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Our September Meeting

The well attended September meeting was held at the Lee Valley meeting room and was hosted by Dave Wilkins. Dave showed us all how to "hot-rod" a bandsaw and how to fine-tune the machine to make it work better and smoother. Dave's demonstration included details on new products available that will increase the performance of most bandsaws and he also showed us some neat accessories for it. Dave also showed the AWA members how to improve the tool's performance with very little cash outlay and that is always an important factor.

A New Twist

Dave Wilkins showed us how to properly coil a bandsaw blade without drawing blood. Conversely, he showed us how to uncoil it just as safely.

Kevin Hurst proudly showed us the new Lee Valley 30th anniversary Stainless Steel Edge Plane. Thanks Guys.

OCTOBER'S MEETING

The next AWA meeting will be held on **Tuesday October 9th** and will be hosted by and held at Halifax Specialty Hardwoods. They are located in the Atlantic Acres Industrial Park off the Hammonds Plains Road. Their address is 26A Topsail Court and that is off Bluewater Road (the main street in the park). From Hammonds Plains Rd. take Bluewater Rd. and Topsail is the first street on the right.

Darryl Vallis is rolling out the red carpet for us on Tuesday night and is going to show us the milling process from raw to the finished and shaped product.

Broader Inventory

HSH has recently gone from a somewhat limited inventory of 16 species to over 40 along with a number of specialty plywoods.

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BALTIC BIRCH BARGAINS

Brian Robinson has some plywood bargains for AWA members. These are Baltic Birch Plywood ends and all are 5/8" thick. The pieces have never been used and are BBB or better, veneer plywood. Brian says that full size sheets retail for about \$45 and it is an ideal product for shelving, drawers, jigs, fixtures and other small projects. Here is what Brian has:

1.) - 5/8" (15mm) Baltic Birch Plywood, 19" x 60" - \$8.00 per sheet.

2.) - 5/8" (15mm) Baltic Birch Plywood, 17 1/2" x 40 1/2" - \$6.00 per sheet.

Brian says that you can expect a lower price on quantities of 20 sheets or more.

Contact Brian by e-mail at brimer@ns.sympatico.ca

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A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Our meeting in Sept. was at Lee Valley which was well attended and I would like to thank Lee Valley and Dave Wilkins for the use of their space on short notice.

The announcement was made to the members that there is no Wood show in Halifax this year. This also means that there is no Kids Workshop.

I would like to thank Art Snow and his brother, Edgar for the donation of tops for Timbuktu. Don't forget our next meeting is at Halifax Specialty Hardwoods in Hammonds Plains. Hope to see a good membership turnout as Darryl is including a demo which may even have something to do with wood? For those of us who haven't started the toys for December now is a good time to pick up the lumber. Put your thinking caps on and let Dave Smith know what you would like to see at the meetings in 2008.

Cecil

THIS N' THAT

Bandsaws

Further to the September meeting, Dave Wilkins forgot to provide the bandsaw reference material that he mentioned during his demonstration. The following books are available at HRM libraries or at Lee Valley at discounted prices this month.

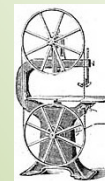
31L16.31 is a bandsaw handbook and 49L50.48 is the up-dated version.

Both are written by Mark Duginske, *the* authority on bandsaws.

And, speaking of bandsaws.....

Wanted!

AWA member Marlene Jollymore sent me this; apparently her friend Bobby Grace is looking for a good 14" bandsaw and a 6" jointer. Should any of you have one or both of these tools that you want to sell, contact Bobby Grace at 902-864-5932.



FOR SALE:

Stan Salsman sends this along:
Due to health problems, Woodcraft by Marilyn has to give up business and has the following tools for sale. She would much rather sell them as a lot but will consider individual sales.

Radial Arm Saw – 10" Sears Anniversary with table and 5 blades.

Lathe – Rockwell/Beaver M3400 S237310 with 36" bed & 2, three groove pulleys.

Duplicator – General for above lathe.

Planer – 18" Woodmaster with accessories and molding knives and dust collector.

Band Saw – King 14" (?)

Drill Press - King, with mortising set.

Jointer/Planer – Craftex, 6" x 47".

Wet Wheel Grinder – Viking.

Shaper - Sears, ½" spindle.

Scroll Saw - Rockwell 24" throat with stand.

Price for the lot - \$8442.84 incl. taxes.

Please call Peter or Marilyn at 902-864-6383



Halifax Specialty.....

Bring your wallets with you to the Tuesday meeting as Darryl is offering a one-time discount of 10% off all of their exotic wood species and a 20% discount off all of their in-stock domestic species.

Sounds to me like a heck of a good deal.

Do we hear the rustling of shopping lists? See you all on Tuesday.



Halifax Specialty Hardwoods

(Hardwoods, Mouldings, Plywoods)

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Industrial Park

TAKING THE BUS?

A thought crossed my mind the other day and I thought that I would pass it on to you. As all of you know by now, the Halifax Atlantic Woodshow has been cancelled this year. The show will be in Moncton however and many of us really want to see it. I have contacted Budget Rent-A-Car (Van) and here is the deal. A 7-passenger van for a day trip will cost \$63 + tax for a day. This includes 200 free km's + \$0.15 per km over that. So, here is the math. Cost of the van - \$72.00, 700 km's (500 @ 0.15) = \$75.00 plus of course, the unknown cost of the gas. Let's figure gas at \$100. And we have a total of \$247.00. divide that by 7 and we have a total of \$35.29 per person. I am sure that I can talk my way into seven free passes for the show. We can share the driving. Anyone interested? E-mail me, graham@atlanticwoodworkers.ca and I'll pursue it.





PHOTO GALLERY



All eyes are on Dave Wilkins of Lee Valley, thanks Dave and Lee Valley.

