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Next Meeting: Tues, March 9th @7:00 p.m.

The April meeting will be an open forum round table format.

Don't Forget your Show and Tell items.

The 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.

Highlights From the March Meeting

The March meeting was an open forum round table discussion.

Austin Tatum provided clarification on the woodworking shop items for sale mentioned in the last newsletter. It is not wood turning club member Lawrence Funderburke who is shutting down his shop but a friend of Lawrence's. The shop is located near Moultrie, Georgia. However, you can call Mr. Funderburke at (229)435-7578 to see if his friend has any items you need or to get more information.

At our last meeting we had a discussion about silicon lubricants. **Nick Brooks** brought in a jar of 100% silicon that he has had "just about forever". A little of this stuff goes a long way. It is used in the specialty plastic extrusion industry.

Rich Wieckowicz brought in quite a collection of magnification instruments that he has collected. He noted that as you get older, it can become difficult to see the fine details. He has attempted to use these for close up inspection of fine details in his wood and metal working. **Ed Garrett** mentioned that he got some magnifying glasses at Harbor Freight that he has found very useful for his carving and scroll saw work.

Joe Doker brought in a bear-proof (hopefully) deck locker that he constructed for a friend. The purpose is to provide a secure enclosure for trash and recycle cans on an outdoor deck. The cans are used for temporary storage before he empties them into large bear-proof containers provided by the waste management company. The owner lives in rural Wakulla County and has had trouble with bears getting into his cans. The wood is tiger stripe maple. The top has hidden hinges and gas pistons to assist with lifting and supporting the top. To accommodate the outdoor environment, the assembly was done with epoxy adhesive and the finish consists of two coats of clear epoxy followed by three coats of spar



The guys could hardly keep their hands off of Joe Doker's deck locker.

Buy Sell Or Trade

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varnish. Joe will provide future updates on the bear’s progress.

Dave Kemmer informed us he is in the final stages of building an electric guitar for his son. This is the first time he has attempted building something of this complexity. Dave searched the internet for information and then got underway. “Everything about the job was tedious” he told us, particularly installing the fret wire. The guitar is a solid body and Dave used some figured maple. He said his son is helping him by doing the sanding and installing the electronics. Dave is using Deft spray lacquer and is very pleased with the product. He intended to bring the guitar to the meeting for show and tell but a bug landed on it right after he applied the last coat of lacquer and messed up the finish so we’ll have to wait for a future meeting to see the finished product, and maybe hear a few tunes.

We finished up the meeting with a good discussion on certain finishes and techniques, such as using rotten stone to rub out a finish. Behlin’s Rock Hard Table Finish was mentioned as a good product for table type surfaces.

Directions to the regular meeting location.

