

S.A.G.E. Scroll Saw Update 6-24-14

A few months ago I found a S.A.G.E. Scroll Saw on E-bay.

I purchased it about 30 miles from my home in Iowa, but about 435 miles from Branson. I brought it to my shop in Branson, hoping to find out more about it. This is what I have discovered by talking with guests, and fellow venders, at the Branson Mill where I teach my workshops.

1. The S.A.G.E. saw was made by Galen Erdley near Reeds Spring, Missouri, starting in 1984, and the last ones were made in mid to late 90's.

2. The name came about by using family names.

S. *Shirley* –was his wife's first name.

A. *And*

G. *Galen* – his first name.

E. *Erdley* –Last name.



3. As I keep asking my visitors about the saw, I have found some people that have one. At this point I have about a half dozen located. All of them have an identifying name plate. The highest number saw I have heard about is #74.

This is the name plate of #55-C, that was made for Dennis Sapp from near Little Rock Arkansas.



4. My saw is #51-BB and Dennis's saw above is #55-C. I am not sure what the letters behind the numbers mean, but I hope to find someone that can tell me.



5. My goal is to get a list of all the saws Galen Erdley made, and where they may be. If any of you looking at my Website know someone with a saw, please have them contact me with a name, saw number, and send me a picture of the name plate, to add to my list.

When I find out more I will post it on my Website.

Remember, if you have the opportunity to come to Branson, MO. any time please check out our location on the map I have on the Home Page of my Website.

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Keep in touch, and enjoy your Scroll Saw.

Galen Montgomery