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THE TURNING TIMES is published monthly as an information source for members of the East Texas Woodturners (ETW). ETW is a chapter of The American Association of Woodturners (AAW) and is committed to serving woodturners in the East Texas area surrounding Tyler, Texas. The ETW Chapter joins with the AAW in its dedication to providing education, information and organization to those interested in woodturning.

Meeting at TJC West

December 8, 2007 @ 9:00 a.m.

Calendar of Events

- December 7-9, 2007**
The Woodworking Show
Arlington, Texas
- December 8, 2007**
Regular Club Meeting
Open
- January 2, 2008**
SCTJCW Rm. 101
- January 11-13, 2008**
FL Wood Turning Sym.
Eustis, Florida
- January 12, 2008**
Regular Club Meeting
- January 25-26, 2008**
TN Woodturners Sym.
Nashville, Tennessee
- January 30, 2008**
SCTJCW Rm. 101
- February 9, 2008**
Regular Club Meeting
- February 20, 2008**
SCTJCW Rm. 101
- March 1, 2008**
(1st not 2nd Sat.)
Regular Club Meeting
- April 2, 2008**
SCTJCW Rm. 101
- April 12, 2008**
Regular Club Meeting
- April 30, 2008**
SCTJCW Rm. 101
- May 10, 2008**
Regular Club Meeting
- June 4, 2008**
SCTJCW Rm. 101
- June 12-13, 2008**
Hands On Day with
Alan Leland
- June 14, 2008**
Regular Club Meeting
- June 20-22, 2008**
AAW Symposium
Richmond, Virginia
- July 2, 2008**
SCTJCW Rm. 101

SCTJCW = Steering Committee Meeting @ TJC West Campus

The Prez Says:

Hello Turners,

I sure learned a lot from **Norm Dixon's** demo on what can be done with branches. Just think of all the wood I have wasted because I didn't know it was useful. Thanks Norm.



A big howdy to **Gary Mulson and Greg Boykin** who visited with us in November. Gary and Greg also joined the club along with **Mitchell Gray, Charles Houser, Jeffrey Long, and Michael Tate**. Wow 6 new members in one month. That is great. Gentlemen welcome and please get involved in the club. We have a library that is second to none in Texas. Bring your turnings for show and tell. We are very interested in what you are turning.

In accordance with our By-laws, the following were elected to be the Club's officers for 2008:

- President – **Charles Brooks**
- Vice-President – **Paul Coppinger**
- Secretary – **Bill Holmes**
- Treasurer – **Archie Stivner**
- Librarian – **Tom Crosby**
(who actually helps **Margie** ☺)
- Programs – **Ken Terrell**

The Club will be in good hands.

We have 106 folks signed up for our Christmas party. We will have some extra food so if you haven't signed up come on. We are going to have a good time. We will have five raffles, monthly show and tell (block of wood), quarterly (One Way sharpening system), Christmas (the John Jordan hollowing set), and yearly show and tell (One way bowl gouge and handle). In addition we will have about 40 door prizes consisting of gift certificates from Craft Supplies and Packard, tools (including three combo tools from **Ed Heuslein**), an apron (from **Kay Leonard**) and who knows what else.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as president for the last 12 months. I tried at all times to do what I thought was best for the Club. I hope I didn't step on too many toes in the process. The officers and others on the Steering Committee have done a great job of keeping me on track. I am proud of the job they have done, one and all. To **Cecil Cox**, my V-P, a special word of thanks. Cecil you have done an outstanding job. I appreciate your efforts and support. I know sometime down the road (when a job doesn't interfere) the Nominating Committee will report: "for president – Cecil Cox".

See you Saturday, December 8th at TJC West at 9:00 AM. Come ready to party — **John**

2008 ETW Membership Drive

The 2008 membership renewal drive for East Texas Woodturners has begun. Annual dues remain at \$36.00 per year for the period 1st January 2008 to 31st December 2008. Membership renewal forms will be available at the next several club meetings, along with 2008 club membership cards – **Bill Holmes**



Merry Christmas

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Classifieds

Classified Ad Policy: Classified ads run for 3-months unless the editor is notified they are no longer needed. At the end of the 3-month period, the ad will be dropped from the newsletter unless specifically renewed prior to the period expiration.

For Sale: Woodturning Aprons – Made of material that sheds those pesky shavings - \$25.00 Please contact Kay Leonard at either 903-592-6009 or at jdl38@dishmail.net Thanks

Looking for a lathe: I am looking for either a Powermatic or Rockwell Delta, heavy duty lathe. 903-683-4961 or 903-721-1118 Thank you, KL Snodgrass snodkis@msn.com

Shopsmith For Sale: 1989 Shopsmith Mark V Model 510 Home Workshop System. Has standard five tools (table saw, drill press, horizontal boring, 16" X 34" wood lathe with standard 5 piece turning tool set, 12" disk sander with original owner's manual). Also has dado, router, and hollow chisel mortiser attachments. Has extra arbor (5/8") to accept "off the rack" saw blades as well as a Shopsmith "Shopmate" clamping system. Used very few hours and in excellent condition. \$850.00 Contact Cecil Cox (903)882-5311 or coxcecil@yahoo.com

Jet Mini-Lathe For Sale: Standard 6-speed model (not variable speed) with stand and originally supplied accessories (faceplate, live center, etc.) Contact Jose Alanis at 903-825-2825

Woodworking Tools For Sale: Grizzly 6" jointer/planer comes with extra set of blades. Also, Craftsman 13" thickness planer with stand and retractable casters Both of these were bought new in late 2002/early 2003, and both machines come with owner's manuals and instructions. Kevin Stevenson 903-570-1724 (CELL) or 903-825-1105 (HOME) Kevin@unitedcountrylakepalestine.com

Anchor Seal: The Club has Anchor Seal end grain sealer for sale at most Club meetings. It is available in 1 and 2 gallon jugs at \$9.00 per gallon. To obtain it, pay our treasurer, Archie Stivner, and see John Leonard. Between meetings if you need some call John at 903-592-6009.

Jet 1236 Lathe For Sale: 3/4 HP Reeves Drive, with most standard accessories. Excellent to very good condition. Spare motor, 2 belts, and rolling stand/cabinet with heavy duty locking casters. \$375. Tom Canfield, tcanfield@att.net or Cell Phone 903-521-4526.



Member Comments:

I visited a friend in Houston recently, and we went to the Gulf Coast Woodturners meeting (he is a member there). I could not help but compare their club to ours. The attendance was about the same or slightly less than ours in spite of the large population they have to draw from. They were meeting at "The Cutting Edge", a very nice woodworking store, but not all that great of a meeting location. The "Show & Tell" is one of my favorite parts of a meeting. The Gulf Coast club has turned their Show & Tell into a contest. They have fewer items in the Show & Tell and only those who rank 1st, 2nd or 3rd in the various categories take part in the "Tell". In my opinion our format (and club) is superior. — Dennis Ford



Editor Comments:

Just a brief note to urge all members to attend the club Christmas party on Dec. 8th; and, too bring a lot of their turned items to display – the more the better. There will be several people in attendance that have never seen your work and this will be a great time to show it off, and in return get some inspiration and ideas from other's. There will be a lot of snacks, good fellowship, and great items to win through raffles and door prizes. I'll see you there. — Mike



Sharpening Information:

Ed Heuslein made arrangements with Doug Thompson to allow the editor to publish a page from the *Thompson Lathe Tools* website that Ed feels is a great help in understanding the use of the *Oneway Vari-Grind* attachment for the *Oneway Wolverine Sharpening System*. The sharpening information is provided on following page and may also be viewed or downloaded from the *Thompson Lathe Tools* website (www.thompsonlathetools.com). Ed added the following comments to the information provided:

One note I would make relative to the article is that the suggested *Vari-Grind* adjustment is very good for a starting point in grinding bowl and spindle gouges. However, to get the angle of the grind one must vary the distance of the *Vari-Grind* jig from the grinder wheel by using the *Wolverine Vee-Arm*. A closer distance will give a more radical grind (closer to a 30 degree angle) while a further distance will give a more acute angle (closer to a 90 degree angle). After determining the angle you like, make a "measuring board" out of plywood by cutting it to the size you need, then use it to set the *Vee-Arm* at the same distance everytime you sharpen. Use a different "measuring board" with each different grind. — Ed Heuslien



Thank You

Doug Thompson of Thompson Lathe Tools



East Texas Woodturner's 2007-08 Program Schedule

Dec. 8, 2007	Club Membership	Christmas Party
Jan. 12, 2008	Charles Brooks	To Be Announced
Feb. 9, 2008	Dan Henry	Rose Engine Discussion
Feb. 16, 2008	Club Membership	Learn 2 Turn Day

THOMPSON LATHE TOOLS

Sharpening

The tools come sharp and ready to use, to duplicate this grind here's what you need.

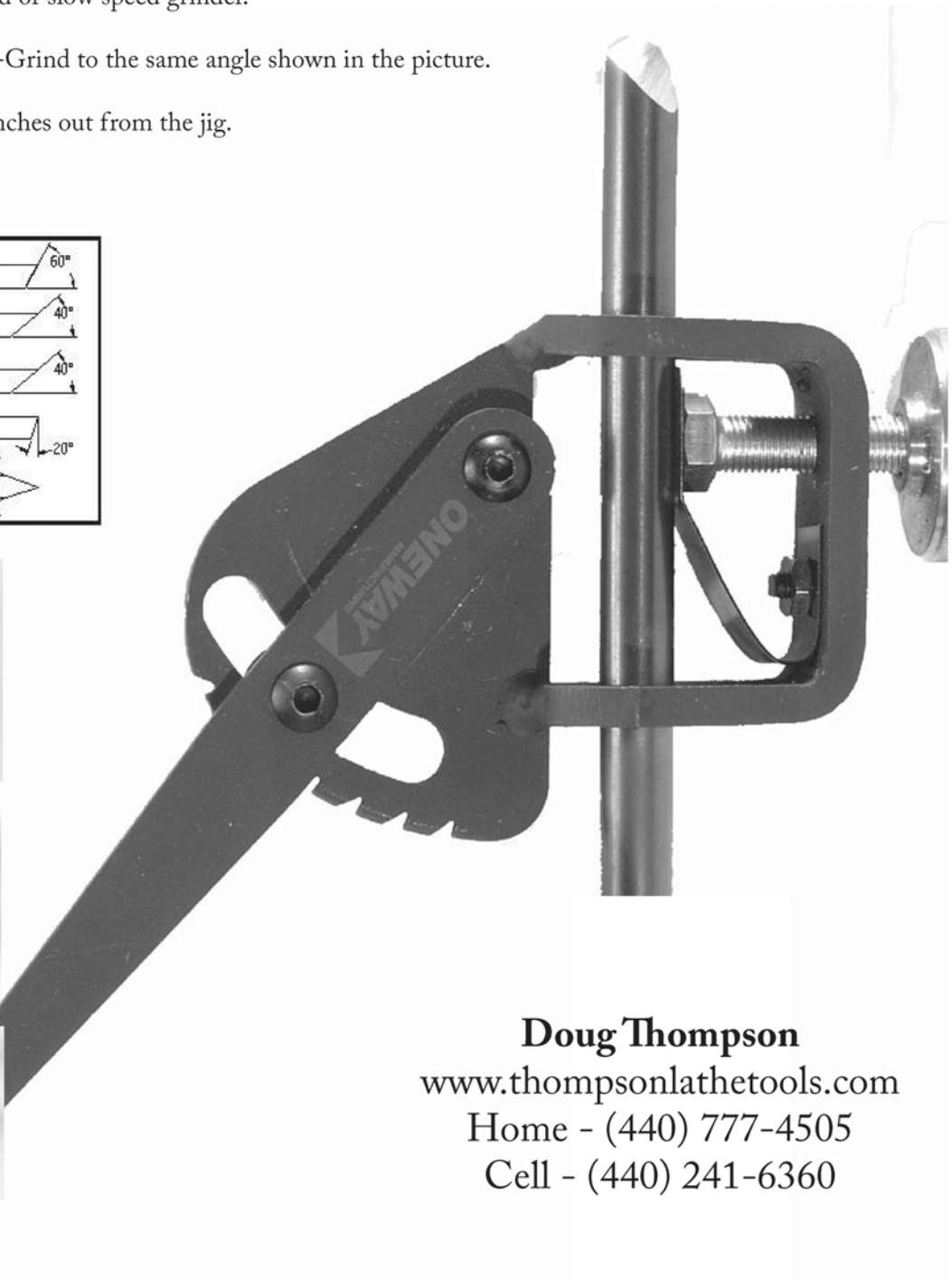
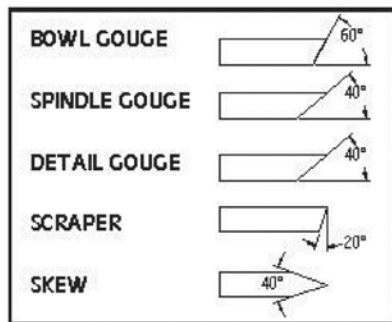
The Oneway Wolverine Grinding Jig and Vari-Grind attachment. This is the best sharpening system on the market and all the gouges will be sharpened with this system. If you don't own one go to www.oneway.on.ca or your favorite catalog and purchase one. Why? Because it works!

Use an 8 inch high speed or slow speed grinder.

Set the arm on the Vari-Grind to the same angle shown in the picture.

Extend the tool 1-3/4 inches out from the jig.

Set the nose angle.



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November 2007 Meeting



Norm Dixon gave a great demo on using branch wood.



From this came....



Mushrooms....



Goblets....



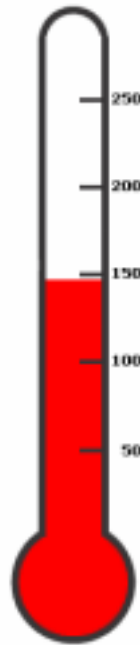
And Vases.



And as always with Norm....great tips.



There were some really nice items donated to Empty Bowls



2007 - 2008

As of the October 13, 2007 club meeting, 27 ETW members have contributed 142 items for the Empty Bowls project. This year our goal is to generate 300 items, not specifically “just bowls”. Each item submitted will receive one chance to win a turning block of wood each month and some months we may be able to have more than one block for the drawings.

Please start turning out the bowls, hollow vessels, platters, pens, etc. that you plan to submit.

Ken Terrell

East Texas Woodturner’s Supporters

The following businesses have graciously provided support for the activities of the East Texas Woodturner’s club. Please show your gratitude by giving them your business when possible.

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1430 Marsh Lane
Addison, Texas 75001
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Monday-Friday 9:00am to 7:00pm
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**Happy
New Year!**

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1287 E. 1120 S.
Provo, Utah 84606
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Tryon, North Carolina 28782
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