

**Welcome to the latest edition of the AVL Looms e-Shuttle!  
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1. **What's New – by Bob Kruger**

**40 Harness A-Series Improvements** - We've been busy here at AVL, with many things to discuss. First off, I would be remiss in not mentioning that we successfully completed the test program for our upgrades to the A-Series 40 Harness loom. Our primary goal was to breathe more tolerance into the harness structure to make harness tangling virtually non-existent. We, and more importantly our customers are pleased with the results of this effort. We have already started shipping all new 40 harness A-Series in this configuration.

**WDL Improvements** - Next on the list are some improvements to the Workshop Dobby Loom. We have upgraded the harness springs to a more heavy-duty type. This has eliminated the spring fatigue that long-term, repeated stretching could induce. We have implemented a new doobby wire system to replace the doobby cable system previously used. Here we succeeded in eliminating the doobby cable tangling issue and made the Compu-Dobby® III harness selection more reliable. Customers have provided very positive reports on the improvements.

**New Product** - Elastic Harness Cable Tubes - Lastly, in the "you asked for it" category, comes a new item for sale, Elastic Harness Cable Tubes. The tubes slide over the hook-eyes/cable to keep the harness cable from jumping off the hook eye on the top of the harnesses. Give us a ring (800-626-9615 or 530-893-4915) to pick up a set for your loom!

**ECommerce** - We are working hard to launch our eCommerce activity on the website. Watch this space as when it is launched, it will incorporate some great features.

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## 2. **AVL in the News**

In the April 20th edition of the New York Times, House and Home section (page D3) shows the studio of Takako Ueki prominently showing an AVL! The brief article proceeds to discuss the handwoven Japanese textiles available at her Manhattan shop, Habu Textiles.

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## 3. **Reconditioned Loom Sale**

We have the highest inventory of reconditioned looms I've ever seen. So, it's time to deal. I've taken 20% off every loom in stock. And, don't forget that not only have all of these looms undergone an extensive inspection/reconditioning, we can also configure them just as you would like. We will match used or new components to the loom including adding a new Compu-Dobby. Best of all, every reconditioned AVL loom comes with an AVL warranty. I don't think you can find a better value. Check out our inventory at <http://www.avlusa.com/index/products/looms/used/>.

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## 4. **“Sales from the Crypt” – by Ken Devol**

The deeper I delve into our Old'parts'o'leum, the more treasure comes to light. Here's a collection of items that appeals across a broad spectrum of needs – take a look.

### **USED DOBBY BARS**

We have a plethora of used doobby bars, 16 and 24 harness. All are in good to very good condition. We're not going to take the time to un-peg them, so you get the added bonus of whatever pegs are in place when they come out of the bin. Sold by the bar, you'll get them mostly linked, but there may be a few bachelors in the box which you'll need to link yourself. We'll make it easy for you and throw in a few ties so you can make-up complete chains.

*Sale Price: \$2.15 per bar – 16H  
\$2.55 per bar – 24H*



### **CONE CADDY**

These are brand spankin' new caddies, made from maple and finished with lacquer. We're re-designing this item and want to

move the few we have remaining. Supports four tubes or cones while you wind bobbins or make-up warps.

*Sale Price: \$19.50*

**Exploring Multishaft Design (by Bonnie Inouye)**

If you're ready to graduate to more than four harnesses, or if you own a multi-harness loom but would like to broaden your technique, THIS IS THE BOOK FOR YOU! Clearly written and amply illustrated, *Exploring* is much more than a recipe book. Spiral-bound so it lays flat.

*Sale Price: \$12.50*

**SHORT HAND SHUTTLES (with Thick Yarn Adjustable Tensioners)**

We're discontinuing these, so get 'em while they're hot! Quality end-feed shuttles made by one of England's finest. Adjustable tensioning plates actuated by light-gauge springs place just the right amount of drag on your fill yarn, so you get tangle-free delivery with every shot.

*Sale Price: \$119.00*

**FLY SHUTTLES (non-adjusting)**

Here's another discontinued. These are right-out-of-the-box end-feed general-purpose fly shuttles – perfect, perhaps, for what you do. The yarn runs under light tension, which is pre-set and not adjustable. In all other respects, they are the same as our other fly shuttles: Made from beautiful English persimmon, appointed fore and aft with precision ground steel points.




*Sale Price: \$79.00*

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**5. Selling Opportunity!**

<http://www.etsy.com/> Here's a great opportunity to get in on the ground floor of a wonderful new Web Site. Etsy.com is still in beta, so presumably they are open to input from new artists. Etsy is an eBay like site for crafts.

Check it out.



**★ BUY**

- Categories
- Shops & Sellers
- Materials & Tags
- Colors • Newest

**★ SELL**

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- How Selling Works
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Alchemy: Request custom items

Your place to buy & sell all things handmade.



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## 6. AVL Calendar

Come visit us in Booth 601 at Convergence in Grand Rapids. We will be providing software and Warping Wheel demonstrations and have looms and weaving accessories on display. There will be a lot going on and we may even have a few new things for you to see. Also, don't forget to ask about your Convergence discount when buying in the booth!

<u>AVL Calendar</u>	May	June	July
Holidays – AVL will be closed	29 <sup>th</sup> (Memorial Day)		3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> (Independence Day)
Convergence – Grand Rapids, MI		27 <sup>th</sup> through...	1 <sup>st</sup>

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## 7. Just for Fun - by Ken Devol

Part of the excitement of weaving is learning something about its history and traditions. Take a stab at these questions – the answers may surprise you.

1. Mssr. Jacquard, of Lyon, is credited with inventing the eponymous loom we know today. In point of fact, he didn't invent the contraption; rather, he greatly improved an existing design of Vaucanson. Regardless of actual authorship, it's Jacquard whom Napoleon rewarded with a thousand-francs pension, Jacquard who earned the distain of Lyonese weavers, and Jacquard whose name is now and will ever be synonymous with the type. What occupied Mssr. J's time before he became Maitre-Loom?
  - A. Provisioning ships for the French Navy?
  - B. Manufacturing straw hats?
  - C. Designing formal gardens for French and English nobles?
  - D. Selling roasters for the burgeoning café trade in Paris and Lyon?

