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SOUTHEASTERN DRY KILN CLUB NEWSLETTER

Spring 2008 Dry Kiln Club Meeting

We realize that things are tight right now so we have incorporated our spring club meeting with a training session on drying stain prone species. Please make plans to attend.

DRYING HARDWOOD LUMBER - BRIGHT, WHITE AND FLAT WORKSHOP

NC State University
Raleigh, North Carolina
May 22, 2008 (Thursday)

Note: This is a one day meeting !

For more details, see the enclosed brochure and registration form.

HIGHLIGHTS, FALL MEETING, 2007

Collinsville, VA
November 29-30, 2007

Twenty seven members and guests gathered at Noon on November 29 at the Quality Inn – Dutch Inn in Collinsville, VA, for the Fall 2007 meeting of the Southeastern Dry Kiln Club. **Special thanks to Barry Williams of Stuart Flooring for putting together the meeting and hosting one of the tours. Also to Jeff Hanks for hosting the tour of Bill Hanks Lumber.**

The meeting began with lunch followed by a technical session:

VacDry Vacuum Drying System – Dennis Socling, President, Process Control Specialties, Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania. Dennis spoke about his experiences in operating vacuum drying systems.

Maple Drying Kilns – Rob Girardi, Kiln Drying Systems & Components, Arden, NC. Rob discussed the special requirements of kilns to dry maple without developing stain.

Challenges and Opportunities: Utilizing Under Valued Species – Harry Watt, NCSU. Harry’s “show and tell” featured samples of the undervalued hardwoods.
Drying Experiments with Beech and Sycamore - Joe Denig, NCSU. Joe discussed the challenges of doing drying research and future opportunities.
Update on Master Kiln Operator Certification Program – Mark Horne, National Hardwood Lumber. Mark gave an overview of the Certification program and reported that 17 operators had successfully completed the program.

At the brief business meeting that followed club members voted to fund the Student Furniture Design Contest that is part of the Utilizing Under Valued Species project.

That evening, members and guests were treated to a Social and Dinner at the Dutch Inn Sponsored by the Southeastern Dry Kiln Club.

The next morning we went on two plant tours. Stuart Flooring Corp in Stuart, Virginia, and Bill Hanks Lumber Company in Danbury, North Carolina.

Phil Mitchell, Secretary

Joe Denig, Treasurer