

Echoes from the "BAT" Cave

Baltimore Area Turners

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Delta Force Invades

Three uniformed employees of Delta Machinery (a division of Black and Decker) spent about 90 minutes picking the brains of the group. After having us complete a survey of our present equipment: lathe size, speeds, and controls we use and collecting our signed confidentiality waivers, the men went to work.

Matt Willard, a marketing rep from Tennessee, lead the charge. After introductory remarks about how Delta desires to get back to what Delta

used to be: quality wood-working machines built to work and built to last, he explained that they were designing a new midi-lathe and wanted to get our feedback.

As Anthony Smith, Delta industrial designer from Tennessee, held up posters of the proposed product and various details, Willard and Sean Hill, a B & D program manager from Baltimore, ran through the specifics of the design. There was discussion of usable swing, speed range, banjo design, marketing tar-

get, accessory holders, location and design of controls, and pricing. It was a lively discussion undertaken by most everyone in the crowded room. We weren't shy and gave them our two cents and more. Overall, it gave us all insight into the decisions and tradeoffs that a manufacturer must make in design of a product for the mass market.

We are pleased that they took our comments seriously and look forward to the announcement of the product in the next 6-12 months.



Anthony Smith, Sean Hill, and Matt Willard (l to r) swear BAT to secrecy before the inception.

In the center is the Delta LA200 lathe raffled afterward.

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Second Raffle

After the discussion, there was a raffle of a Delta LA200 Midi Lathe and other Delta logo items donated by the D-boys.

William Henry was the winner of the lathe. Chuck Aaron, Rhett Ross, and Marc Rosen won hats.

Wayne Kuhn and Frank Wheeler won T-shirts. Larry Zeafra and Lee Cockrum won water bottles.



First Raffle

Pieces of apple, sycamore, canarywood, walnut, spalted maple, cherry, Norway maple, and Bradford pear were raffled along with half a dozen grab-bags of cut-offs and a Jet bandsaw riser block.



Good wood and more at monthly raffle.

Treasury

Treasurer's Report

1/1/07 Balance:	\$1,235.75
Additions: (Dues & Raffles)	\$ 346.00
Expenses:	(none)
1/31/07 Balance:	\$1,581.75

Tips and Tricks

Need more face plates?

You can make your own faceplates out of hardwood, such as maple. Drill a hole with a diameter 1/8" smaller than your spindle, then tap threads with the appropriate size tap. (A detailed pictorial guide is available on our own Dave Smith's website—www.Davidreedsmith.com.) Taps are available through machinery suppliers such as Enco, MSC, or others. Woodcraft now advertises Beall Spindle Taps in 1" x 8 TPI and 1 1/4"

x 8 TPI sizes for about half the price of the industrial versions. (As a BAT member, you can get a 10% discount on these at Woodcraft—remember, you need to show your membership card.) RLD

Do you have a tip?

Have your tips and tricks published in Echoes From the Bat Cave.

Submit them to:

Admin@baltimoreareeturners.org

Remember: You need to show your Membership card to get the 10% discount at Woodcraft.

Baltimore Area Turners

Baltimore Area Turners meets every month on the second Wednesday of the month at the Greater Baltimore Woodcraft Store at 1125 Cromwell Bridge Road Towson, MD 21286

Next meeting:

March 14, 2007 at 7:00 PM



VP Lou Rudinski shows platter and bowl decorated with his daughter's pyrography



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