

TALLAHASSEE WOODCRAFTERS SOCIETY

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Next Meeting: Tues, August 13th @7:00 p.m.

The August 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 July Meeting

The July meeting was an open forum round table discussion.

Our club president, **Spencer Cullen**, was celebrating his 52nd wedding anniversary so wisely chose to take his wife out to dinner instead of attending our meeting. Austin Tatum opened the meeting and invited members to talk about their show and tell items.



Rich Wieckowicz brought in several items he had purchased at the various flea markets and garage sales he recently attended. These included a shellac finish repair kit, some Kant hook heads, and some assorted metal working tools. This generated some interesting discus-

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sion about splitting and sawing contraptions.

Nick Brooks mentioned he has some "Gripper" clamps that he purchased in a lot and has some for sale at a good price to members. Nick brought in a lathe tool rack that he made. He bought the basic parts from a vendor but

modified it to meet his specifica-



cutting PVC in the shop, the dust is very slippery on the floor and can clog dust collectors because of the static build up.

Nick's custom lathe tool rack.

Val Tuck mentioned that wooden

kitchen counter tops seem to be getting popular. He is just finishing up a kitchen with hard maple counter tops and is negotiating with another client on one that will have black walnut counter tops. Interestingly, the



Nick Brooks explains his custom lathe tool rack to Mike Reilly.

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client wants the tops to be made from black walnut sap wood, not the dark heart wood typically used for furniture. Val was asked what type of finish he is using on the wooden counter tops. On the one he just completed, Val used a conversion varnish. He says it sprays like lacquer but requires the addition of a catalyst and has a chemical cure. By the next day it is extremely hard. Val cautions that conversion varnish is very toxic when sprayed and should only be used with proper respirators and air ventilation equipment. Val gets his conversion varnish from Eppes Decorating Center.

Dave Adams reported on some significant progress he made repairing a drill press. He needed a specific type of bolt that was not readily available so he went to Tallahassee Welding. Their machinist custom made him a bolt and Dave said it was exactly what he needed.

Directions to the regular meeting location.

