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Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday

September 7, Meeting

(Social Time and dinner 5:15 to 6:30)

Meeting starts promptly at 6:30

MCL Cafeteria
2151 Wabash Ave
Springfield, IL

Program

Table Legs

Presented by

Roland Folse and Dick Metcalf

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Aug Meeting Notes

By Dick Metcalf

The meeting came to order at 6:30.

Announcements:

- Ron talked about the picnic, silent auction, the hot weather, etc.
- The CAW board is continuing the search for a Special Event speaker and the event could be held this fall/winter.
- The Christmas Party meeting will be held on Dec 7. CAW members should be thinking about a gift to be made for an exchange as we have done in the past.
- The October CAW meeting will be held at Woodhaven Woodworks and a software representative will be present to discuss the use of their programs for woodworking design, layout, cut lists, and whatever else the products will do. More information will be given in the newsletter.
- Ron and Ralph Winch talked about the open shop to be held Aug 6 at Winch's lumber mill. Ralph said he has a Log-a-saw jig which is used to break down the really huge logs he gets that are too big for the mill. After a demonstration on the new machine, he will show us how he puts the lumber onto the Woodmizer and cut some quarter sawn lumber as well as plain sawn pieces.
- There is an urgent need for the nomination of a CAW President for 2012 and 2013. Ron passed out a nomination form and asked each member to list the person(s) they feel would make a good candidate.

The featured speaker was Frank Thornton. Why do you need to use a hand plane? One good reason is for shaving a few thousandths from small wood pieces rather than trying to set the wood up in a vise or whatever and risk doing it safely on the table saw. Another reason is for shaving off mill marks rather than trying to sand them off which often does not work very well. OK, but where do you get a hand plane that doesn't cost an arm and leg? Frank then introduced us to his small block plane by Stanley shown at the right. It is about 60 years old and has a variable throat. He purchased it at a yard sale some 30 years ago. Next, Frank showed us a bed rock style junior jack bench plane (or smoothing plane), also shown at the right. He thought it was made primarily for shop classes. It has a narrow 1 3/8" blade which makes it relatively easy to push through the cut. Next shown was a wood plane he purchased at an auction in Bloomington. It had a laminated tapered iron matching a tapered wedge. This type of plane is adjusted with the use of a small hammer by tapping on the side of the plane. The third plane had to be rehabbed a lot to get it to work properly. The throat was very wide and was narrowed by adding a piece of cocobolo to get the proper opening. The last plane shown was made by Frank and has an adjustable throat. It was made with parts available from his shop which included a spare iron and more of the cocobolo wood.



Frank continued his presentation by showing a Youtube video titled Lie-Nielsen Toolworks, Understanding Handplanes. This video that has a lot to offer and should be reviewed by everyone.

SHOW AND TELL

Roland showed us pictures of the project he is presently working on but did not have completed. It is a wine cabinet made out of mahogany. There are 56 mortise and tenon joints all made with—you guessed it— his Easy Mortiser.

