

# North Texas Woodworker's Association

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## August Meeting Review

by Larry Cumba

Owen Haggard opened the meeting at Mike Pregent's new shop. Welcomed were visitors Bill Smith - Dallas, Dean Fox - Irving, Skip Lacenburger - Plano, and Steve Smiley - Richardson. We hope to see them again. It's nice to see new faces in the group.

## Announcements

Jim Dawson mentioned the trip to the Homestead Heritage people down in Waco - possibly in January or February. If you are interested, talk to Jim.

Start saving your money for the DFW Woodworking Show next month. I got a flyer in the mail. Gonna be a big dang deal. Hours are Friday, noon to 7pm, Saturday, 10 am to 6 pm, and Sunday, 10 am to 5 pm. Twenty nine free mini seminars and two full day seminars. The full day seminars are joinery and scroll saw techniques. Cost is \$95.00 per session in advance or \$130.00 at the door. Call 1-800-826-8257 to pre-register. I think you will be able to find me at the mini seminars. Don't forget we are going to have a place in the show to represent our club and to showoff some of our handiwork. We will have our October meeting just before the show and will finalize everything then. In case you miss it call Jim Dawson at 817-365-1706 or 214-630-1404 for any questions you might have. The show will be October 23rd, 24th and 25<sup>th</sup>, Big Town Exhibition Hall in Mesquite.

Bruce May has a two phase jointer for sale. His phone number is 972-271-0125.

Mike Pregent still has 1/4 inch and 1/8 th inch plywood to give away.

## Bringback Raffle

Larry Cumba brought the bring back this time. A real fancy set of screwdrivers, handles and everything, won by Bob Jones.

## NTWA Calendar

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 20, 1998 @ 7:00 p.m.- Owen Haggard's shop (see map inside)**

Program Topic: Sign ups for the Woodworking show. Raised panel construction of an entertainment center.

**October Meeting: Tuesday, November 17, 1998 @ 7:00 p.m.**

Program Topic:

Contact Earl Ashurst at (972) 517-7825 if you would like to host a shop tour.

## Show and Tell

Dan Henry brought a DeWalt orbital sander he has. Never happy with the plastic dust collector on it, he contacted DeWalt and they sent him a cloth collector like the new ones they sell. It was for free and works a lot better.

Frank Gregg brought a vaccum pump he made using a section of garden hose, a gauge and some tubing. It works using water pressure to produce a drop in the mercury or was it venus. That guy is smart.

Earl Ashurst brought a table saw sled. Though not as fancy as the ones Dan Henry has shown in the past, Earl said it's a big help when cross-cutting lumber and using it is much safer than most other methods. Don't you love the sound of that word? LUMBER mmmmm.

Bob Jones brought a piece of veneer he cut into a scroll saw type pattern using his laser machine. Put against a backing it produced a nice effect. Very creative.

Jack Edgecomb showed the jig he made to cut raised panels for the six foot, double door cabinet he also brought.

## Tool Review, finally

Jim Dawson bought a Delta eight inch dado blade set. He said the cut is excellent (as good as the top quality sets) and the \$80.00 price is even better. Thanks, Jim! Come on guys, see how easy that was? Keep those reviews coming, we could save each other a lot of disappointment and wasted money. Kind of like the \$200.00 I spent to do the same thing.

## Program

This month's program was raised panels and was provided by Walter Schuster and Jack Edgecomb.

Walter brought a portable router table on which he cut his rails and stiles for framing and raised panels. He had a heavy duty router and two smaller routers attached to the table in a triangular fashion. With corresponding fences, he is able to have dedicated bits in his routers to save time and trouble changing his setup for each step. He made it look too easy. Walter used Amana bits he likes because of the clean cuts they give.

Jack showed us how to make his stiles, rails and panels on the table saw. Jack set his blade at five degrees to cut the four sides of his panel. Using his jig to brace the panel, which is the safest way to do it, he made short work of it. He then cut dados in the sides of his rails and stiles to hold the panel. Next month's program Jack will finish up with a VCR cabinet that he has started, using the doors he cut in this program. We appreciate the effort from both Jack and Walter.

## Next Month

Don't forget, next month we will be back at Owen Haggard's shop. Until then, stay safe and be nice. Larry.

NTWA will be manning a booth at The Woodworking Show at Big Town (in Mesquite), Oct. 23-25.

## Internet Connections

At the last meeting, there was some discussion about finding a source of high quality lumber, especially for those members who are not in a position to buy in bulk. This is one of many internet sites advertising lumber:



<http://www.netpath.net/~hardwood/>

Advertised prices for orders of 16-99 vs. over 200 board feet of 4/4 unplanned lumber (other widths are quoted on the site):

Ash	2.25	2.05
Basswood	2.15	1.95
Butternut	1.90	1.70
Cedar	2.10	1.90
Cherry	4.50	4.30
Hard maple	2.95	2.75
Mahogany	4.50	4.30
Poplar	1.65	1.45
Red oak	2.65	2.45
Walnut	3.80	3.60
White oak	2.65	2.45

## 1998 Spring Specials

4/4 Wormy Red Maple

100 board feet of 4/4 (1" in the rough)

\$250 Picked up - Delivered Price\*:

\$300 East Coast, \$350 West Coast

Red Oak Squares 3 x 3 x 30"

\$8.50 Buy 8 or more \$7.50 ea.

12/4 & 16/4 Maple Squares now in stock. Lengths range from 30" to 84". Pricing from \$9.00 to \$49.00.

This information is reprinted, not by way of recommending this company particularly, but to provide a starting place for further discussion. Lumber prices vary from time to time according to supply and demand, but there are ways to obtain lumber at improved prices. One that was proposed during the last meeting was for the club to buy a large quantity of lumber, thus passing the bulk price along to members. While the club is not in the business of competing with local lumber dealers, this could be a viable option if enough members commit in advance to buy the purchased stock. Note that the savings would be \$0.20 per board foot (from this company). Shipping charges would have to be passed along to all buyers. Many members may prefer surfaced lumber which is more expensive.

Another option might be to contact lumber mills for odd pieces of usable lumber that are not suitable for the regular retail market - short pieces, or lumber that did not clean up to standard dimension. Northeast Texas lumber mills would be the best source.

If there is interest in pursuing these or other options, please come to the meeting prepared to take a lead role.

## Questions:

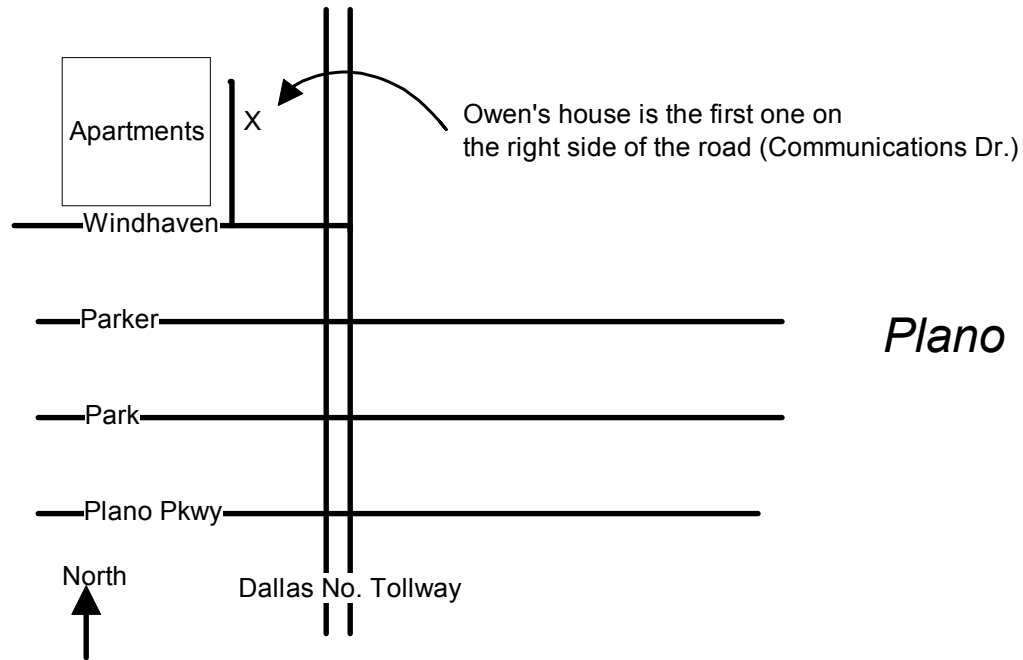
Surfaced or rough?

Local or Northeast source?

How to ensure quality?

How to collect the money?

What to do if someone is unsatisfied with their order?



**TOOL DEFUNITIONS by Jack Edgecomb**

**HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK:** Used for lowering a Mustang to the ground after you have installed a set of Ford Motorsport lowered road springs, trapping the jack handle firmly under the front air dam.

**EIGHT-FOOT LONG DOUGLAS FIR 2X4:** Used for levering a car upward off a hydraulic jack.

**TELEPHONE:** Tool for calling your neighbor Chris to see if he has another hydraulic floor jack.

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The board serves from April 97 through March 98. Bylaws are available upon request. The board meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Membership in NTWA is \$24.00 per year. Make checks payable to No. Texas Woodworker's Assoc. and mail to P. O. Box 831567, Richardson, Texas 75083-1567. Or come to the next meeting and see Walter Schuster.

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## **Hardwood Lumber Company**

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**M-F 7:30-5:00 – Saturday Sometimes**

**10718 Goodnight Lane 972-869-1230**

*Note the new address for  
**WOODCRAFT**. They are now at the  
North East corner of the same mall as  
before.*

# **WOODCRAFT**

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**New hours:**

**Weekdays . . . . . 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

**Thursday . . . . . 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.**

**Saturday . . . . . 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

**Sunday . . . . . 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

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