



MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 9, 2006
MEETING TIME: 10:00
DEMO: JIM KETCHAM
MAKING A BOWL BLANK FROM A GREEN LOG
MEETING PLACE: KEITH HUGHES SHOP
4413 Fairbanks Dr.
Midland Texas

WOODCHIPS FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Board of Directors have had a discussion about the newsletter and decided that the way we are sending out the newsletter is just right...you should decide how you want to receive it. If you want to receive the letter via email and you get it in regular mail (or vice versa) let me or Vance know. Last month a few people reported that they had not received the newsletter. You should always receive the letter by the Wednesday before the regular meeting date. If you don't, please tell me or Vance and we'll get you a copy and tell you where the meeting is to be held.

I heard from a couple of people that Vance's demo was outstanding. I'm sorry that I missed most of it; hopefully, I will not have to work Saturdays much longer.

In addition to thanks I owe Vance an apology. We asked him to demonstrate a pretty complex task but then we used up an hour of the normal two hour meeting time with announcements and visiting. We have a hard enough time getting folks to demonstrate and don't need to make it harder by cutting into their demonstration time any more than necessary.

With this in mind, we (your board of directors) will implement the following changes starting at the next meeting:

- We all like the format of the meetings and don't want to eliminate anything. We want to encourage folks to participate in Show & Tell, make relevant announcements, and have a good time. To accomplish this, and still give the demonstrators time to do their thing, we need to be better stewards of our meeting time.
- I will make every effort to start the meeting on time. You can help by starting toward your seats a minute or two before 10:00.

- During the meeting, we all owe the speaker our complete attention. If you want to visit with someone please do it before/after the meeting, or go outside the meeting area.
- We need to minimize the time we allocate to announcements and Show-N-Tell. Please notice that I said minimize... not eliminate.
 - Please bring items for Show & Tell, especially you newer folks. It's exciting to see you progress, and you can really learn a lot from the more experienced turners.
 - We will allocate 2 minutes to each speaker. (Yes, we will ask someone to be the timer).
 - **Please keep all announcements relevant to woodturning or club business.**
- If you have some information to get across that isn't strictly related to turning or club business, or can't be said in 2 minutes I ask you to consider the newsletter.
 - You can send it (or call) me, Vance, Helen, or any of the board members and we'll help you get it included in the next issue.
 - An additional benefit of using the newsletter is that all of our members will get a copy, not just those that could attend the meeting.
- We have been asked by a couple of our members to have an intermission between the first part of the meeting and the demonstration. We have tried a 5 minute break a couple of times this year and to be honest it's like herding cats to get everyone back for the demonstration to start. As an occasional demonstrator, and as President, I would prefer to that people needing to stretch, get a drink/snack or use the facilities just do so. I don't consider that a disruption and it doesn't delay the meeting.

We will be drawing another free admission to S. W. A. T. during the raffle. You can't win if you don't buy a raffle ticket.

This month's meeting will be on September 9th, and will be held at my workshop (4413 Fairbanks Drive in Midland). Our good friend Mr. Ketcham will be showing us how to turn a log into a bowl...knowing Jim it will be very informative and entertaining. I hope to see you there.

Keith Hughes

Club Social

Our October club meeting will be a social event. It will be on October 14, 2006 at George's workshop. We will eat around 6:30 p.m.

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

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!

LAST MEETING AUGUST 12, 2006:

Vance Ford demonstrated making a natural edge bowl. It's a pleasure to watch turners like Vance demonstrate. If you watched closely you saw which portion of the tool is used for each cut made, the tool is always sharp, the position of the tool allows the bevel to rub, and keeps catches to a minimum. The finish requires very little sanding. These details are easy to miss while we watch the item being turned and the chips are flying. Make it a point during our demonstrations to observe some of these details. These details are learned only after practice, practice, and more practice.

Another detail is the how to mount the wood in the one-way type chuck. It is vital that the wood will not come out of the chuck while wood is removed. In some cases there is the desire to keep the loss of wood to a minimum when parted away from the chuck. Vance did an excellent demonstration to show how the wood must be presented to the chuck in a way it won't use a lot of wood and insure the item stays in the chuck while it is turned. The importance of using the tailstock as much as possible was well explained in his demonstration.

Vance's demonstration let us see how easy and safe wood turning can be, even for difficult projects. Thank you Vance for a well prepared demonstration showing how to turn a natural edge bowl.

NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 9, 2006

This will be demonstration bowl turners don't want to miss. There is the natural urge of turners to want to make bowls. Unless we buy finished lumber there isn't much wood available here in West Texas that is acceptable for bowl turning. Unless proper steps are taken when the green tree is cut the wood will dry and crack beyond use for bowl turning.

Jim Ketcham will have a section of green log taken from a mulberry tree; it is so wet if you stand too close you will get sprinkled when turned. He will show how to analyze the log before it is split with the chain saw to get a balanced bowl. After the log is split it must be shaped to an approximate round shape to mount in the lathe. How in the world does one mount half a log in the lathe to get it round? This will be part of the demonstration. The log is approximately 16 inches in diameter, 16 inches long and has the potential of producing two bowls 12 to 14 inches in diameter. To do this each half must be rough turned and put aside for several months to warp and dry without splitting. After the curing period the rough turned bowl is returned to the lathe to finish the project. This would be a good project for a demonstration in 2007. Let's ask Jim if he will agree to make a demonstration next year to finish the bowl roughed during this demonstration.

Well you can see who ever took the raffle notes may have paid too much attention to the auctioneer to get all the winners and items in the correct order. The main thing we had an excellent source of items to raffle and by the list of winners we should expect our September raffle to be another experience. Take note of the quality of items on the raffle table. Our Chapter members are doing very well to honor their win by bringing back worthwhile items for our friend Jim Ketcham to auction off.

Program Chairmen:
Ernie Showalter
Tom Chandler

Raffle winners

Ron Butler, Jim Ketcham, Vance Ford, Tom Chandler, George Hancock, Nanette Sever, Carol Chandler, Bill Garner, Tom Farrell, Ken Riley, Daniel Hiestand, Chris Hughes, John Mee, David Bohling, Rusty Hill, Don Farris

PROGRAMS SCHEDULED FOR 2006:

Sept 9	Jim Ketcham green log to rough turned bowl
Sept 29 thru Oct 1	SWAT at Temple Texas
Oct 14	Hamburger barbeque social
Nov 11	Jake Kemper inside outside turning
Dec 9	Christmas Party

MEMBERS FORUM:

For Sale

SHOPSMITH (older model) Works good. Basic machine Saw, Lathe, Drill Press, and Horizontal Boring Machine. \$100.00 on casters or \$80.00 w/o casters. Call Don Farris at 520-0326

Craftsman 10-inch Electronic Radial Arm Saw. Model-113.197250 (saw with leg set). Like NEW and reasonably priced. If you are interested please call JERRY BECHYNE. 697 3982.

Grizzly G1495 Heavy-Duty Wood Lathe

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

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.



