



Chips & Chatter

May 1999 Newsletter

SVW
Silicon
Valley
Woodturners

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 2, 1999, at 7:00 PM

Location: CB Tool, 70 Karina Court, San Jose, CA

CB Tool is located near the exit from Hwy 101 at the Brokaw Road and First Street junction.

From Brokaw Road, go north on First Street to the first stop light. That is Karina Court.

Turn left (west) and go to where Karina Court curves to the right.

CB Tool is located on the left side of that curve.

President's Challenge: June '99: Hollow Form; **July '99:** Multi-wood Turning

Remember: Bring your chair and items for the *Show and Tell* portion of the meeting. We all learn together.

The Prez Sez

There is no way I can thank You all for your support and well wishes. My latest adventure is something my family and friends will remember for the rest of their lives. If there was a way I could reach out there and give you all a HUG here it is!
Thank You.

Looks like the Bus Ride is goin' to be a great adventure for us. I am really looking forward to it. We now have Debbie Bress helping that project come together. Stay tuned for more info.

Something came up this past week that did not go over very well with the staff and some of our members. Let me explain. SVW was given (our Treasurer) a bill for reimbursement of monies spent. That is the normal procedure for authorized (talked about before hand) expenditures. In this case, no mention was made or requested for money and no receipt available. The money spent was not agreed to, or along with, and is felt not to be a SVW expense. To make this a little more complicated the expense involved the Woodworkers Show at Pleasanton and SVW voted not to participate in this years show. No member representing SVW participated officially. No SVW member (SVW Voted No Participation) was involved. Therefore I can not see any way to authorize payment of this bill. This is clearly something SVW did not want to do.

Our club SVW has no problem spending money. So far we have spent well. Our Library has grown and we have some adventures coming up and even some family outings. All of these things have been with SVW voted approval. I know there are even more things coming up that SVW will participate in. So please if you have a valid expense or future expense do it with SVW voted approval.

Anyone remember what the Prez Challenge is for the next meeting? The list was published in the 2/99 C & C. For June it is a hollow form. (*July is a turning made with more than one type of wood -- glue-up/segmented. Ed.*)

See you at the next meeting, and again Thanks so much for you support through these trying times.

Rich

Month Meeting Notes

Welcome to our Guests and New Members; Rob Barton, Bill Boos, and Eytan Pick. Welcome and we hope you all enjoyed your first regulator club meeting. Hope to see you folks at one of the sawdust sessions.

SVW's President, Rich Johnson was not with us tonight, He would be going to have a Quadruple By-pass. A card was passed among the members and was sent to Rich.

Staff Reports:

Part 1 - Show and Tell

We had five members bring in some of their handy work to share with us. Ace Foster brought in two items, a bowl made of Yew and a vase made of made of some unknown wood with some purple coloring through part of it. Thought it might be Purple Leaf Plum, but it didn't quite look like it. Bob Divita brought in two candy dishes made out of fiddle back maple. If anyone has turned some of this figured maple; you know how hard it is not to pull chips out because of the changing grain. Nice work Bob! Debbie Bress brought in a poplar plate and a juniper vase. Debbie referred to the vase as her *crude attempt* at making a vase. Debbie has just started turning and if she could see some of our first turnings, she is doing great! The poplar plate was still mounted on a faceplate, as she is taking a wood turning class and has to share the lathe. So for each class she brings the work back, mounts it back on the lathe and turns for the length of the class.



Jesus Morales brought in a lidded bowl made of madrone by one of his relatives (friend) in Mexico. This was offered by Jesus as a raffle prize and was won by Don Bonnet, who brought in a Bay Laurel hollow vessel as a raffle prize, which was won by Jesus. The club has started a continuing raffle prize in which a member, who wins this meeting prize, will bring something related to woodturning as next month's prize.

Don won last month and his hollow vessel was this month's prize. Jesus is to bring next month's prize.



Jesus also brought in two of his turning tools that he makes by forging old car flat leaf springs in a charcoal barbecue. These are long and very different from the factory made tools we use. The one picture shows Jesus and Don Bonnet holding these tools.

Part 2 - President's Challenge

We had only one entry for the president's challenge. Ace Foster brought in one of his veneer inlayed turnings.

Ace is the known expert of band sawing a turning blank and then gluing the pieces back together with veneer in the place of the band saw kerf. The result is a nicely figured turning. This turning was made with a Walnut blank and Maple veneer. The judging was greatly simplified and without much discussion among the judges, Ace was

awarded first place.



Part 3 - Staff Reports

Treasurer: (Chuck Jorgensen)

We have 45 paid up members to date. We had receipts of \$139.68 and expenses of \$395.99 for a balance of \$1,035.56. We have some checks due in from the Home & Garden / Wood show, which would bring our balance back up. Members who sold items at each of these shows were paid from the club reserves.

Vice-President: (Ace Foster)

Speaker and Presenter for this evening program is to be club members to share the jigs, fixtures and what ever they use in this art of woodturning. Next month we will have John Alexander for everything you wanted to know about box making.

Secretary: (Rich Dege)

Have the Membership cards done, handed out about half previously and two at this meeting. May have to mail out the remaining 23 cards. Rich'll hold on to them for one more meeting, then decide. A membership listing was sent with this last month's newsletter. Rich'll bring copies to the next regular club meeting in June.

Editor and Web Site Master: (Mike Rude)

For members who were not at the meeting, and if you did not receive the newsletter, please let Mike know. No Report (Mike was out of town)

Part 4 - Committee Reports

Ways and Means: (Keith Krebs)

No Report (Keith has a family emergency and was not present)

Apparel: (Dick Pickering)

We have some hats available! Only \$10 each. And we sold one at this meeting. Dick asked the membership if anyone had an idea about a club logo, as he has not received any suggestions. This brought up a small debate about just using the SVW symbol we now have as the club logo with one condition. The SVW would have to be on blue (navy or close to it) colored item. This could be a shirt, jacket, turning smock, etc. Membership present agreed. If any one wishes to have the SVW logo on a shirt or jacket, the Club can still have this done for \$12 per item, please see Dick.

Video and Books: (Dave Auchard)

We have two new videos. Rental is just \$2 per tape for the month.

Club Safety:

Safety is a concern around power tools and especially when we demonstrate at Shows. Suggestion to have a Safety Coordinator as a Club Staff Position. This would be an appointed position, appointed by the Club President. Want to volunteer, please talk to Rich Johnson.

Part 5 - Old Business**Collaborative Turning**

Time is running short and the plan is to match up all the parts at the May 12th sawdust session.

***Part 6 - New Business***

Olson Cherry in Sunnyvale is going close up shop. Debbie knows the owners and is trying to see if SVW can get some of the old cherry trees and maybe some of that old 100-year-old barn wood.

Raffle Wood: Thanks to Ace Foster and Chuck Jorgensen for the Redwood, Douglas Fir and Monterey Cypress and Carob.

Part 7 - Program

Thanks to Ace Foster for this meetings presentation on Jigs and Fixtures. Ace brought in his whole collection of items he made of wood that we would normally buy and be made of metal. He made his own wooden sanding disk after the one made of metal proved to be too flimsy. He made a variety of faceplates, screw chucks, and jam chucks and Morse taper pin/jam chucks from wood. The face plate, screw, and jam chucks are made by gluing (epoxy) a machine nut that matches the lathe spindle thread into a holding block and gluing that to the piece that will be turned true on the lathe to become the face plate or chuck.

He showed us a simple way to make a Morse taper. You take your drive spur center or tail stock center and place that on a small piece of wood. Bring two small 1x3 pieces up on each side of the center and fasten in place. Instant Morse taper gauge to turn a piece of wood to fit in the headstock spindle. Ever wish you could have an indexing plate for your lathe. Ace came up with another very simple and cheap way to make an 84, 90 and 120 tooth indexing plate. You drill a hole in a piece of a ½ inch plywood circle to force fit over the headstock spindle. You make the circle's circumference slightly larger than

one of those small toothed timing belts. You turn the belt inside out, so the teeth are on the outside and glue the belt on the edge of the disk. Fit it on the spindle and rig up a wooden holding paw clamped to the lathe or table. Mark the plate for equal spaced divisions and you now have an indexing plate. Thanks again Ace.

Part 8 - Wood Shows

No wood shows are scheduled until August, but there is a conflict with the Picnic.

Part 9 - Summer Events

The Bay Area Turnoff Update

Support for the Annual Bay Area Woodturners Turnoff and Picnic. SVW is to help get the Door Prizes, need help to call Vendors/Suppliers for donations. Lou Gonzalez has volunteered to help organize a committee to get raffle items for this year's Picnic. Bob Wheeler will get us a copy of last year's letter that was sent to vendors requesting raffle items. We still need someone to Chair the Year 2000 Picnic, which we will host. Please see or call Rich Johnson.

Motion was made by Debbie Bress to rent a Bus to take Club Members to the Annual All Club Picnics in Fresno. This would cost about \$18 to \$19 per person. (Remember you can bring wives, friends, etc.) Club to authorize \$1000. Would require \$250 down and we could get the money back with 48-hour cancellation notice. Motion passed on vote by show of hands. Remember we do not have to take food for the picnic. The picnic food is provided (chicken or Tri-tip) for \$5 per person. The Bus Company allows us to have drinks and food on the bus for the trip there and back if we wish. The only things not allowed are Red stuff (Wine, Kool-Aid). Will have a sign up list at next meeting. Six Jet mini lathes will be used for the club turn-off. These will be sold after the picnic at a discount price as used equipment. At what price? We don't know yet. Plan to bring some of your turnings for a multiple club show and tell. There will also be an egg cup race! What's an egg cup race? It's how fast and good someone is in turning a 2x2x4-inch piece of soft pine into something that looks like an eggcup. Remember those things that hold a soft-boiled egg. Richard Raffan holds the record at 17 sec.

A deposit has been made with Serendipity Land yachts for the bus trip. The current plan is for the bus to leave Eastridge Mall at 6:00AM on August 28th. The return will be about 8:00PM. The bus will hold up to 47 people, so if we fill the bus the cost will be about \$20 a person. **If you would like to reserve some places then tell Chuck Jorgenson or Rich Dege or send one of them an email.**

Payment for the trip is due no later than July 30th

SVW's Summer Picnic

SVW is going to have their very own club picnic this year. It is to be held at Kelly Park in San Jose on July 17th. The festivities will start at 9:00 AM and go to 2:00 / 3:00? The Club will provide the main meat item. Club members to bring other items as a potluck. Asking members to bring turnings for show and tell, and to enter for judging. Categories like "best of show", "most ugly", etc. are yet to be chosen. Thinking about asking wives friends, etc. to judge some of the categories. Also asking for donations for a club raffle. Here's the chance to get rid of that turning you couldn't sell or give to your mother in-law.

Bits and Pieces

- The AAW Tacoma Symposium: For the latest up-to date information go to <http://www.RTPnet.org/~aaw> The Spring issue of the American Woodturner has the Registration Form as the last page. Rich Johnson has more info and forms.
- According to *The Craft Report*, The average professional wood artist exhibits at 9 shows each year, with average sales of \$2,289. They spend about \$3400 a year on materials and earn an average of \$24,800 per year.

Tips and Techniques

How to Store and Save C.A. Glue

When you purchase C.A glue buy some extra tips for each bottle. In order to maximize the life of the glue it should be sealed completely. When through using the glue each time, replace the cut tip top with one that is still sealed. Put the cut tip back on to use the bottle again. Extra tips are available from MacBeath Hardwood in Berkeley (and others).

Did you Know?

Did you know that ornamental turning has been practiced for over 400 years. But the history of turning goes back much further than that. The art of turning is known to have been practiced for at least 3,500 years, with gradually increasing improvement from simple woodturning devices to modern engineering. Around 1500 B.C. Egyptians were using simple lathes.

Egyptian tombs contain turner artifacts, and some turners in today's Third-World countries still turn wood using the techniques reportedly used back in the dawn of woodturning history. This technique is essentially pulling a cord wrapped around a piece of wood (supported between two fixed centers) back and forth, thereby rotating the work so the sharp-edged cutter could be applied for cutting the wood. These types of lathes were often a two-man operation.

Chris Guy Demo at BAW June 12th. At 10:00 AM.

Chris will demo the mighty midget, cobra, and kiwi turning tools. he will do a hollow form in two parts, plus other turning as time permits.

There is a \$10.00 fee for non-BAW members. Soft drinks and snacks will be provided.

Direction to Bruce Williams place of business. Ph # 510- 813-0395 or 510-568-1200, Oakland And San Leandro Border.

There is no address, so bare with us on this one.

From hiway # 880, exit on 98th St. East. (Follow the signs from 98th St. and Medford St.) Go east until you cross over San Leandro Bv. and the R. R. tracks. Go slow. Turn right on Medford St. (south), The first street past and along side of the Granny Goose Bldg. This is a very short distance. Continue pass the guard bldg. and speed bump. turn left at the first opportunity. (There will be a lot of trucks in this area) go to a tan metal bldg. # 14 C. on your right.

There is plenty of parking once you get to bldg. #14C.

From HIWAY # 580, Exit on Golf Links Rd. and go west, Golf Links Rd. turns into 98th Ave., (follow signs to Oakland Airport) Go west on 98th for some distance, turn left (south) on Medford St. along side of the Granny Goose

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Sawdust Sessions

If you have a question about woodturning or would like to try your hand at something new, come to a Sawdust Session. There is no preset agenda. The sessions are held at Rich Johnson's studio on those Wednesdays when a general meeting is not held. Sessions start at 7:00 P.M.

Rich's studio is at 2742 Aldworth Drive in San Jose. From Hwy 101, go east on Tully Road. Go past Capital and past White, until you get to Flint. Make a right turn at Flint, and go three blocks to San Saba. Turn left and go to the end, where San Saba meets Aldworth, and you are there.



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Items For Sale

- ☛ 1 HP, 120v, TEFC Elect. Motor, with motor rated switch and power cord(\$50.00) See Rich Dege
- ☛ Belt Sander, 4"x36" horizontal table top type with 120v motor (\$35.00) See Rich Dege
- ☛ 1 HP Variable Speed DC motor and Controller (\$60.00) See Rich Dege

.Items Wanted

Used, 4-jaw chuck. Oneway, Nova, or similar for a 1" x 8 tpi. Call Mike Walsh at 408.448.6007.

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