

# The Alabama Woodworkers Guild

NOVEMBER 1983

## FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Gentlemen,

I think we all got a good lesson at our last meeting on what planes will do. I had a lot of comments from many of you saying that you were either going to start or go back to using hand planes. Birmingham Saw Works sold out of Japanese water stones a few days after our meeting also.

I'm glad to see us get something useful from our meetings. It means that the Guild is starting to do what it was designed to do—be a learning experience.

Since the mailing of our last newsletter we have only received one questionnaire back. I hope each of you will put some thought into what you want the Guild to do; the type programs you would like to see or not to see. I urge you to fill out your questionnaires and let us hear from you because one or two of us can't do it by ourselves.

Congratulations to Dexter Stone. His logo entry was selected for our Guild emblem. Membership cards, envelopes & letterhead have been ordered with our logo. I hope to have the membership cards by our next meeting. The printer said it would be 2 to 3 weeks.

At the last meeting we had a lot of interest in having another show in the next few months, however, we only had one volunteer to be on a show committee. In order to have a good show we will need more help. Please step forward and give us a hand. It has been suggested to have the show in an exhibit room at the Sloss Furnace. This would be centrally located and the Sloss Furnace would publicize it for us.

Please make a special effort to attend our Nov. 15th meeting as we will have Brad Packard with us. Brad is a representative from Garrett Wade in North Carolina. He is going to show us how to make different joints with a table saw plus do some band sawing techniques. You will find more details in the newsletter but we need a good turnout since Brad is making a special trip from North Carolina. Also notice that the meeting will be held this month at Birmingham Saw Works.

See you in November.

Spruce McRee

## PLANE LANGUAGE...

October's meeting afforded us the opportunity to learn how John McGee makes wood planes & uses them in finishing his wood. That's right — his finishing passes with his planes are so fine that no sanding is needed on his work. (He uses a micrometer to measure the shavings for sport.) John came all the way from Carrollton, Ga. to present his lecture-demonstration. He teaches complete seminars in plane building and builds a variety of plane types including jointing & polishing planes.

A large part of the plane building process is buying a good iron set and getting a razor sharp edge on the cutter. We saw the art of hand honing on Japanese water stones as our lecturer explained the gradations of razor sharpness. John's edges are so sharp using this technique that after he has used his plane irons he can still shave with them.

We thank John McGee for a truly educational demonstration.

## NEXT MEETING...

Where: Birmingham Saw Works  
910 28th Street North  
Birmingham

Time: Thursday, November 10, 1983  
7:00 P.M.

Subject: Brad Packard, a representative with the Garrett Wade Co. and a professional woodworker for 5 years will be giving a lecture-demonstration on Inca machinery. He will show joinery techniques such as:

Splined Mitre  
Mortise & Tenon  
Slip Joint  
Box Joint  
Butt Joint

We will also see planing, surfacing & jointing on a jointer plus resawing scroll work on the band saw. This sounds like an excellent opportunity to see a pro carry out these important woodworking operations. Don't miss this one!

## CHISELER CORNER...

### WANT TO FIND:

Customized branding iron tip with personalized signature. Must fit standard woodburning tool. Call Larry Aaron at 595-7844(h) or 254-4654(o)

### WANT TO BUY:

10" CI table saw, any brand in good condition, Don Bennett 849-8248.

### FOR SALE:

10" Delta Uni Saw, single phase, 1 HP, \$900. 6" Powermatic Jointer, single phase, 1 HP, \$700. 6" Delta Jointer 110, ¼ HP, \$425. 16" Powermatic Planer, 3 phase, 5 HP, \$2300, \$2200 if I keep 3 phase motor. Delta Floor model mortise Press, \$250. Call Danny 967-7309, 7-5.

72" Rockwell bench saw arms with 24" Ripfence. Will fit Sears 10" table saw. Richard Gilbert 786-1346.



See you at the next meeting

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Years' woodworking experience: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous shows: \_\_\_\_\_

Skill Level: ( ) Novice ( ) Intermediate ( ) Expert ( ) Professional

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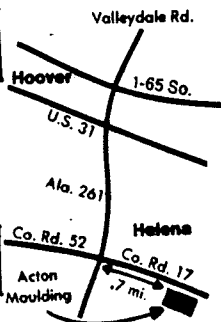
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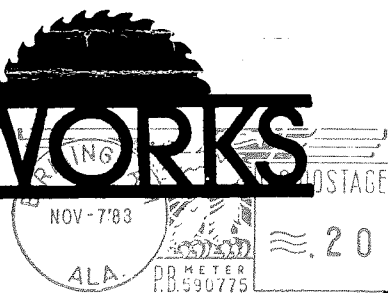
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