



DATE: MAY 13, 2006 MEETING
TIME: 10:00 AM
WHERE: GEORGE HANCOCK'S SHOP
1709 CLARK ST. Midland
DEMO: TOM FARRELL
METAL SPINNING ON THE WOOD LATHE

WOODCHIPS FROM THE PRESIDENT

I want to start by thanking Don Farris for the wonderful demonstration of hand chasing threads, and describing how he made his tools. As always, Don did an excellent demo.

I am looking forward to our next meeting. Tom Farrell is going to demonstrate metal spinning. I have heard about it, but never seen anyone do it. It will be neat to see something new.

We are still working on getting a web site created. Please be patient with the slow progress. The poor folks doing the work have many different hats...and full time jobs. We have registered two different domain names www.comanchetrailwoodturners.org, and www.ctwtc.org (Comanche Trail Wood Turner Club), and are now investigating where to set up (host) the site and should start creating the web site soon. Please send me a list of your favorite wood related web sites; maybe we can include them on a favorite's page for everyone.

In my February article, I bragged on how nice you Woodturners are. I had another experience last week that confirmed it. Those of you that I have email addresses for received a note saying that a gentleman was visiting this area from Oregon and had some myrtle wood that he wanted to sell or trade for local wood. Unfortunately, the gentleman (Marty Newlander) couldn't make it Saturday morning due to unforeseen circumstances. A couple of our club members came by, we had a nice visit, and they watched me and Dennis Sever learn to make a pen (I'm not sure who learned the most...probably me).

Dennis and I were back at it on Sunday afternoon when Marty Newlander called and said that he wanted to give us the myrtle wood. He and his friend Jerry Knudsen (a local resident) came by and gave us some nice pieces of wood. Marty also gave us a couple of blade pieces from an industrial planer used in a lumber mill in Oregon. I hear that they

have real trees there! Marty said that the blades make wonderful scrapers and they hold an edge well. He also said that if anyone wanted more myrtle wood or blades to let him know, and maybe some sort of trade, or other agreement could be reached to facilitate the exchange. I will bring Marty's contact information to the club meeting, or you can call or email me for it...I'm not sure he wants it published everywhere on the planet.

Sunday was a great day, I was blessed with Dennis' company, got, to turn a little bit of wood, and I met two nice people. It doesn't get much better than that! By the way, we didn't let Marty go home empty handed. I gave him two nice fat mesquite logs that I had been hording...I mean saving.

I'll leave you with something from www.cleanjokeoftheday.com:

Do you or someone you know have a dog? Well, I recently learned a dog fact I thought you might like to know...

(Please don't hold me responsible for any truth contained herein).

The fact is simply this: If your dog is fat, you probably aren't getting enough exercise.

Also, a nice security officer at the college asked me if any of our members would be interested in turning him a custom pool cue, and if so, what would it cost. If you would like the challenge, you can contact Mr. Ramirez directly at:

432-697-5863 ext 3633 or aramirez@midland.edu

See you soon,

Keith

Keith

LAST MEETING APRIL 8 2006:

I would rate our last demonstration, thread cutting, a sample of advanced turning on the wood lathe. Don Farris has the ability to make advanced turning something we can all do if we want to. Making your own tools appears to be very simple. It's a special quality of a teacher that can take difficult turning features and make each of us feel that's something we could all do. If you want to cut threads or make thread cutting tools, Don is willing to assist you anyway that he can. While mentioning what Don is willing to do, it needs to be mentioned that there isn't a member in our Chapter that would hesitate to help another member with their woodturning if asked.

Don, our hats are off to you for showing the requirements of threading on the wood lathe. It was obvious that you had spent a lot of time preparing for your demonstration to insure it went off without a hitch.

FROM THE PROGRAM CHARMAN ABOUT THE UPCOMING MEETING;

Tom Farrell will demonstrate metal spinning on the wood lathe. Metal spinning on the lathe may be new to us, but the products of metal spinning are quite common. One of the metal spun items we are all familiar with is the nose cone on the propeller of small airplanes. Metal spinning is used in the manufacturing of many products in the automobile and aircraft manufacturing. Now comes the question, how can metal spinning be incorporated in my woodturning? That will be a topic for discussion at this meeting.

Metal spinning starts with a flat round disc of malleable material. A form must be made which will be the pattern for the end project. The malleable disc will be formed over the pattern. The newly formed metal can be made as a captured part of the pattern or it can be removed and installed on another turning provided for the spun metal item. It will require some new tools, which Tom will show how they can be made. They are also available for purchasing from Highland Hardware. Highland also has the metal discs of several materials for metal spinning. This demonstration will introduce a new phase of turning for us to develop and work into our present projects. This might be called a phase of metal sculpturing.

Raffle Reminder:

As a reminder if you were a raffle winner at the last meeting you are asked to bring a turned object or equivalent to our next meeting, Even if you don't win something you can still bring something to raffle off.

Other Club Information

The Club's regularly scheduled meeting is the 2nd Saturday of the month 10:00 AM - 12:00PM, location of meeting and demonstration topic announced in newsletter. The Club's Board Meeting is two Wednesdays before the regular club meeting, at 6:30 PM, location to be announced by the President.

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I am looking for parts for a Powermatic 45 lathe.....especially a headstock quill. I almost have the complete lathe and I need the quill.

Thanks,
Ken Riley

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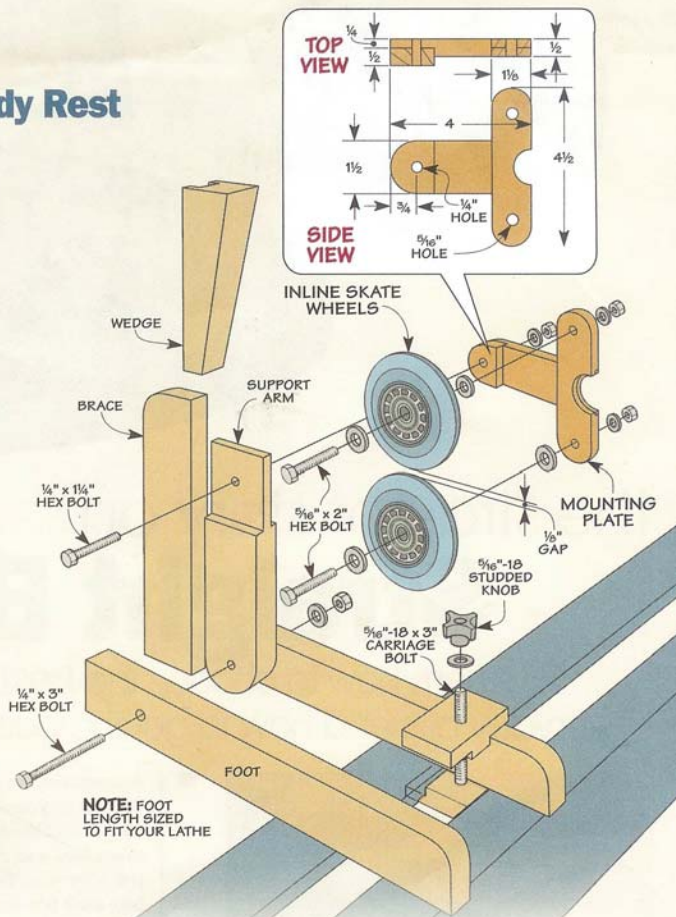
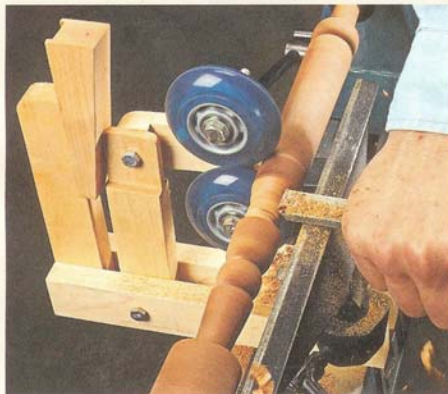
Skate Rollers for your Steady Rest

I built the lathe steady rest from Issue No. 43 and really like how the rest adjusted itself as the workpiece was turned. To make the steady rest run smoother and to protect the workpiece even more, I modified the rest.

To do this, I replaced the ball bearings with a set of inline skate wheels, like you see in the photo below. The rest now runs even quieter. And I never need to worry about marring the wood.

Since the inline skate wheels are quite a bit larger than the ball bearings, you'll need to change the length of the rest foot to fit your particular lathe. The drawing at right will guide you in constructing the steady rest if you don't have access to the original plan.

*Guy Gerrard
Orlando, Florida*



Stanley K. submitted this drawing for a steady rest.

Southplains Woodturners Meeting Times

They will be meeting the first Saturday of each month at Target Sheet metal. The time will be 10:00 am.

