



Club Social

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WOODCHIPS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Ketcham did an excellent job showing us how to prepare a log for turning and roughing out a bowl. It was really cool to see my lathe rocking around...and how fast the front row cleared out. I heard Jim say that it was the first time that he has done a demo. I would never have believed that if I hadn't heard him myself. Great job Jim! Now that we've broken the ice, you'll have to do some more!

It is time for our club to start looking for new officers for next year. I humbly ask you to consider becoming an officer of our club (there's a list of offices in the newsletter somewhere). Being your president has been one of the most pleasant tasks that I have undertaken this year; and truthfully, one of the easiest. Our club's Board of Directors is superb, every time we encounter a challenge an answer seems to magically appear.

However, like all volunteer organizations, we need new members on the board to provide new/better ideas and your wonderful enthusiasm. Please don't think that you're not qualified, the standards can't be very high; they even let me be president!

I ask you to call me (699-7629) if you are even tempted to consider being an officer... heck, we'll probably even make up an office if you want to help and there aren't any jobs left!

Upcoming events:

October 14 th	Social	
November 11 th	Jake Kemper	Inside outside turning (this will be neat, don't miss it. I've seen some of the preliminary stuff!)
December 9 th	Christmas Party	<i>Don't forget the gift exchange...Start making those cool presents now!</i>

We will have ten \$50.00 gift certificates to give away this year. This drawing is limited to paid-up club members who are present at the party.

There will also be a gift exchange. In order to get a turning you have to bring a turned item. All those attending will be eligible to receive a gift if you bring a turned item. Ladies, if you don't turn your husband can turn something for you to exchange.

If you don't bring anything, then you are not eligible to receive a gift. Now is a good time to decide what you'd like to exchange and get started on it.

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*The club will provide Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Sausages and the trimmings. We ask you to bring a dessert.
Please bring your chairs..*

Please R. S. V. P. to Helen at (432) 694-3323, or hweasley@sbcglobal.net.

We need to know how many will attend, so that we have enough food!

Safety Alert!

Another of our friends was seriously injured this month while using a planer. That's two injuries this summer.

Our hobby (or job) is wonderful, but there are many ways to get injured, and in woodworking most of them happen so fast that there is no way to stop the sequence of events once it starts!

*Everyone gets tired of hearing the same old safety stuff, but the experts tell us the only way to stay safe is to think about it all the time and to **always** practice safe working habits.*

Remember that many accidents are caused by something that we already know isn't a great idea...but we do it anyway.

Please be careful!

Last Meeting September 9 2006:

Thanks to Jim Ketcham for his demonstration on roughing out a bowl from a green log. When he began his demo I thought it was on "How to move out the front row in less than thirty seconds". It was amazing to see a 1000 lb lathe begin to walk across the floor. But true to form Jim got the situation well in hand and completed his demo. An interesting part prior to the demo was the preparation of the log before putting it on the lathe. Those who came early to the meeting were privileged to see this in operation. Jim had chips

flying everywhere from the back of the shop to the top of the cabinets, and before you knew it Jim had a roughed out bowl ready to place on the shelf to dry out. Thanks again Jim for your demo and willingness to share skills.

Permian Basin Fair September 9 2006

Earlier the Permian Basin Fair Committee had contacted a member of the Board concerning setting up a booth at the fair to demonstrate woodturning. The Board decided that it would be too difficult for the club to man a booth for the ten day period and declined the offer. Later, the Board was contacted again and asked if we would consider putting on a demonstration for Saturday September 9, 2006, from 2 to 6 PM. It was decided that this could be done so Keith Hughes and Tom Chandler went to the Fair armed with Keith's small lathe and Tom's little red wagon filled with assorted blocks of wood. It was decided to make tops and small bowls and give them away to those attending. Keith did most of the turning and to no surprise Tom did most of the talking. A surprise to us was that soon the woodturning demo was being talked about from one end of the fair to the other. The demo and interacting with the people who were watching the demo was great fun.

As we were packing up we were asked if we would consider doing another demo for the Fair. This invitation was declined and we were requested to consider setting up a booth at the Fair next year or do a few more demos.

Ernie Showalter
Tom Chandler
Program Chairmen

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Swing over bed: 14 in, Swing over gap: 17in Distance between centers: 40" Spindle size: 1" x 12 T.P.I. R.H. Spindle taper: M.T. #2 Tailstock taper: M.T. #2, Motor size: 3/4 H.P., single phase 110V/220V, Indexed spindle - 30°, and 7 speeds: 500-3070 R.P.M. Many accessories included. \$300.00 Vance Ford 550-9994

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.

What is "Woodturning"?

Woodturning is the art or craft of cutting shapes in wood while it revolves on a lathe. The cutting tool is held by the operator against the revolving work, and the wood removed in the form of fine shavings. Because the work is spinning, the shapes produced are generally circular in cross-section in at least one plane.

What is faceplate work?

Faceplate work is where the work (the lump of wood being turned) is held, by various means, just at the headstock end of the lathe, allowing the turner full access to shape or hollow out the spinning end of the piece. This technique is used for turning bowls, where the wood grain runs perpendicular to the axis of rotation, but also for hollow forms, goblets and vases, where the grain runs parallel to the bed bars (and hence the axis of rotation).

What is between centers or spindle work?

Between centers or spindle work is where the work (the lump of wood being turned) is held, by various means, at both ends (headstock and tailstock) of the lathe; the turner can only access the side of the piece to shape it. This technique is used for turning pens, banister rails, garden dibbers, and so on, and the wood grain needs to run parallel to the axis of rotation to get a good finish.

Where can I go for help on turning?

Your local woodturning club is an excellent place to meet fellow turners (including fellow beginners!), to swap advice, ideas, and encouragement; you might well find someone who offers help, either paid or even for free! Clubs are usually affiliated to the national association (e.g. the American Association of Woodturners .

Other resources worth trying are the World Wide Web and woodturning magazines. Also on the Internet, but not the World Wide Web (yes, there **is** more there than the Web!) are the UseNet newsgroups, and in particular rec.crafts.woodturning. This can be accessed several ways, but using the Google Newsgroup Archives web site is one of the most practical, as it has a full searchable archive of previous postings.

