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Next Meeting: Tues, April 13th @7:00 p.m.

The April meeting will be held at our regular meeting place, Tri States Automotive, 745 W. Gaines Street in Tallahassee. (see map on next page)

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month.

We had no final word on a meeting program at the time of publication, but at the very least our discussion and show and tell forums will be interesting. We always learn something and hear some good stories. **Don't forget your show and tell items.**

Highlights From the March Meeting

The March meeting was an open forum round table discussion.

Val Tuck gave an informative presentation on his technique for making and installing wide, compound crown moldings. He recently completed such a project. To complicate matters, the molding included recessed lighting so all joints had to be "light tight."



Val Tuck showing crown molding detail.

The upcoming Atlanta International Woodworking Fair (IWF) was discussed. The IWF is held every other year in Atlanta and this is the year. It runs from August 25th—27th. **Spencer Cullen** repeated his offer to buy tickets as part of his "group" to save

some money. **Austin Tatum** and Val suggested anyone planning to attend, visit the IWF web site ahead of time and plan your visit to make effective use of your time. There is so much to see, you can't see it all. The IWF web site is at: <http://www.iwfatlanta.com/>

There was a good discussion about types of finishes to use on kitchen cabinets. Val noted that a conversion varnish is the most durable but it takes good safety precautions to use it. It is a spray-type finish. **Joe Doker** mentioned Sherwin-Williams CAB Acrylic lacquer has good non-yellowing properties. As for painted cabinets, Val has used acrylic enamel with good success. He suggested using Sherwin-Williams bonding primer under the enamel.

Roger Walton spoke about a sanding dust collector he recently got called a Dust Deputy, by Oneida. After two months he is very pleased with it.

Austin asked for suggestions about how to cut about 1" off of his kitchen counter to change his range from a drop in to a free-standing type. Several members had experience with this task and offered a number of suggestions. We'll have to check with Austin at the next meeting and see how he made out.

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Buy Sell Or Trade
<p>Austin Tatum has a friend who wants to buy a band saw if anyone has one for sale.</p> <p>We've heard of an interesting deal on some lumber. See the end of the newsletter for more details.</p>



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There was a discussion about planer blades for the DeWalt Planer. Spencer has found a good source for replacement blades that far exceed the original blades provided. He also passed on a neat suggestion for the situation where you slightly nick the blades thus causing a small raised “bead” on subsequent passes. Instead of changing the blades, or flipping them over for double-edged blades, he suggests sliding one blade slightly to the left, another slightly to the right, and leave the third in place. This will sometimes solve the problem and allow you to get additional use out of your planer blades.



The election of new officers was discussed.

An Interesting Deal on Some Interesting Woods

A Mr. Ralph Donaldson is offering an interesting deal on some unusual woods. These are logs that he has on his property in Cairo, Georgia. They include the following species: Holly, Black Walnut, Paulanea, Persimmon, Catalpa, Elm, and Poplar. In exchange for the logs, Mr. Donaldson and his wife would like the recipient to make a bowl or vase for each of their eight grandchildren plus one for them. They would like their kids to have a keepsake from off the family farm.

You can reach Mr. Donaldson by phone at (229) 872-3228.

Directions to the regular meeting location.

