



MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 8, 2007
MEETING TIME: 6:00 PM
MEETING PLACE: RANGLAND HILLS COUNTRY
CLUB MIDLAND TEXAS
MEETING: CHRISTMAS PARTY

COMANCHE TRAILS MEMBERS:

As December is virtually here and our Christmas party is our last collective meeting, this will be my last correspondence as your president.

My first thought centers around our board and other core members who constantly took up the slack in helping me through the year. Each and every one of you went above and beyond many extra miles, and I thank you!

The club seemed to grow greater this year than any other year. I can't remember our activity abounding in new projects and related woodturning entities like this year. Our exposure to the community was an inspiration. We were blessed with new members and great coverage. I would hope we could have some of our members step up and take an active role in 2008, as it appears our year could be even more challenging, rewarding and fun than 2007. We were most fortunate in having members step into our demonstration group and our great association with our sister club in Lubbock, Texas. It added even more strength to this most important function. We now have representatives from our club in very important positions in the state that has more clubs than each of the other states. We now have occasion to stay on the cutting edge of all events and information.

Our slate of officers for 2008 is awesome. Please be attentive to helping Jake and his group in any way you can. I can promise you the club will become more meaningful. We are very fortunate that some of you have elected to step forward.

Our Christmas party seems to be complete. Chris needs to give them a head count on December 1st. This is very important in setting up the facility. Our guest speaker has been reported as very well as he has spoken locally and some of our members attended this meeting. Be prompt; 6:30 P.M., so the program can begin on time.

George Hancock has agreed to do our newsletter for 2008. Any correspondence to him needs to be in by Friday, eight (8) days before the Saturday meeting to give him sufficient time to handle these items.

Also, the Lubbock club is having their Christmas party on Thursday, December 13, 2007. I hope we can support this great club with our presence and presents. Their gift exchange is exactly like

our, so prepare likewise. The cost is \$20 each. Be sure to let me know; or better, contact Charles Swift to make arrangements for this event.

Some interesting items of 2007:

(1) Did you realize Paul Bunyan has been resurrected? Did you know he is a club member? He uses the name Tom Chandler. Sincerely, Tom has driven thousands of miles this year, from East Texas to Iowa and also Chicago. Each trip he has contacted Woodturners along the trip and traded wood from their locally grown wood and brought it back to our club for our needs. Would you believe we have several species of wood lying in front of George's shop? I can remember those times when I would glue wood together to be large enough for a project.

(2) Did you know our club slam-dunked the Ector County Fair this year in winning ribbons? I counted 19 ribbons. Someone said I missed two ribbons on double winners, so maybe 21 ribbons.

(3) Did you know our membership has exploded? Currently we have over 40 paid members. Some of our older members (years in the club) have trouble visualizing this.

(4) Did you know the projects in our club are taking on many different styles, configurations, etc.? Now we see turned objects with incising, wood burned embellishment, leather stitching, stains and coloring, barley twists, etc., etc., etc. Is this progress or not? You decide...one might ask "where to from here". I say, "Just watch our smoke!"

(5) Please remember how fortunate we are to have a great meeting place for our meetings. Pass on to George a big "THANK YOU".

(6) Ask anyone who attends a regional symposium (like SWAT). They will tell you the value in attending. If possible, try to participate in one of these programs. They are a Woodturner's paradise.

Finally, it has been my pleasure to be associated with our club in 2007. I thank you all for your support.

Don Farris
President, Comanche Trail Woodturners – 2007

**Joe Millsap, from Spencer Oklahoma, a well known Woodturner and frequent demonstrator at SWAT/A Texas Turn or Two died November 20th.
Please be in prayer for the Millsap family.**

Remember, the Southplains Woodturners meeting in Lubbock. They will be meeting the first Saturday of each month at Target Sheet metal. The time will be 10:00 am.