



# Newsletter

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retirement. Tony still hasn't stopped sawing commercially. Tony has been operating his sawmill for 53 years now, and still enjoys sitting at the controls of his semi-



automated self-made saw rig. He still does all of his own maintenance on his mill equipment, as well as the sharpening. His re-sawing band saw boasts a 27-foot long blade for which he has built a fully automated sharpening mill. He says he no longer sharpens nor cuts for others because he just can't find the time. Tony showed off a duplicating lathe that he built to duplicate turned items such as baseball bats, log pikes, tool handles and furniture components. Tony started out sawing lumber in Bemidji many years ago, but moved to Avon because of better business opportunities to be had in the central Minnesota area. In his younger days he



## Lake Region Lumber Tour by John Wilson

Tony Beuning, now 90 years old, accompanied by his wife, offered our club a fantastic opportunity to see his sawmill in operation first hand, as well as an opportunity to view many of the eye opening automated mechanical marvel's he has created over the years. He was gracious enough to walk us over to their home next door and show us some of the carvings, bowls, and grandfather clocks



he has made over his lifetime. I was impressed to say the least, with all of Tony's accomplishments, as was most of the group, and I was humbled by what this man has achieved in his lifetime.

Due to a short power outage Tony's sawmill was experiencing upon our arrival, Tony was kind enough to preface our tour with a half hour question and answer period. He gave us all a great chance to look backward through his life.

When asked to confirm it, he admitted that he does in fact hold fifty-two patents on various things, some of which support him quite comfortably in his semi-



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## CMWA Meeting Recap

Lake Region Lumber Company, Avon on July 18, 2007 at 6:30 PM. Recap adapted from secretary's meeting minutes

### Saw Mill Tour

The CMWA enjoyed a tour of Tony Beuning's Lake Region Lumber Sawmill on Wednesday, June 20th.

See Lake Region Lumber Tour this page

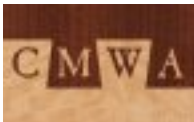
## Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House

Tom Homan is collecting pop can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Please collect your pop tabs and bring them to a future meeting.



### Next Meeting

Our March meeting will be held the Sauk Rapids-Rice Middle School on July 18th at 7:00 PM. John Wilson will be giving a demonstration on hand saw sharpening.



## Central Minnesota Woodworker's Assoc.

The CMWA is a group of men and women from around the St. Cloud Minnesota area who share a common interest in the art and business of woodworking. We meet monthly in Sauk Rapids and share information, techniques and topics of interest in the area of woodworking.

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also became quite proficient at dowsing (witching) for not only water wells, but also oil wells in Oklahoma while working for an area oil company. He still enjoys the water witching today, and states that he has accurately

witched over 130 wells so far by simply using two copper rods.

Tony also does his own kiln drying in a kiln that he built (who'd have guessed it). His kiln will house twelve thousand board feet of lumber at a crack. He heats it with a Jungers residential heating oil stove, operated via a thermostat, and utilizes two large dehumidifiers to remove the moisture from the air during the drying process. It



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### Next Meeting:

July 18th at 7:00PM at SR-R Middle School

### Board Meeting:

July 18th at 6:00PM at Coborn's in Sauk Rapids

takes about four to five weeks, at a constant one hundred degree temperature, to bring his hardwood lumber down to an acceptable moisture level, but Tony says softwoods such as pine or basswood take only about one week.



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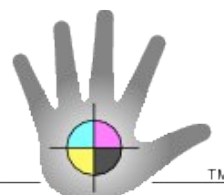
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