



Chips & Chatter

September 1998 Newsletter

SVW
Silicon Valley
Woodturners

Next Meeting

October 7, 1998
7:00 PM at:
CB Tool
70 Karina Court
San Jose, CA

CB Tool is located near the exit from Hwy 101 and the Brokaw Road and 1st Street junction. From Brokaw road go north on 1st 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.

Program: Steve Jackel of Jackel Enterprises will tell us all about the hardwood business.

President's Challenge:

Oct: End Grain
Nov: Spinning Top
Dec: Ornaments

Remember: Bring items for the "show and tell" portion of the meeting. We all learn together.

Also bring your chair to sit on, and spare wood for the raffle.

See you all there.

The President's Column

By Rich Johnson

AAW:

I get a lot of e-mail (daily) about the AAW and it's chapters. Most of it does not involve us but once in a while... There has been a lot of talk about collaborative projects. At the last AAW symposium we saw a display showing chapter collaborative turnings. They were great! Items from bowls to bicycles were displayed. How about our chapter getting involved and doing a collaborative project for next years symposium? That means we need a group/team/committee to come up with the project idea and then a Taskmaster to see that it gets done. What do you all think? Shall we do it?? If we decide to enter, June is not far away we will need to start planning now.

SVW:

It amazing how fast this year has gone by; it is time to think about the Woodworking show once again. The show is in Nov. at the San Mateo Fair Grounds. We will need help to man the booth once again. I know Ron will be telling all of us about it soon. At the Show we have always passed out free "tops" to the people, mostly to the kids. Well its time to ask all of our members to each turn a dozen or so tops to be used as giveaways at the show. I would like to

expand that request and ask that we also make it a contest within our chapter. Lets Make Tops!!!!!!

We need the giveaways as mentioned, but lets see who can turn the:

- BIGGEST (must spin - Juried)
- SMALLEST (must spin - Juried)
- LONGEST SPINNING (a timed event)
- BEST OF SHOW (must spin - Juried)

So here is the Plan: Nov. Meeting we will have a top contest and do the above events. The following weekend 6 - 7 - 8 is the Show.

You have more than a month to get ready for the BIG SPIN OFF! Let's make Tops!

SVW:

The Presidents challenge for Oct is: **End Grain Turning** -Any type, any thing, but it must be END GRAIN.

for Nov: Spinning Top
for Dec: Xmas Ornament

Some of these projects can be worked on at Sawdust sessions. Some people have yet to turn a top, of any kind.

I will try to hold another Woodturners' "Boot Camp" the first Sat. in Oct. If you are interested, please sign up

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GOODBYE



After one and a half years as your symbol and mascot, I am leaving you. There is no longer a place or a function for me to fulfill in your newsletter.

Your editor, Lou, has decided that it is now time to have a more professional looking newsletter. You can see that he has gone to a three column layout and that he has replaced me with a very formal looking front page with a name for our Newsletter "Chips & Chatter." That's OK with me.

I have taken a job down in Mexico teaching lovely women how to turn. They turn this way, and they turn that way, and I turn all around.

I was really the best turner you ever had and most of you didn't even know my name. ..Bye, bye..

Thank You Charlie

You have been a faithful and loyal member of SVW. I, for one, will miss your singing out our newsletter with such vigor and out-of-tune notes.

I always loved you Charlie. Save a place for me.Lou G.

Sept. 2 Meeting Notes

The meeting was conducted by our vice-president, Ace Foster. Our president, Rich Johnson, had an operation that morning on his shoulder for a dislocated rotating cup and torn ligaments. He argued with the doctor and Michelle, his wife, to be allowed to come to the meeting, but good sense carried the day. Ace stepped-in at the last minute and ran the show.

Part 1 - Show and Tell

Bob DiVita showed a beautiful black acacia bowl, which he finished with sanding sealer and the Beall system. When the raffle came along, there was a scramble to get black acacia. Stephen Gonzalez picked up some acacia and, later in the week, made a stunning bowl. Nice wood.

Craig Thornson showed one of his first spindle turnings - a small column made from a 4"x 4"x 18" maple blank. Well done Graig.

Part 2 -Staff Reports

Treasurer: Jay Muller stated that after paying all expenses associated with the Vasona Park picnic, we have \$1149.53 left in the Treasury.

Editor: Lou talked briefly about the efforts that Mike Rude has undertaken to test the delivery of the Newsletter by means of E-mail.

More on this subject at the next meeting.

Part 3 - Committee Reports

Dick Pickering showed a sample of the latest hat that can be made for a reasonable cost. It was later decided that we should pay the \$35 to get our font (Century Italic) programmed into the vendor's computer for use on our apparel, Rich will report further on this subject at the next meeting.

Part 4 - Old Business

No old Business: was discussed.

New Business

No new business was conducted.

Part 5 - Program: Warren Wise on Wood

Warren Wise, the owner of The Woodsman in Stockton, graciously gave us tips on how to make our woodworking easier and more accurate. Tips ranged from marking consistently on one side of the marks on a ruler, to how to cut large pieces of wood on a table saw by use of a sliding table type jig made from two clamps and an iron bar.

Warren also showed various type of wood and gave us some wood blanks for the raffle.

If you want or need hard-to-get hardwoods, contact Warren at 209-931-3293, or visit The Woodsman at 2701-A North Alpine Road, Stockton, CA 98215.



Thanks to Warren and his lovely wife Margo who helped with the demo by just being there.

Woodshow Information

By Ron Newcomb.

Hi to all; the Woodshow at San Mateo is Nov. 6, 7, & 8th.

Sign up with Ron Newcomb if you can help work the show, - this includes our new members - Call me at 510-797-6665 or e-mail Ronwoodart@aol.com. This is a great way to get acquainted with others in your Club and see first hand one of the main events of the year where we provide Info to the public and promote woodturning.

We ask all members to make spinning tops for the Woodshow. Please make 10 or more tops. Give them to Ron Newcomb or bring them to the Woodshow.

Also if any of you want to include a "how to make a top" in your newsletter and/or want same to pass out to members at your meetings, let me know.

Thanks everyone,

The Curious Mind - From the Science Editor



Will these children never stop?
They are at it again.

Following up to last month's letter exchange between Medusa and Sir Dege, it now seems that a new character has entered the arena.

Medusa, incensed by the rebuttal from Sir Dege, called for a champion who would do battle with Sir Dege and reclaim her honor. Of the many volunteers (actually only one person volunteered; all were too afraid of Sir Dege) she choose Sir Chuck, son of Jorge.

For those of you who may not be familiar with English history, there was a time when Bretland (now the British Isles) were sparsely inhabited and were a great source for wool for raiders from the Continent. One of the most successful and violent raiding groups were the Vikings from the area that is now Scandinavia (Sweden, Denmark, and Norway). They came to the British Isles to kill for sport, trade for profit, and steal the beautiful British Women for fun. It is said that today the Icelandic women are the prettiest in the world because the most beautiful British girls who were stolen were taken as concubines to Iceland instead of back home to Northern Europe. I guess that the

Vikings' wives, like modern wives, were not too understanding.

Back to our story...

Large numbers of invading Vikings stayed in the British Isles, kept their names, and help create a vigorous population that eventually ruled the world or, at least, the waves.

The greatest of these invaders was an all-powerful warrior named Jorge. He had many descendents, among who today is numbered Sir Chuck, son of Jorge. Sir Chuck has a grip of steel, a sharp and cunning eye, a reputation among the women of England, and a fiery temper. In other words, Medusa's kind of man. --Lord save us.

Sir Chuck, son of Jorge, has a terrible weapon, the Viking tool. With this tool he cuts out an opponent's heart and throws the leftovers on the ground.

I once saw the Viking tool demonstrated by another warrior worthy of note, Sir Rich, son of John. A wealthy landowner, Sir Rich has many weapons. On a warm day in September, he showed me his latest acquisition.

Unlike Sir Chuck, Sir Rich, being a gentle soul, did not want to demonstrate on a human subject. He selected a piece of Australian oak, and proceeded to rip its heart out with the Viking tool.

With a sure hand, he grabs the Viking Tool, mounts his steed (actually his lathe), takes aim and thrusts into his opponent's body.

Showing no pity, he attacks the pith.



Sir Rich's mailed hand thrusts the Viking Tool into the heart of his opponent.



The opponent lies dying on the earth, transformed by magic, into a spittoon. Such is the fate of the enemies of the Son of John.

Meanwhile, rumors are going around that Sir Dege is preparing himself to do battle with Chuck, Son of Jorge. Sir Dege, has been testing a new version of the Viking Tool that, it is said, is a lot more aggressive than the one used by either Sir Chuck or Sir Rich.

Stay tuned for the forthcoming battle featuring jousts, kings, fair ladies (some of them not too fair), blood and guts, and the crafts of Merry Old England.

Also, is Rich Johnson really of Old British Nobility? Rumor has it that his ancestral name was Johonson. another Viking?

The Reconstruction and Recuperation of Rich Johnson

Rich is on his way to recovery and went to Las Vegas for a well earned rest.

The operation on his shoulder was a success, but now he has to have physical therapy to get full motion.

Not only is he building a train room in his back yard, Rich is also planning the next boot camp.

Boot Camp II

By popular demand, and similar to the last boot camp, a Woodturning open training session will be conducted on October 3, 1998. This session should be considered a Woodturners' "Boot Camp."

Everyone is invited to attend. This is a demonstration where a lot of information will be covered.

Attendees will be expected to have note-taking materials. Information will be given about supply sources, vendors, processes, and critical procedures.

The plan is to cover the development of a bowl from chainsaw to polish.

This session will be held at Rich Johnson's studio and will run from 9:00 AM 'till about 1:00 PM.

Most of us that attended the first Boot Camp will do it again.

Please bring your own chair, and a hat to shade you from the sun. Coffee and rolls will be provided.

Current SVW members - free, Others - \$20.

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The Horse Doctor is in

Once in a while, we, as woodturners, are faced with the need to use an electric motor to power some machine. At that time we are challenged by the questions of which motor to use, how much horsepower and/or torque, do we use single or 3-phase and all those nasty terms that most of us ignored in school.

I am going to write down a few basic terms that we should have handy for when the need arises.

Horsepower: The measure of rate of work. One horsepower is equivalent to lifting 33,000 pounds to a height of one foot in one minute. Who was the idiot that measured the poor horse? Anyway, the horsepower of a motor is expressed as a function of torque and rpm.

If you do not bribe me with sufficient carrots, I will continue, in later issues of this newsletter, to give you more details about different types of motors, controllers, and motor history. It could be fun and, maybe, informative.

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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 pre-set 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 PM.

Rich's studio is at 2742 Aldworth Dr. in San Jose. From Hwy 101 go east on Tully Rd. Go past Capital, past White, till you get to Flint. Make a right turn at Flint and go 3 blocks to San Saba. Turn left, and go to the end where it meets Aldworth and you are there.



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