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Coming soon to your local computer!

Your Board of directors has approved and authorized the creation and implementation of our own website. In order to provide our members up to date information about upcoming events, membership, committees, and Chapter news, we are creating this site. This site will be linked to the AWI National website as well as to provide ease of access for members and our Architects and Designers.

Within the site we will have a full and updated listing of our manufacturing and supplying members. We will also be creating website versions of our Guide to Chicago Woodworkers and our Associates Buying Guide. These optional links will provide your firm a detailed information page similar to our hard copy versions. These nominally priced sections will also provide a source to connect to company websites, or websites of the firms that you supply to our members.

We need volunteers to help create the guidelines, content, and fees for this undertaking. Please contact Ed Schavitz of Midwest Woodwork & Veneering, at 847-516-5737, to assist him in this undertaking. At this time we are soliciting bids to create our site, and we need to finalize our goals for this site in order to get it up and running. Awinet.org will access you to the AWI National website. Awiflnet.org will introduce you to the Florida Chapter's site.

The Director's Corner

Dear Fellow members,

I would like to "bend your ears" for a moment on the topics of membership and participation. Many members and former members of our chapter have spent countless hours forming an organization that we can all be proud of.

This has been accomplished through participation. An organization is only as strong as its members. The more we do for the organization, the more it will mean to us.

In addition to attending our meetings, I invite you to come to a board meeting (you don't need to be a board member). The board meetings are usually scheduled a couple of hours before the regular meeting. Find out how our chapter operates.

Our present board will be completing their current terms in May, 2004. If anyone is interested, this is the time to start inquiring about a position on the board. Ask any present or former board member about what his position involved. Any interested party can spend a little time with a member in that current position. This will enable a smooth transition, so you won't be starting in that position next year "cold turkey".

Our meetings of the last year have been well attended, however our organization could use more internal support. Please consider joining a committee. The time spent on committee work is minimal. Get involved and enjoy yourself.

We currently have seventeen manufacturing members and forty-seven supplier members. If you know other manufacturers or suppliers that can benefit from joining AWI, please encourage them to come and

join us. The more members we have, the more we can form relationships that help us in the business world as well as personal friendships.

Ken Kamien
Vice President
Chicago Chapter

SAFETY TIP #1

Are your employees protected in the event of a power failure?

OSHA requires all woodworking machines to have a device that will disengage with the loss of power as stated in CFR 1910, 213 (b) (2). This will prevent automatic restart of machines after a power failure and help prevent injuries.

Newer machines may already have a safety device built in. To insure that your employees are protected, it may be a good idea to check your machines by interrupting the power source while the machine is operating. When re-introducing the power, the machine should not engage if a magnetic restart device is present. If your machine is not equipped with this device, it can be ordered through a safety catalog or hardware store and should be installed by a competent electrician.

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Commencing with this issue of The Detailer, we will feature a safety tip provided by U.S. Compliance Corporation. Questions and inquiries can be directed to Ken Kreiser at kkreiser@uscompliance.com or 952.252.3000 ext.108.

The questions submitted will be addressed in future issues of The Detailer.

Treasurer's Report

Thank You to the following member firms whose dues have been received for this year. Double Down participants have met the Midwest Woodwork Challenge. Dues Plus members have given payments exceeding their normal invoiced amount. Hope to hear from the rest of our members soon. Remember..it's not too late for additional payments to meet the Challenge!!

Double Down Payment **Midwest Woodwork** **Owl Hardwood Lumber**

Dues Plus Payment **Pierce Laminated Products** **Sandpaper Inc of Illinois**

Normal Dues Payment

Bernhard Woodwork
Highland Park Millwork
Imperial Woodworking
Parenti and Raffaelli LTD
Pepper Millwork
R. Maderite, Inc.
TH Snyder Company
Aetna Plywood
All Tile, Inc.
Bull Sharpening
Contract Builders Hardware
Custom Crafted Door
Danzer Specialty Veneer
E. Kinast Distributors, Inc.
Hafele America
Heidler Hardwood Lumber
Hesse Coating
Horn Lumber
Ideal Architectural Doors

Insurance Correlators
Midwest Saw
Parkwood – Chicago
Paxton – The Wood Source
R.S. Bacon Veneer
Raynor and Rinn - Scott
Sierra Forest Products
Star Moulding
U.S. Compliance Corp.
Walmark Corp.
Wilsonart

Advertisement Space For Sale

We are now selling company advertisement space for publication in future issues of *The Detailer*. Prices are being set at \$25.00 for a business card size, \$50.00 for ¼ page, \$100.00 for ½ page, and \$200.00 for a full page. Classified advertisements (i.e. want ads, machinery ads, etc) will remain free of charge and will be printed, providing space is available.

NEXT DETAILER

Deadline for the next Detailer is January 16, 2004.

Want Ads, machinery ads, member news, & miscellaneous information requested.

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October 8, 2003 Meeting Attendees

Congratulations to the following **38 member firms** who made our Table Top Display Night an outstanding success with 107 people in attendance.

<i>ADAMS STAIRWORKS</i>	<i>GLEASON WOODWORK</i>	<i>PARKWOOD CHICAGO</i>
<i>AETNA PLYWOOD</i>	<i>HIGHLAND PARK MILLWORK</i>	<i>PAXTON – THE WOOD SOURCE</i>
<i>ALL TILE</i>	<i>IMPERIAL WOODWORK</i>	<i>PIERCE LAMINATED PRODUCTS</i>
<i>BAER SUPPLY</i>	<i>INTER OCEAN CABINET</i>	<i>PRECISION WOODWORKING</i>
<i>BLUM INC.</i>	<i>J. C. LIGHT COMPANY</i>	<i>SANDPAPER INC. OF ILLINOIS</i>
<i>BULL SHARPENING</i>	<i>KNAPE & VOGT</i>	<i>SIERRA FOREST PRODUCTS</i>
<i>CARPENTERS LOCAL 1027</i>	<i>M. L. CAMPBELL</i>	<i>STAR MOULDING & TRIM</i>
<i>E. KINAST DISTRIBUTORS</i>	<i>MURPHY MARBLE</i>	<i>TH. SNYDER COMPANY</i>
<i>HAFELE AMERICA</i>	<i>MIDWEST WOODWORK & VENEER</i>	<i>U. S. COMPLIANCE CORP.</i>
<i>HEIDLER HARDWOOD LUMBER CO.</i>	<i>OWL HARDWOOD LUMBER CO.</i>	<i>WALMARK CORPORATION</i>
<i>HORN LUMBER CO.</i>	<i>PARENTI & RAFFAELLI</i>	<i>WEYERHAEUSER</i>
<i>IDEAL ARCHITECTURAL DOORS</i>	<i>PARKSITE</i>	<i>WILSONART</i>
<i>INSURANCE CORRELATORS</i>		<i>WOODMAC INDUSTRIES</i>

New Member Profiles

Knappe & Vogt Manufacturing Company is a publicly-traded corporation, which celebrated its 100th anniversary in 1998. KV designs, manufactures and distributes storage-related products for OEM and specialty distributors, hardware chains and home centers in the country. KV's major products include precision, Euro-style and utility drawer slides, wall-attached shelving units; kitchen, closet and bath storage products; ergonomic products; and specialty hardware products. Our plants are located in Grand Rapids, Michigan & Muncie, Indiana. From these facilities our products are manufactured and distributed to all fifty states and many foreign countries.

Midwest Saw, Inc. began in 1986 as a service company specializing in the maintenance of cutting tools used in the woodworking industry. As carbide-tipped tools became more widely utilized in woodworking, Midwest Saw Inc. began to specialize in this type of tooling, and started to manufacture specialty tooling, router bits, and saw blades. We produce the highest quality carbide tipped blades for wood, metal, and plastic, from 6" to 34" in diameter (standard and thin kerf). Metric sizes are also available. Router bits can be produced in both solid carbide and carbide-tipped. Our services include standard and special orders plus blade sharpening and reconditioning.

U.S. Compliance Corporation is a fast-growing international environmental, health, and safety compliance-consulting firm with 15 years of OSHA and Environmental compliance expertise. The mission of U.S. Compliance is to obtain the latest information on governmental regulations and to support the growing and changing needs of our clients. U.S. Compliance can answer questions on areas of concern involving your facility on safety and environmental issues. U.S. Compliance can answer all your safety questions. Safety topic examples may range from: how to handle an OSHA inspection; what types of personal protective equipment are necessary; and questions about safety. You can get your questions answered here!