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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

September 10, 2005 @ 9:00 a.m.

The Prez Says

Hi Folks, hope this finds everyone healthy and happy. This heat has slowed down everything around my place. Watch your self out there and don't let a heat illness sneak up on you. Paul Coppinger has the web site up and running again

Tom Crosby's mini demo on micro-mesh and Ed Heuselin's mini demo on bleaching wood were first rate. I was pleased with the panel question and answer session. . Lots of good questions and the answers were great. I believe someone in this Club can answer any question. The bank of knowledge is fantastic Thanks to Tom and Ed and all the panel members.

Our **demo** this month is by Norm Dixon. He will be fine-tuning the demo he is doing at SWAT.

Don't forget the **OCTOBER MEETING** will be at the Center Point Gas Company on Broadway across from Target. Paul has a map on the website for those of you that haven't been there. The program will be our Club Challenge, which is being run by Kevin Stevenson. We have 5 teams that will be competing. At about 11:30 AM we will have a Club picnic. There will be a sign up sheet at the September meeting. Family members are invited. Please call me by September 7 if you plan to attend but have not signed up and will not be at the September meeting. We will have a tool swap so bring your unused tools and swap them for some more dust gatherers. This is the only meeting at Centerpoint. We will be back at TJC West in November.

The **NOVEMBER MEETING** will be **NOVEMBER 5** at TJC West. This is a week earlier than normal. The room is in use on the normal meeting day and also that is the date of the Wooden Wonderland Show at the Rose Garden that a number of our members are involved in.

Willis Martin has resigned as Librarian. Tom and Marjorie Crosby have agreed to fill the position. Willis on behalf of the members, Steering Committee and myself, **THANKS** for your hard work. There will be a container for you to turning your items checked out from the library, however the library will be closed until the break so Tom and Marjorie can get a handle on what is and isn't there. We had a new DVD by John Jordan titled "The Aesthetics & properties of Wood" that had not had a number assigned. It was removed from the library without being checked out. If you have the DVD please let me know, 903-592-6009. All we want is to find the DVD so we won't have to buy another.

We draw for the Glaser 1/2 inch bowl gouge at the September meeting. The drawing will be after the break. See Archie for tickets.

The SWAT Symposium is September 30, October 1 and 2. You can still register by mail until September 16 and after that you must register at the door. Cost is \$75.00 mail in and \$85.00 at the door. This includes lunch for the three days. The mail in form is available at their web site www.texasturnortwo.com.

See you Saturday September 10 at TJC West at 9:00 AM. Bring lots of money for raffle tickets. Keep 'em turning.

John

Calendar of Events

September 10, 2005

Regular Meeting

October 8, 2005

Regular Meeting at
Centerpoint Gas
Company
Club Challenge
Picnic

November 5, 2005

Regular Meeting

Classifieds

For Sale: Nova 3000 Lathe - \$600
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903-882-0616

FOR SALE - NOVA 3000 lathe (16 inch swing) with a 230 volt Leeson 1 1/2 horse D.C. motor. Extras include: extra bed extension, metal stand, 500# sand, steady rest, handwheel, 12 inch and 6 inch tool rests, drive spur, live center, and knockout bar. \$950.00 - Contact John Leonard 903-592-6009.

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From the Vice Pres:

Hello Everyone.

John and I attended a Clubs and Organizations reception hosted by the Tyler Courier-Times Telegraph at the Tyler Rose Garden. I personally was impressed with this meeting where over 200 east Texas clubs attended. The newspaper staff was very informative and eager to help all of us get the word out about our organizations. From what we have learned, we think you will see more publicity about our various functions. There will be a special “clubs and organizations” publication in mid September where we will be listed and there will be more information on the Tylerpaper.com website.

The Bank of America Exhibit was again a resounding success. We owe a great “thank you” to Frances Cass for chairing the function this year. Frances proved to be a classy lady as well as an excellent organizer. She did an excellent job of getting the word out to the TV and radio stations where we understand she visited some of these personally and was well received. Several of us have received calls about the exhibit and the bank employees and customers tell us that they were sorry to see the exhibit close. It seems we are a big hit at BOA!

On another note. As I looked over our Club information, I noticed that a couple of things stand out that we should all look at again. One is “mentoring”. Summer is a busy time for all of us and scheduling time with a fellow turner can be difficult, but our mentors are going unused. If you need assistance in your technique or information about anything to do with woodturning call a mentor, or give me a call and I will try to set you up with one. Another item was our pledge to “share” wood. If you have received bountifully and have a surplus piece or two that you can share, bring it to the meeting. We can announce that you have it in the back of your truck or we can raffle it off. Either way lets all share the wealth. Some of our “city bound” members do not have many other sources of turning wood. Remember that you might also take home “the” piece of wood you have been looking for.

The year is half over and it has been a success for our organization due to the strong leadership of our President John Leonard and our Steering committee, all of whom put in the time and skills to make all this work. If you have not done so lately, shake their hands and tell them that you appreciate the work, they are doing on your behalf. While you are doing that, consider what you might personally contribute in the future. Remember, we are searching for 2006 club leaders

Cary Grant

Library News

The library is undergoing some changes. At the September meeting the library will be closed except for returning items. PLEASE check and make sure to return your items you now have checked out at this meeting. If you cannot return your items at this meeting, please inform Tom Crosby of what items you have, 903.567.4701 or ctomsturnings@aol.com.

Your cooperation will be appreciated, your librarians,

Tom and Marjorie Crosby.

Micro Mesh

During last month's very informative demonstration on the use of Micro Mesh paper by Tom Crosby, there were questions about the grits of different types of sanding papers.

Attached is a chart developed by Steve Worcester of TurningWood which compares several types of grits. The ones we are normally interested in are in columns 2, 5, and 6 (Micro Mesh Regular, USA and EURO).

Any questions can be directed to Steve at www.TurningWood.com.

August Meeting



Bob Ibach



Tom Crosby
Cottonwood Vase



Tom Crosby
Spaulted Maple



Marshal McClung
Honduran Rosewood



Charles Brooks
Mesquite w/Turquoise & Silver



Kevin Stevenson



Tom Criswell
Mesquite



Ken Terrell
Mesquite



Clint Surlis
Walnut and Ash



Cary Grant
Mesquite & Cedar



Michael Bertino
Silver Maple



Ed Heuslein
Walnut Cheese Platter



Cary Grant
Peppermill



Paul Coppinger



Bill Holmes
Fishing Lures...

Demonstration



Swap Meet

At the October meeting we will have the Club Challenge, Picnic and a Swap Meet. This is to let everyone buy and sell anything turning-related. For example if you have some turning tools no longer being used, and who doesn't, bring them along with a set up table to the meeting. October's meeting will be at the CenterPoint building on S. Broadway, across from Target. Weather permitting, we will set up the tables and allow buying and selling before and after the Challenge. We ask that there be no buying or selling during the Challenge.

Micro Mesh

The Micro Mesh order was received last week. However, they sent me rolls instead of the individual sheets I ordered. So I had to send the rolls back and now expect the sheets to be delivered any day. Come to the meeting prepared to pick your order up – and don't forget to bring *money*. Cash or check, please. I expect the order to be about \$38.00 each.

Jet Mini-Lathe Tailstock Adapters

The adapters are here. Please come to the meeting prepared to pick up your order. Cash or check in the amount of \$10 each.

I ordered a few extra if you want one, first come first served.

Please wait until the break before picking up your order.

WHAT IS S.W.A.T?

For those of you who have been hearing about the S.W.A.T Symposium and are not sure what it is, here is a little background. S.W.A.T. stands for SouthWest Association of Turners. It is an association of Woodturning Clubs in Texas and Oklahoma that was formed in 2003 to sponsor an annual woodturning symposium. The symposium is managed and staffed by woodturners who volunteer their time and energy to promote the advancement of woodturning in the region.

The Genesis of S.W.A.T. can be traced to a back yard get together in Columbus, Texas in 1992. At that meeting about 150 woodturners gathered for an outdoor barbecue and woodturning event. In 1996 the event was moved to Maricopa Ranch, between Austin and San Antonio where it was held through 2000. In 2001 the event was moved to San Angelo and to Wichita Falls in 2002. By 2002, attendance was up to 410. Between 1996 and 2002 the Symposium was planned and organized by paid administrators, who were paid a fee based on the number of attendees.

After the 2002 symposium, representatives from the woodturning clubs in Texas met and voted to remove the paid administrators and run the annual symposium as a volunteer event. We elected an executive committee to plan the event and to staff it with volunteers from the member clubs. Since that time, the event has grown in attendance to 530 attendees in 2004.

The 2005 Symposium will be held in Wichita Falls on September 30 – October 2, 2005. Individual registration cost is \$75 before September 16 or \$85 at the door. Couples can register for \$105 in advance or \$125 at the door. A total of 82 demonstrations by more than 23 demonstrators will be available to registered attendees. Lunches on Friday, Saturday and Sunday are included in the registration cost. In addition, fourteen vendors will be in attendance to sell everything from tools to wood. There are also non-woodturning events for spouses and friends. Registration and other information can be found at the S.W.A.T website – www.swaturners.org. You can also link to the website from the East Texas Woodturners website. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ken Terrell or Walter Tate.

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