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Meeting at TJC West Campus

July 10, 2004 9:00 a.m.

THE PREZ SAYS

As most of you know we had a memorable meeting in June. Dr. Larry Genender's platter turning demo and the first meeting in the TJC facility. After a slow start things were really great. How do you like that BIG screen instead of the little TV? The sound system is so good even I could hear everything. The only problem we have is the audio for the recording of the meeting. Ed says he and Paul will get that straightened out before the next time.

The good Dr., even though retired, still knows how to perform surgery. He is just as skillful with a gouge as he was with a scalpel. What a great demo! If you use his method maybe platter turning will be as easy as he made it look.

I hope that more of you will join in the Club's Freedom Pen turning endeavor. This is a worthy cause regardless of how you feel about what is going on with our Military. The only purpose of the Freedom Pens is to let the troops in harms way know that the people of America are thinking about them. If you have ever been in the military you know how important it is to get stuff from home. Ed Heuslein is the coordinator for this project so please let him know that you are willing to help. You don't have to turn pens to help. If you don't know how to turn them this is a good time to learn. Give it some thought.

The raffle for this month will include a 1/4" gouge, which can be turned into a bead making tool like Dr. Genender uses, 10" carbide tip saw blade, engineer caliper, measuring set, Gorilla glue, curved forceps, and wax. We will start a two month raffle for a 1/2" Sorby bowl gouge given to us by Rockler. Remember Christmas is coming and Santa is going to bring some lucky person a Stronghold chuck with an extra set of jaws.

Keep that grass cut and the chips flying. I look forward to seeing each of you on the 12th of July.

Tom

Editor's Corner

Hi! I hope that everyone has spent time turning this month. Now that summer is here, it seems more difficult to find the time to spend in the shop. I have spent most of my time out of town, but this time I took my small lathe with me to Fort Davis, Texas. I really had a great time and I introduced a couple of more people to the hobby.

It amazes me how much attention someone turning will attract. Before you know it, you are surrounded by inquisitive minds and just the plain curious. I have found that I really enjoy demonstrating my limited skills.

Take care,

Joseph

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June Meeting



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**The 13th annual 2004 SWAT
Symposium will be held on
October 1, 2, & 3, 2004 at the
[Mayborn Center in Temple TX](#)**

July Demo

Our demo for the July meeting will be "Everything You've Forgotten About Turning" presented by Gene Kircus. This is a practice run in that Gene will be doing this same demo at the SWAT Symposium in October.

Bank of America Exhibit

Howdy Y'all:

The Bank of America exhibit is coming up beginning Friday July 30 and ending on Tuesday Aug. 31. The people at BOA were very enthusiastic and we will have plenty of space for our exhibits. Now, we need to know what you will be showing. I am attaching an MSWord.Doc file which is an inventory sheet. If you can print it out, please do so and after you have filled it in, bring it to the next meeting (July). If you can't, I will have sheets for you at the meeting. A lot of people are going to see these exhibits so bring out your best stuff. Plan to bring your exhibit to the Bank on July 30 at 10:00am and plan to pick it up on Aug. 31 at 10:00am. The bank is the BIG black building on the Square in downtown Tyler. There is a parking garage on the west side.

The pieces will be on tables behind rope barriers and they will be in a bank so we can assume a high degree of safety for our property. A card will be displayed for each piece, courtesy of Tom Crosby, which will show who you are and contact information in the event you wish to sell your piece. Several of the bank employees have indicated that they are looking for pieces to buy this year.

Raffle tickets will be made available to exhibit viewers for a piece, not yet identified, which will drawn on Aug. 30 and announced on Aug. 31 when the exhibit closes.

This is a good chance for you to show off or sell your pieces and its free.

Cary Grant
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Editor's Note: The last page of this newsletter is the Inventory List Cary mentions above.

Kudos to our President. Please go to the following web site and see the winners of Rockler's National Woodturners contest. Your esteemed Prez is featured!!

http://www.rockler.com/retail/contest_winners04.cfm?&store=1

New Members

Cecil Cox - Lindale

ReNew Member

Jim McCreary - Lindale

June Attendance

*52 Members & Guests
(Actual Count was 55 so some
people didn't sign in)*

4 visitors

Tip of the Month

I mostly turn green wood. I have tried all of the tips and cures ranging from soaking to microwave use and I have not been pleased with the results.

When I get a freshly felled tree I will stack it up off of the ground for six to eight weeks. After this time has passed, I will turn a bowl and see how things are drying. Usually, the piece is dry enough to minimize any movement. But still wet enough so that uncontrolled drying will cause warping and splitting. In this case I will normally go ahead and finish turning my bowl. I tend to be impatient.

My solution has been to place my newly turned and finished bowl into a brown paper bag and store on a top shelf in my office. I then check a couple of times per week for the next month. Now, this doesn't prevent any damage if the piece is too wet, but it has certainly minimized the amount of throw away items in my box.

I hope that this works as well for you as it has for me. Good Turning....Joseph Armstrong

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BANK OF AMERICA EXHIBIT 2004

July 30 to August 31, 2004

(Please Print)

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Item	Wood(s)	For Sale (Y/N)
Example: 10 inch Bowl	Mesquite	Y
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		
7.		
8.		
9.		
10.		

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