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JULY MEETING

Gibbs Plywood hosted our meeting. Cy Gibbs, the owner, talked briefly about plywoods and the plywood business.

Cy was the first to import agathis to the Houston area. He marketed it as Gibb birch as an inexpensive alternative to domestic birch. This product is now subject to 20% duty, making it uncompetitive. There is a new product—Marupa, a white tropical wood that is smooth to paint or stain, that is becoming popular.

Paint grade birch usually has knots filled and sanded at the factory. Stain grade is unbroken veneer. Woodworkers should watch the quality of plywoods sold by home centers. They are usually ungraded, and often mislabeled. Birch is birch, not tropical woods and should be properly labeled.

Gibb sells large quantities of melamine overlay plywoods. Melamine is paper saturated with plastic. These are popular with commercial and kitchen cabinet builders.

A large variety of moldings and some solid woods are also sold. Cy extends a discount in the form of the unit price to Wood Club members.

Our thanks to Cy Gibbs for graciously hosting our meeting.

CLUB BUSINESS

Shirts and caps should arrive by the August Meeting. If you paid for a shirt or cap please make arrangements to have them picked up—we don't want to carry them around meeting after meeting---THANKS!

Treasurer's report—about \$2000 in the bank. Our total expenses year to date are \$1500.64, of which \$983.84 goes for the newsletter. We are able to keep down costs by volunteers like Thad Brown preparing the mailing, and by the generous contribution of John Arnett, a club member who owns Speedy Printing Service.

Charity Sale is slated for October 20 and 21 (Friday and Saturday) at the North Court in Greenspoint Mall, between Foley's and J.C. Penney. Get working on those projects!

At the August meeting we will vote on which Charity we will support--so if you have a choice ---now is the time to nominate and vote.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS--it doesn't seem like it but its almost time for nomination of officers. We must nominate no later than October and Vote no later than November. If you would be interested in serving as an officer or board of director--Please speak to Bill Hochmuth.

Shop Catalog--Ted King is collecting photos of member's shops for an album. This is an exciting project. One of the joys of membership is visiting other members shops. You can always pick up clever ideas on how to arrange tools, store more wood, or see interesting jigs.

BUY AND SELL

Chuck Maxwell has a Mill-Route mounted on a table for sale.

TAIWANESE TOOLS

One member inquired about Grizzly Tools. These tools are Taiwan manufactured, industrial grade tools that are relatively inexpensive. A number of importers carry Taiwanese tools, including some local distributors. Generally, it is best to deal with a company, either local or well known importer that will stand behind the warranty, particularly on the motor. There have been some horror stories of improperly wired motors and shoddy workmanship on Taiwanese tools. Like many things, it is impossible to generalize that all Taiwanese tools are good or bad. It is evident that most reputable dealers are watching quality a lot more.

Some purchasers buy the tools without motors, and install American made motors. Some importers are also liberal in describing the true horsepower of motors ---a 2 HP motor becomes a 3 HP. Check the amperage rating if possible--that is usually a reliable indicator.

Most of the designs are copies or adaptations of old Delta equipment. The patents have long expired, so the design is now into public domain. However, there was a trademark lawsuit involving the Delta-style 12" Planers. For that reason, many planers have the motor mounted below, rather than above the cutter head like Delta.

Quality of castings ranges from good to poor. Large castings require seasoning to relieve stresses. That means storing large castings up to a year. This contributes to the cost of good equipment.

Some Delta tools are now imported from Brazil, but may incorporate American motors. There are tool reviews in *Fine Woodworking* periodically that objectively examines similar tools.

PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS

A member is looking for Wynn Saber SAW blades was recommended to Houston Tool.

Ryobi AP 10 planers pick up pitch easily--Be sure to clean the rollers frequently.

To release drum sanding sleeves, loosen the nut, put the entire drum in the freezer, which will shrink the rubber, the sleeve will then slide off.

Ken Wallis removes chisel marks from his Bowl Turnings, by putting them on the opposite spindle (Shopsmith provides this feature), turning it backwards to sand. This technique quickly removes nicks.

Chair joints need to be swelled together using Chairlock or Gristlen--the sticky fingers substance available at office supply houses.

A clear top coat over "pickled" finishes that wont yellow can either be polyurethane, or, if pickling is latex, clear lacquer.

SHOW AND TELL

Terry Laughton exhibited a walnut coffee table sprayed with six coats of lacquer.

Jerry Oberton brought a profile jig for matching contours. This scraper was made from scrap wood and tool steel.

Sam Gainer demonstrated a jig for aligning the slate of the teak patio chairs. He also brought a 4 foot heavy steel straight edge useful for setting jointers, planers, marking and aligning. Used by tool and die makers--very expensive since it is ground to within 1/1000

tolerances. He also showed how to make a router guide from masonite and a jointed board.

STICKERING--FOR STORING

By Michael Klekar

Although it is important to sticker your lumber for drying, it is equally important to sticker your lumber for storage. Whether your lumber is kiln, or air dried your lumber will still conform to the surface it is laying on or to the shape of your stack, straight or otherwise. I call this passive bending, it is the conforming to a shape, by stress or by gravity. If you don't believe me, lean a thin board against the wall. This is why it is important to stack your lumber as straight as possible, and sticker at least 12" inches apart, keeping your lumber parallel using sticks of the same size through out the entire stack.

CLUB ROSTER

Change the phone number of Gayle Robinson to 391-1533.

The following are new names please add them to your roster. Unless noted all are Houston Addresses.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vikki Procter and Steve (he helped) have been busy making something other than Rocking Horses--Vikki gave birth on July 18th. to a 5lb 12oz baby girl Amanda Lane Procter, Congratulations.

AUGUST MEETING

WHEN: AUGUST 12, 1989 9:00 A. M.

WHERE: UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
INDUSTRIAL ARTS BLDG.

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lots on both sides to the first street, turn left and follow around between buildings to the end of the street then look to your left to see the older Concrete Block Bldg.

PROGRAM: Carriage Restoration

Calvin Blackwell will tell us about his day to day operations and the techniques he and his co-workers use to repair and restore carriages.

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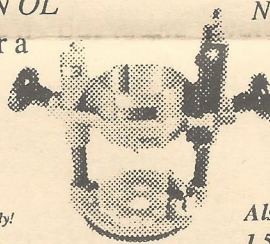
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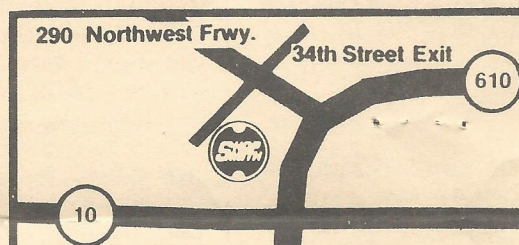
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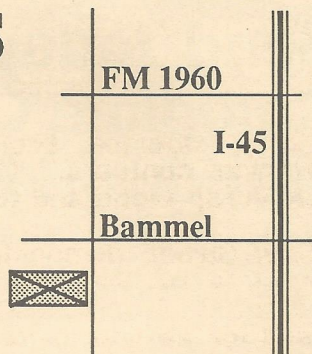
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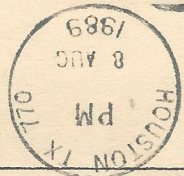
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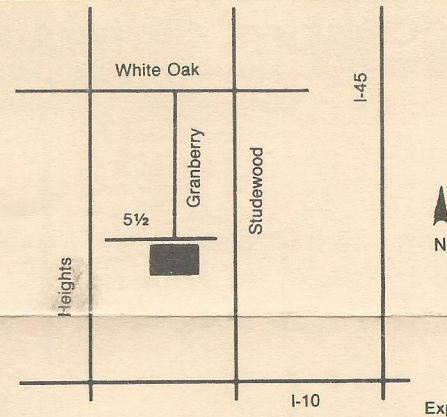
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