



The Wooden Word

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Next Meeting:

Wednesday,
September 17,
7:30 PM at the
Bryant Center.

Chris Pouncy, Sales Manager for Robert Sorby will give us live demos and talk about the Sorby tool line and some new products

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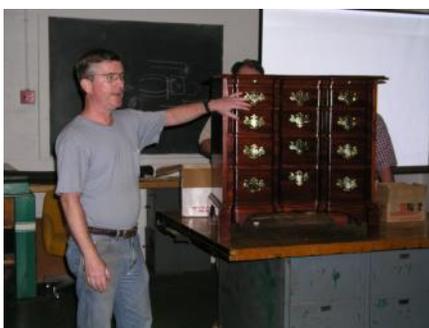
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Tom Witzig presented a Massachusetts block front chest he recently built. Tom was guided by the Popular Woodworking book *Building Period Furniture* by Glen Huey which he highly recommends.

The chest was built using wide mahogany boards that Tom had, and the final size of the chest was adjusted slightly to

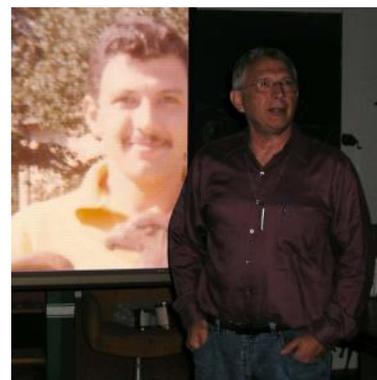
fit the size of the lumber. Tom described some problems he had building the chest, and the answers he got from Glen Huey about how to solve those problems.

One disappointment Tom had was with cracks that developed in the case sides. Tom followed the advice in the book to nail the drawer runners into shallow dadoes

on the case sides using Horton brass cut nails. The nails were supposed to provide enough flexibility to let the sides move along the cross-grain runners, but the sides cracked when the humidity changed. Tom said next time he would add a back divider and tenon the runners into the back divider instead of using nails.

The chest was finished using Tom's polyurethane finishing

method he described in a previous Wooden Word issue.



Mel Montemerlo presented a retrospective of 40 years of woodworking. Mel has had an interesting journey in woodworking, and showed us what he has done, recent projects, and also where he wants to go. See his article on page 3.

Chasing the Big Iron

Norm Brewer

Fred Grosse is building a new woodworking shop and purchasing equipment to fill it. Several of the machines he purchased are pieces of used industrial equipment that he got from CS Machinery in Oxford, PA. Fred let me tag along on a recent trip to check out his 24 inch Oliver Planer, and I helped unload and move the 3000 pound planer and a similarly massive 36" Tannewitz band-saw into his shop.



CS Machinery