I would strongly recommend that you GoogleMap or Mapquest to get specific directions.

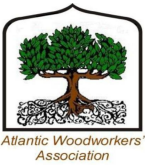
Call or email me if you have problems. The parking lot is quite ample and there are two entrances to it.

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Safty Tip: Remember to disconnect the power from your table saw when changing the blade

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