



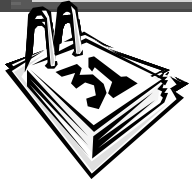
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Upcoming Meetings

October 1, 2012

Social Time and Dinner 5:15 to 6:30

Meeting starts promptly at 6:30)

MCL Cafeteria

2151 Wabash Ave

Springfield, IL

Program

The cabinet and furniture business environment in Illinois and beyond.

Presented by: Tom Wegman,
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Sept. Meeting Notes

By Dick Metcalf

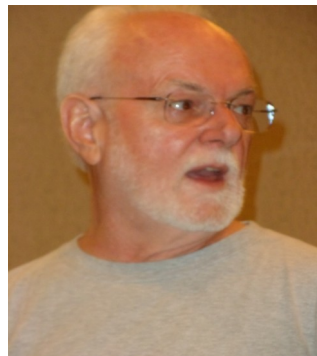
Bob Wire opened the meeting at 6:30. Announcements:

- Bob reviewed the planned day trip to Effingham proposed for Columbus Day October 8th—the date selected by the officers. He encouraged the members to sign up either at the meeting or by email. Drivers will be needed.
- Bob Linksvayer discussed the recent sale of woodworking equipment from the estate of Bill Ryan and presented a check of \$85 to the club in Ryan's name.
- Bob Wire thanked Ron McDonald for filling in for him last month.
- Bob also thanked the presenters of this month's program, Ric Thompson and John Forneris, for filling in for others on very short notice.

Editorial comment by Dick: Bob wire has spent many hours in planning the Effingham trip in response to requests by the members. We haven't had a trip like this for many years and every trip in the past has been very successful. If you haven't signed up to go, please do so ASAP. Support our club!

The CAW Operating Guidelines and Practices have been revised and posted on our web page. Please read them as we will have a vote for approval in November.

Ric Thompson was the first to speak. Ric said he was no expert on the subject so he went to the web and got all the information needed for his presentation. ([www.furnitureknowledge.com/how to refinish.htm](http://www.furnitureknowledge.com/how_to_refinish.htm)) The first step is to clean up the furniture—perhaps by using TSP. Next the existing finish needs to be removed and the method to be used depends on the type of type of existing finish. The details of determining the appropriate chemical remover was given in the handout and if you missed the meeting, go to the web site listed above. Next prepare the wood for the new finish by sanding and filling in the grain as needed. Then apply a sanding sealer followed by the preferred stain and a top coat final finish of your choice. There is much more information given on the handout sheet and on the web.



John Forneris gave the second part of the presentation. John talked about refinishing an old chest of drawers that his parents got while in college and refinished before. He brought in four drawers each refinished to a different level so we could see the effect each step had on the final finish. A soy gel and was used and John was pleased with the results. The second application of the soy gel prepared the drawer for sanding and the finish. The third drawer showed the effect of several sandings needed to completely take out the deep scratches. The fourth drawer showed the effect of several layers of finish. The fourth drawer was a great example of what a good refinishing job can do.



Editorial comment by Dick: I liked this presentation for a variety of reasons. Ric admitted he was no expert on refinishing yet he was able to go to the web and quickly gather a great deal of information. He didn't even mention that Youtube videos were also available and I have seen a few of them showing what John did with the drawers. Gathering information and making a presentation isn't as difficult as it once was!