The Smoke Signal

MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 13, 2007
MEETING TIME: 6:00 PM
MEETING PLACE: GEORGE HANCOCK'S SHOP
1709 CLARK STREET MIDLAND TEXAS
MEETING DEMO: CLUB SOCIAL

WOODCHIPS

It is amazing how time comes and moves on leaving some of us far behind in our endeavors; especially our wood turning.

Some of us got in some extra time at the Ector County fair. Not many members enjoyed the fair as much as they could have; however, those of us manning our booth turned lotz and lotz of things for the fair attendees. We all got "enough" for that few days! I think Keith Hughes or maybe Tom Chandler has the current record. I know Keith was in the booth eleven hours the first day. Santa won't have need for many spinning tops (both kinds) or wooden pens. We had lines of folks nearly every day waiting their turn for the next project off the lathe. It was a work house, but I suspect we would all "do it again" if the occasion arose.

An added attraction; our members (not many) won 19 ribbons in the Creative Arts Division. No one came close to us in that category.

Now for a comment on our last meeting and demo. Stan Kretzler did an expert demonstration in inlay decoration. If your missed this demo you truly missed something. Since his demo, several of the members have been discussing his shop made jig he uses to create the pattern and inlay on his turned piece. The options are countless as to decorating with this technique. Several of us have decided to make this jig, with other options, to use on bowls, tooth pick holders, weed pots, etc. Stan did a tremendous job. Also thanks to Jake and Euda Lee Kemper for furnishing our meeting place. All in all a great meeting.

Our next meeting is our annual get-together, and the main demo is eating a very good meal while visiting and talking "wood".

It will be held again at George Hancock's shop. We will need some yummy desserts to be brought as everything else will be furnished. Don't forget!! October 13, Saturday night at 6:00 P.M.

Most everyone that is going to SWAT meeting in Wichita Falls this week is frantically loading up. I hope each of you can attend, if possible. This is the best time for most of us to have occasion to watch some world class turning. I'll see you there.

Again, it is time to start thinking about our officers for next year. This year has been an awesome year for our club, and I hope some of you who haven't been involved in the past will consider taking a role to help our club.

Don't forget October 13th. See ya there!

Don Farris
President, Comanche Trail Woodturners

UPCOMING MEETINGS FOR 2007

Month	Demo	Demonstrator
October	Social	Club Members
November	Large Inside/outside turnings	Jake Kemper
December	Christmas Party	

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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.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING! It's not too early to get started on a gift for the exchange at the Christmas party Saturday December 13 at Ranchland Hills Country Club.
This is a wonderful gathering of many talented and grateful people. It is also a chance to show your best in your turning and let someone else have a part of your talent in their home.

If you placed an order for our new club shirts, they should be here for the meeting on the 8th. We have extra hats available for the reasonable price of $ 4.87 including tax. Please see Chris to pick them up.