

WOODWORKERS CLUB OF HOUSTON

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PAST MEETING

Henry Akagi gave us his demonstration of a small sawmill in operation and for those that attended, it was well worth the trip. Henry has taken an old abandoned sawmill and reconditioned it to a working machine. He re-sawed four or five fair sized cedar logs into 1" thick boards. Those that wanted a piece - threw their names in a hat and we had a drawing.

It was an excellent demonstration Henry, and we all appreciated it. Henry really has a nice place out in the country. How many people can boast that they have their own sawmill in their back yard.

SHOW & TELL

Henry Akagi stood out again in this department. He showed the school house clock shown in the Woodsmith Magazine, a working model of a spinning wheel that his wife used and several bowls he had turned. All these projects were made from wood that Henry milled on his own sawmill.

Chuck Maxwell brought a few pictures of a bench made of Green Oak that he made along with a piece he used to demonstrate his method of joinery.

Don't forget to bring your pieces. I'm working on several right now.

OLD BUSINESS

Chuck finished the Library bookcase and did a superb job. The books won't fall out of this one during transporting and it's all on rollers. Bill Beggs applied a coat of stain and laquer to the bookcase.

If you have any books, plans, or whatever to loan to the library, please bring it to the July meeting

Al Sykes has made up a list of Lumber Mills and is checking with them to determine if we can purchase a truck load of end cuts (4ft. and less) in various hardwoods. Hopefully he will have something to report at the July 14th meeting.

Al already got MVP Sharpeners - 10817 S. Post Oak Rd. - 721-3650, to offer at least a 15% Discount on router bits, dados, and drill bits. They are a Freud dealer and offered a 20% get acquainted offer to WWC members.

MLCS Ltd. - 1-800-523-2445 will send you information on their router bits - all carbide tipped. The prices look very good, so check with me at the meeting or call MLCS for a catalog. They sell direct and therefore can offer lower prices. I have one of their dovetail bits you can check out.

The Gibbs Co. of 11060 Timberline - Houston handles veneer core plywoods in a variety of woods, plus particle and hardboards. The prices look good, so you might want to check prices before purchasing. Call them at 464-8896.

As you can see, as the club grows, our ability to seek volume purchases or discounts grows. Let's use our size to save us money. Right now Al Sykes is handling the lumber, but we need someone as a focal point that can keep a list of what various members want and that person (s) report it at the club meetings. That way you can add your name to the list of any items you may want to purchase. We need a volunteer to handle this project!

The clinics are being well received, but we need more volunteers. Don't be bashful! Share some of your expertise and I don't mean you have to be a super craftsman to have a clinic - look at me. I'm even ready to give another one. The first one was a lot of fun and I got to know some of the members a little better.

The following clinics are are scheduled:

1. Henry Reed - small joinery as used in clock making or jewelry boxes.
2. Bill Beggs - band saw boxes (got some new designs).
3. Bob Awe - lathe turnings.
4. Mike Chandler - steam bending - (September 8th). - LANIER JR.
5. Rich Kurey - finishes and finishing. - OCT
6. George Graves - hasn't given me his agenda yet.
7. Ken McBride - hasn't given me his agenda yet.

These should get us part way through July and August, so start thinking about what you can give or bring up at the meeting what kind of clinic you would like to have.

FOR SALE / OR BUY

*Craftsman 12" planer with 5HP 220 V motor mounted on stand with casters, 3 sets of knives \$1150.00 - call Leo Blake 427-9321 or 427-8452. *MARK V with basic accessory tool package, five years old but used only about 40 hours. \$650.00 - call Steven Craig at 440-6135.

Anything else to sell or if you are looking for something let us know so we can put it in the next letter. Al Sykes has Kennedy tool cabinets for sale and also scrap plastic laminate and used metal shelves.

NEW BUSINESS

Don't forget Michael Chandler is exhibiting his pieces August 25 at the Jewish Community Center. Mark this on your calendar.

Hebert Wilbourn has been working quietly by himself outlining ideas for our fall show for charity. He has come up with some excellent ideas. Some we can use in the future as the Club grows and matures and some we can use this year. One is to hold our charity sale in a mall and not only sell our wares, but put on various demonstrations of our skills for the public. This would not only help our charity sale, but would bring in new members to the club.

Our plan is to have the sale sometime around the first of November. We asked that each member donate four or five items of his woodworking skill for the sale. All funds, less the club expenses, is donated to a charity of the clubs choice. Last year it was the March of Dimes.

With Hebert's ideas it's going to take more help and coordination than last year. Hebert needs volunteers on his committee. This is where we find out just how strong our club is. I have confidence that enough members will step forward so this year's show will be a guaranteed success.

This is also a good reason to purchase your shirt with club's logo on the back.

Start thinking about ideas!

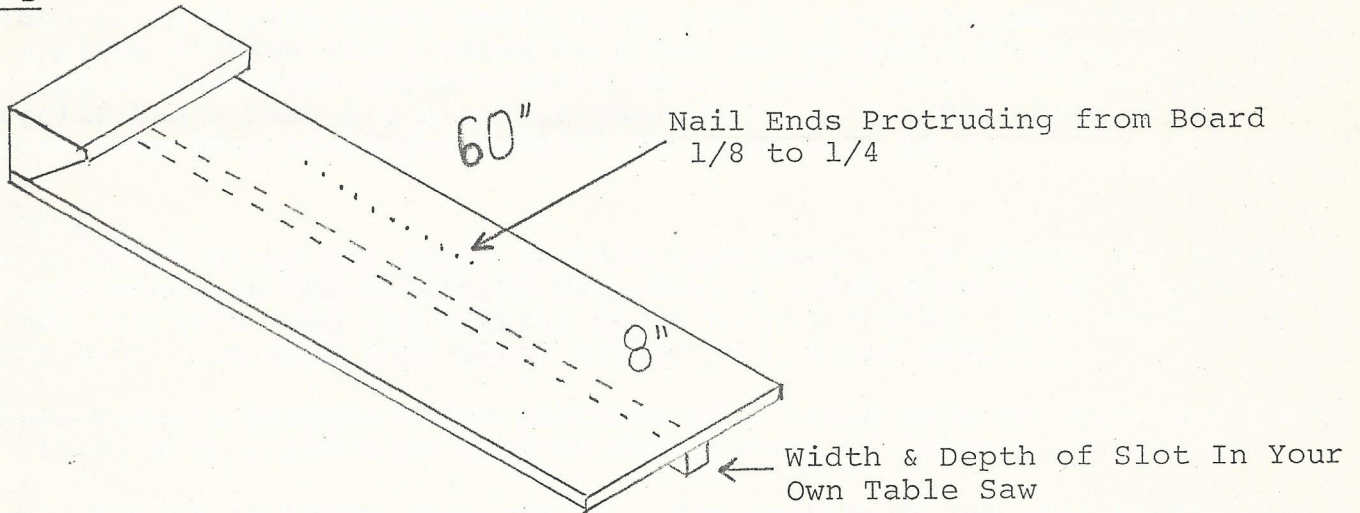
At each of our meetings our member host has been kind enough to furnish the membership with coffee and refreshments. It's an expense that the membership should bear, so why don't we throw some change into a coffee can to help our host.

I don't know how many of you read about the new Woodworking Association of North America, in the various magazines. But it's a national WA club. I joined and will report to the membership what's going on. One thing they plan to have is a show here in Houston in January, 1985.

Our August meeting will be Bob Stahl and the Leigh Dovetail Jig.

Finishes Supply on West 20½ St. said they would love to give us a lecture and demonstration on finishing. I understand the man who gives the lectures is really good. We are going to try and schedule them in September or October.

R & D



JIG FOR STRAIGHTENING LUMBER

- 1) Lay jig in saw table slot,
- 2) Push one end of crooked board into wedge end of jig,
- 3) Push board flat down on jig in a way that the protruding nails will keep it from sliding (lay flat on jig),
- 4) Keep the edge of board you are straightening overhanging the jig by one or two inches,
- 5) As you push the jig and board through your table saw the board will be straightened,
- 6) Do not saw your jig,
- 7) Jig can be made as wide and as long as suits your individual needs.

NEXT MEETING , SATURDAY, JULY 14th, 1984 AT 9:00 AM

H.B.Blankenship will give us a demonstration on veneering. Meeting will be at H.B.'s house at 5915 Birchmont at 9:00 am, Saturday, July 14th. The following are directions. See you there!

