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Hats off to goofy American traditions! Unbelievably large "things" are staple roadside attractions in the U.S., and rural Missouri just became home to one of them. The world's (newest) largest rocking chair was recently erected on the grounds of the Fanning US 66 Outpost & General Store on old Route 66 in Fanning, MO. Pioneer Truss Company, a component manufacturer from nearby Owensville, MO, built the floor trusses pictured above that make up the seat of the 42'4" rocking chair. The trusses measure 18' in length and were set individually at 16" on center. They were built with treated ACQ lumber and treated truss plates. A moisture barrier of composite decking sits on top of the trusses to form the seat.

Pioneer owner Chris Lenauer said Robert Judson Lumber Company proposed the project. The lumber company coordinated the building of the chair. Outpost owners Dan and Caroline Sanazaro said they considered selling gas to draw customers off the highway to their new general store, but then Dan got came up with the idea to build the gargantuan rocking chair. It turned out to be a great idea; they report that business has tripled since the rocking chair was erected! In the past, cities such as Penrose, CO, Gulfport, MS and Lipan, TX have also held claim to "world's largest" giant rockers. However, none of them topped 42' or were constructed with building components. Dan Sanazaro joked that he may commission the World's Largest Picnic Table next. Coming to a highway near you.... **SBC**



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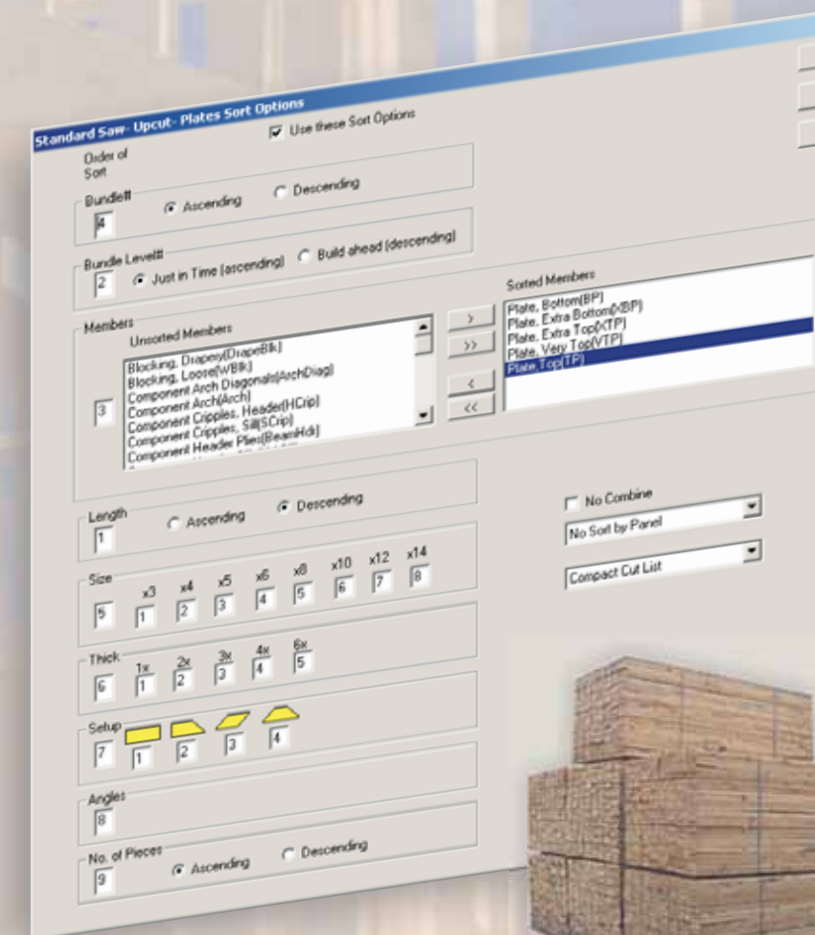
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