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Next Meeting: Tues, November 10 @7:00 p.m.

This month's meeting presentation will be a "round robin" discussion of problems and solutions. So bring your "problems" from your latest project to query our panel of experts. It would be helpful if you can bring a visual aid to pass around to demonstrate your issue.

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

Don't forget, December's meeting will be a field trip to the shop of a craftsman that makes wooden flutes. Mark your calendar for Dec. 8th.

Highlights From the October Meeting

SHOW AND TELL

Val Tuck described a new project he is undertaking. It is an entertainment center for a serious football fan. The wooden cabinetry will house three plasma TV's—a 60" in the middle and a 27" on either side.

Joe Doker told about a picket fence he is making to enclose his vegetable garden. The old wire fence was worn out and rabbits and armadillos have been getting in. Joe is using Juniper for the picket fence. The pickets are about 3" wide and are being resawn to about 1/2" thickness. Joe says he has

already made over 100 pickets with about that many yet to go.

BUY-SELL-TRADE

If you have something for posting in this column, please send information to the newsletter editor.

MEETING PROGRAM

October's presentation was about woodworking web sites. Thanks to Austin's wireless internet, and a laptop and projector he provided, we were able to view various woodworking web sites proposed by the members. Here is a summary of the main sites we "visited":

This Old House (www.thisoldhouse.com) - Austin says this is one of his favorites. It is loaded with all types of "how to" information, from woodworking to home improvement and lots more. He noted you can find just about any information you need at the site.

Wood Central (<u>www.woodcentral.com</u>) - Joe Doker's favorite feature of this site is the message board where users post questions or topics and other users post responses. Many talented woodworkers frequent the site and are generous with sharing information. You don't have to be a member to use the site or post questions. The site is searchable and also includes a nice "how to" article section and "Shop Shots."

Wood Web (<u>www.woodweb.com</u>) - This site is primarily a message board format arranged in a long list of fo-(*Continued on page 2*)



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rums, or topics, on various aspects of woodworking and related fields. The site is weighted toward professionals so postings can get a little technical. But, there is much good information, even for the hobbyist. The "Sawing and Drying" forum is good for anyone interested in getting lumber sawn from logs and drying it yourself.

Highland Woodworking (www.highlandwoodworking.com) - This is the evolution of the former Highland Hardware web site. Besides being a great site for purchasing quality tools, it also has "how to" and "tricks and tips" sections that are very helpful.

M & M Tool and Machinery (<u>www.toolsandmachinery.com</u>) - This is a great site for obtaining parts for various tools and machinery. It has a nice organization by brand and type of tool. Val Tuck noted how they provide parts diagrams that you can then order from. They also sell new tools.

McMaster-Carr (www.mcmaster.com) - This is a site you are going to want to bookmark if you haven't already. You can find just about any fastener or accessory you need here. They claim they have over 480,000 items yet the site is very well organized and easy to navigate to find just what you are looking for. The word from our members is they have a warehouse in Atlanta and items usually arrive pretty fast.

Custom Service Hardware (www.cshardware.com) - This is a recommended site for woodworking supplies.

The World Wide Web has become a great resource for woodworkers as it has for many aspects of modern life. This was an informative TWS program that is sure to expand our member's capabilities.

Directions to the regular meeting location.

