

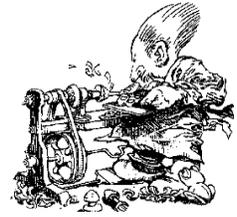


Chatter and Catches

the Newsletter of the



August 2014



President's Gouge

I received a call from our President. He was on a satellite phone calling from South America or the Mexican border. It was hard to tell because he was breaking up. He is still chasing illegal immigrants so he asked me to do the President's Gouge.

If you have not already heard, Genoa will not have the Cowboy Festival next year, so we are looking for a new venue. That's too bad. It was a real moneymaker for the club. We have a couple of things in the fire, but nothing set in stone. As a fallback, we can do the Chile Cook Off in April if nothing else works out. If anyone comes across an event that you think the club should check out, please let us know.

CVW had a very busy month with the summer picnic, Mama Bear's coming out party at Zuni Pines, and the excellent demo by Andy Chen on segmented Corian turning. A big thank you to Frank and Jane Miller for putting Andy up and a bigger thank you to Andy for the very interesting and informative demonstration. Check out Wayne Porter's article in this newsletter for the details.

If you did not make the hands-on and got to check out the club's new lathe, stop by Zuni Pines. I think you will be impressed. It has an 18" swing so you can mount some big pieces that might not fit your lathe at home. If anyone wants some one-on-one help with turning techniques, sharpening, or cutting wood on band saw, don't hesitate to call. I am usually around. Some people get intimidated at the hands-on with people watching. If you come out by yourself, the only ones watching might be Lucy and Ricky.

Our fall fundraiser is fast approaching in mid-November at Carson High School. We need to build up our inventory, which is pretty low after the Cowboy Festival and gadZooks. I know I sound like the NRA or some political party robo-calling asking for money, but we can use all the turnings we can get!! Small items and large. Whatever you can help with will be appreciated. This is the only way we can raise money to bring in demonstrators and buy equipment for our club. We have wood available at no charge for craft fair items. Give me a call. (Speaking of gadZooks, Larry LeMahieu is now our exhibit coordinator.)

Our next monthly meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, August 9th, at Wayne Porter's shop. The program will be on tool fundamentals and basic bowl turning. No Zuni blend coffee at meeting— can't have everything.— Dave Mills, Vice President

Turn Here for Safety
Never leave a lathe running unattended. Turn power off. Do not leave a lathe until it comes to a complete stop.

Pictures from the July Show-and-Tell



[Photos by Paul Cote]

Andy Chen Demonstration

For the few of you who missed the Andy Chen demonstration, boy did you miss a really informative presentation! I had never considered turning Corian before, but after spending the day with Andy, I am eager to give it a try. Andy came over on Friday afternoon to help set up and get the lay of my shop, so I got to spend a little extra time with him prior to the Saturday demonstration. What a genuinely nice guy Andy is. The sample turnings that Andy brought to display were absolutely "Fantastic". A great big thank you to Frank Miller for arranging Andy's visit to our club.

Andy, if you happen to read this newsletter, we can't thank you enough for all the preparation you went through, and for sharing your knowledge and experience with us.



Andy covered topics such as: Types of solid surface materials; safety issues; the jigs he uses; the better types of tool steel to use; the types of cuts to make; how to cut the pieces necessary for segmented turning; how to sand prior to gluing; how to glue and construct the rings; how to mount the rings in a chuck; inlaying stone and shell into the Corian; turning the inside as you layer the rings to make the hollowing easier; tips on turning the rings; and a whole plethora of other topics pertinent to turning a solid surface product. Most of Andy's demonstrations are a half-day long or less. All of the information he covered for us could never be presented in a half-day class.

It was great having him here for the whole day. Even though some of our members couldn't last quite all day, many stayed to the end, and it was "good to the last drop". After the demo, Andy had a slide show presentation of his trip to China for the "World Wood Day" where he was demonstrating. I got to see a few of the slides, but was so busy packing things up after the demo that I'm sad to say I missed most of it. I heard many well deserved complimentary comments on Andy's presentation. What a great day! By the time everything was wrapped up, it was getting on towards dinnertime so "Thank you" Dave Mills for coming back the next day and helping pack things back into the trailer. By the way Dave: *I* empty and clean the coffee pot after the meetings, not prior to them (hehehe). I just had to say that.



I'm sure that some of our newer, less experienced turners will be somewhat intimidated by the segmented turning process, but I'm also sure that this demonstration served to inspire them to work toward expanding their talents. Keep it spinning Guys n' Gals. A fun new turning project is just "round the corner". – Wayne Porter [Photos by Paul Cote]

July Hands-On Report

It's official. After a long deliberation, it looks like we are being forced to hire the Alpine County Sheriff for crowd control at our hands-on. I don't know if it is the Zuni blend coffee, Mama Bear's coming out party, Frank's tool making, or a combination of everything. We had 25 members show up! Even had a

first time hands-on appearance by Dave Rich our founding President. I remember a board meeting long since passed when the subject of hands-on came up. Dave commented they tried them in the previous club he belonged to and they never really caught on. I wonder what he thinks now? (hee hee).

I do not know where to start, fuzzy as usual with all the commotion. Standing in for our photographer (Paul Cote) was Dave Colon. While I was working on a turning he kept saying, “I need more shavings, more shavings.” I had a fleeting thought to fill a bucket and throw it at him. Bet the pictures will be special. I think he started the local photography club, no kidding.

Wayne Porter was screwing around with Mama Bear, our new lathe. We have an announcement to make. Wayne and Mama Bear are the proud parents of a 15" beautiful roughed walnut bowl. Yes, it's brown and white. I made an announcement that we were going to the woodshed and six or eight of us made the trip. Mel Swingrover came along and made the comment that he used to hate going to the woodshed growing up. Mel picked out a nice walnut piece that we took back to the shop and cut up in a bowl blank. Next day he emailed me telling me how beautiful the wood was after roughing it. Bet he gets excited the next time we go to the woodshed.



A bunch of members walked away with new tools thanks to Frank's tool making department. The club plans to have tool making available at next month's meeting, or until we wear Frank out. We are planning a handle making session down the road, also. Ricky and Lucy were busy signing autographs, Big R (Rusty) refused saying he could not be bothered. I think it was the training he was given—if any. There was a big bull session around the coffee pot, Dave Rich in the presidential chair holding court. They were talking about whatever out-of-work politicians talk about—really ~~impotent~~ important stuff!

Ralph Wycoff, one of our newer members who travels all the way from Reno, asked me for ideas on what to make out of a piece of olive he purchased. I said, “A natural edge bowl would be nice.” Ralph says, “I never have turned one.” I said, “No time like the present.” The rest is history. Ralph went home with a really nice natural edge piece.

I walked by John Nikakis (Nik) and Paul Tanaka working on their skew turning skills. John commented he thinks he has the guest Dave Rich brought to the meeting hooked on turning, so we might pick up another member. Wayne Ferree was in attendance wearing his safety glasses. He's a hoot.



Kathy showed up around noon with homemade pizza but many members had already left so more pizza for the rest of us. Wayne Porter is leaving saying I have to get to gadZooks. Three or four pieces later, he is gone. Special thanks to Pete Robinson and Joel Flamenbaum for helping with cleanup and putting lathes away, Nik for the new names on all the lathes, and his contribution of a tool rest for Mama Bear. The new lathe had a few glitches such as shutting off intermittently. Think I have that worked out. It also has a faulty live center that is being replaced. Overall a nice addition.

It's 4:00 p.m. The shop is cleaned up and put back together. Ricky's paw is sore from autographs. He says, “Man, dad. Today was really, really different.” Mama Bear asks, “Did I do good?” I tell her she did great making her first bowl and all. She is all smiles. Shop is pin drop quiet. Looks like rain. Hard to believe there were 25 people here a few short hours ago. – Dave Mills [Photos by Dave Colon]

CVW Summer Picnic (Good, Bad, Ugly)

The summer picnic for Carson Valley Woodturners by all accounts was a big success. The bad news: If you missed the picnic, please accept my condolences. The good news: You only have to wait one year, 365 days and nights, until next year's event.

The setting at Dave and Pat Colon's was perfect. Tables were set up around their Weeping Willow tree. There was lots of shade, no wind, and no traffic noise. Really special.



The only problem was when I asked Dave if we could cut down the tree for club's wood stash, I was threatened with banishment. A big thank you to Pat and Dave.

The extra money the club spent to bring in our two gourmet chefs from Carson City, John Drown and John Ebel, was worth every penny. The pork and chicken were delicious. The board of directors is considering putting out the big bucks again next year and bringing them back. The side dishes brought by the members and spouses were to die for. I did not put anything on my plate that was not yummy.

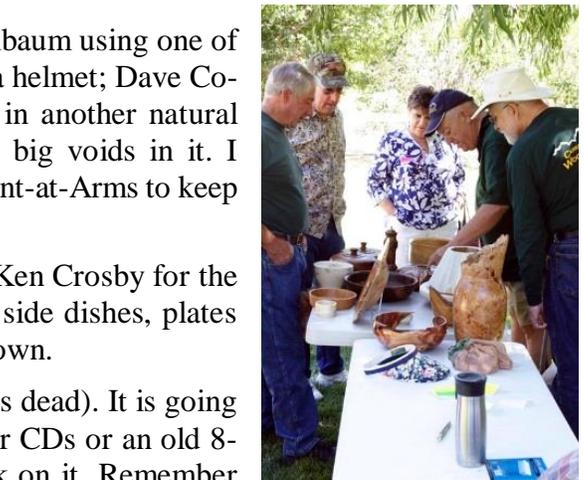
What a great group of people we have in our club. The picnic was very laid back, just sitting around getting to know our new members and spouses as well as the oldies but goodies. Many people took in Pat Colon's garden tour and checked out Dave's wood shop.



Now the ugly: Joel Flamenbaum using one of my natural edge bowls for a helmet; Dave Colon trying to put leftovers in another natural edge turning of mine with big voids in it. I think its time to add a Sargent-at-Arms to keep membership in line.

In closing, I want to thank Ken Crosby for the use of his barbecue, Donna Dimmick for coordinating the side dishes, plates etc., and all the people that helped with setup and tearing down.

Next year, we are think of adding live entertainment (versus dead). It is going to be hard to put it together; you probably have one of their CDs or an old 8-track hanging around somewhere. We have a year to work on it. Remember every day is Christmas. It could happen. – Dave Mills [Photos by Maggie Porter and Paul Cote]



Dates to Remember

The **SouthWest Association of Turners (SWAT)** will hold their annual symposium in Waco, TX, on August 22nd - 24th, 2014 at the Waco Convention Center. Registration started March 15th. The symposium will feature 54 rotations with 6 internationally recognized turners and 14 regional turners from the 27 chapters of the AAW comprising SWAT. The Symposium features an Instant Gallery, a Saturday night banquet with a raffle of more than 30 pieces, Sunday lunch and raffle with a full-size lathe, and more. There will be about 39 vendors, SIGs, hands-on pen turning, tool sharpening area, and spouse activities. Lunches will be provided for those attending the event. Visit [SWAT's web site](#) or contact [Wayne Furr](#) for more information and a list of demonstrators.

The **15th Annual Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium** will be held September 12th – 14th at the Ranch/Larimer County Fairgrounds in Loveland, CO. Participants can select from over 42 rotations. Featured demonstrators are David Ellsworth, Kip Christensen, Kirk DeHeer, Jason Schneider, Michael Blankenship, Rick Orr, John Giem, Dale Bonertz, Allen Jensen, and David Nittmann. There will also be vendors and a hands-on woodturning area. For more info, visit their website at www.rmwoodturningsymposium.com.

The **4th Segmenting Symposium** will be held October 16th – 19th at the Drury Plaza Hotel in San Antonio, TX. This symposium will address all aspects of segmented woodturning, from decorative vessels to sculptural art. There will be 36 sessions led by John Beaver, Jerry Bennett, Robin Costelle, Dennis Daudelin, Ray Feltz, Lloyd Johnson, Bill Kandler, Dennis Keeling, Craig Kirks, Alan Lacer, Tom Lohman, Wayne Miller, Jim Rodgers, and Malcolm Tibbetts. For more information, visit their website at www.segmented-woodturners.org.

Newsletter Editor's Request

Please send your newsletter contributions and suggestions for improvement to Bill Draper via cvwnews@charter.net no later than Monday of the week before the next regularly scheduled meeting. The submission deadline for the September 2014 newsletter is September 1st.

CVW All-Day Demonstration Location and Directions

This month's CVW meeting and demonstration will convene in Wayne Porter's shop on Saturday, August 9th at 9:00 a.m. The address is 759 Gansburg Court, just off Highway 88 in Carson Valley. If you find yourself in California, you went too far. We all appreciate Wayne's willingness to hold CVW meetings in his shop.

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