

**Notes from the
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Key to some abbreviations used:

WTB = walnut twig beetle = *Pityophthorus juglandis*

TCD = thousand cankers disease

Gm = *Geosmithia 'morbida'* ('*morbida*' is proposed species name of this newly discovered species)

BW = black walnut = *Juglans nigra*

Lunch Speaker-Larry Frye (National Walnut Council) - The Challenge- Failure is Unacceptable-Stop 1000 Cankers Disease in Black Walnut [*Juglans nigra*] from Spreading.

- America has had a love affair with BW since the beginning of colonization
 - Wood evenly colored, durable, easy to work with
 - Nuts
 - Strong durable and moderate weight
- Have been lots of imitations
- No good substitute
- BW is one of the top 6 woods in the US
- Grows naturally in the eastern half of US
- Two trade associations: American Walnut Manufacturers Association and the Walnut Council
- BW sells even in a recession
- Respected overseas
- A favorite with landowners
 - Pays its way out of the woods
 - Rate of return on investment good
 - ◆ Main reason landowners concentrate on management
 - Market for nuts and nutmeats
- Concerns of the industry
 - Hardwood industry out of the loop
 - Cautious of scare tactics
 - 1964 and '65 log embargo scared customers
 - TCD could scare customers away
 - Knee jerk regulations bad
 - We don't know enough, but we need a plan now; hopes he doesn't hear "No money, no people"
 - Jobs are at stake
 - Loss of BW would be a severe blow