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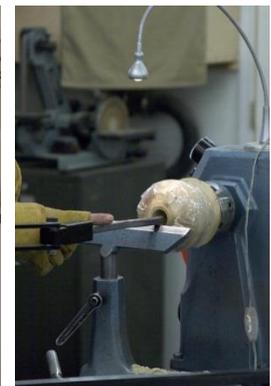
Another busy month for the Carson Valley Woodturners. This presidential gig is a cakewalk. All you have to do is work on club stuff all the time. Answer the phone calls and emails, write an article occasionally, and lay by the pool drinking O'Doul's. Boy, I should have run for this office years ago! Best part is the pay. I really feel guilty, have this much fun, and getting paid for it. It's almost criminal. If any of you are interested in running, you should launch an election task force committee now. November is right around the corner. I will not be doing this forever.

Turn Here for Safety

Guard against electric shock. Inspect electric cords for damage. Avoid the use of extension cords.

We had the April monthly meeting at Wayne Porter's shop Saturday the 11th. I counted 36 in attendance, not counting members using Wayne's office. It's the one with that round white thing. Two guest attended the meeting, Jeff Newberg and Tim Ricol. One of them came all the way from Fairbanks, AK, I'm sure just to attend our meeting. One of our members, Joel Flamenbaum was on hand; he had a 4-way bypass, a heart valve, and a free zipper just 7 to 10 days before our meeting. Good to see him up and around. The unofficial safety chairman/expert witness Wayne Ferree updated our two safety shields for the club. Big thanks to Wayne. I only had to endure a class on geometry and physics but he threw in a gun to shoot. All-in-all, a good deal. Larry LeMahieu gave the Gadzooks report; the club had three sales the previous month. Larry is doing a great job babysitting and overseeing the club turnings for us. He had some real tiny shoes to fill taking over Wayne Porter's job there. Our treasurer Mel (first count) Swingrover reported that we are in the black. That is after he made the payment on my new presidential truck. Hope Mel buys a tank of gas once in a while.

The demonstration on hollowing was performed by Gary Raines. He is a new member hailing from Reno. He used Ron Burd's snake system for the entire demo. I for one learned a lot and found out I was doing some things "Dave's (the wrong) way." Surprise, surprise. Gary did a great job! He had examples of his work, a slide show, graphics, and handouts. Very professional. He should take his show on the road. If you have never done a demo, to do it right it takes a lot of work and preparation to pull it off. Big thank you to Gary!



The turning talent in our club was on display for show-and-tell. We were treated to two or three completed pieces from the members that attended the Clewes hands-on. No, I cannot remember at the time of writing this who brought what. Gee, maybe I should take notes instead of relying on my memory. Wayne (the scrap man) Allen had the usual beautiful turnings: A beautiful segmented bowl, a platter with texturizing on the rim, and best of all, some really neat bootlegger-type jugs with a natural wood sleeve made out of



one piece of wood. I wonder what Wayne could turn if he used real wood instead of using scrap wood that the rest of us just throw away or burn in the wood stove. Wayne donates more beautiful turnings to the club for us to sell than any other member, I believe. Wayne, THANK YOU!



We held the tool and equipment auction on the 18th at Dewayne Walker's shop. Only about 15 people showed up, but

they had money and there were great deals to be had. Auction started at nine went until early afternoon. When the dust settled 98% of the stuff was gone, only three items were left. I want to thank all the board members for running the auction, especially Wayne Porter for his work writing up and pricing items. Wayne also acted as the auctioneer, did a bang-up job. In fact as his reward, I am going to let him do it again this month. I have had many comments from members saying they wished they had bid on this and that. The good news is we have another auction coming up this month! Wayne and I have made three trips to Gunner's shop to sort, list, and price items for the auction, with one or two trips remaining to tie up loose ends. There is almost as much inventory to sell as we had Dewayne's auction.

You probably read my email telling you a former club member and friend Gunter (Gunner) Kaiser passed away Thursday, April 23. He had a debilitating stroke 18 months ago and never recovered. He had been



in a care facility for the last year. I have written quite a bit about Gunner's early years and such. Gunner was German and very proud of that but he loved this country dearly. When the war ended in 1945 Gunner was 9 years old. His father was in the military and missing at wars end, not to be reunited with the family until two years after the war. Gunner, his mom, and siblings lived in bombed out buildings and basements after the war, scavenging food where they could get it.

Gunner emigrated to Canada, then the USA as a young man. Right after coming to the United States while not yet a citizen, he was drafted into the Army. He went on to have a successful business with 50 employees. When Gunner would talk, it was very slow and deliberate. You would always be waiting for him to finish what he was trying to say – took foovor eveer! When he would bring something for show-and-tell, we would always cringe when his turn came up. One occasion in particular he turned a beautiful piece, a replica of our nation's capitol. Gunner then asked us if anyone knew what was on the top of the nation's capitol dome? I made a smart comment saying, "We aren't here for a history lesson, we're here to learn about wood turning." As soon as the words left my mouth, I realized what a stupid inconsiderate thing I had done. The German emigrant was trying to educate us about our own country and I have to say that! After the meeting, I sent Gunner an email apologizing and asking him to forgive me for my stupid comment. I did not hear from Gunner after that. I was thinking all was not forgiven. A couple of days later he drove up while I was working in the shop. He walked in, sat down, and paused as he would do, then said, "I wanted to come in person and tell you I accept your apology." It was that important to him. When Wayne Porter and I were going through Gunner's shop separating his tools, if we found one American flag we found ten. Yes, he was proud to be an American! Have not heard if there will be a service. I will let you know.



The hands-on was just like at Goldilocks' house – not too few, not too many members, just right. Wayne Porter was the first to show about 8:00 a.m. He was surprised nobody had arrived yet. It was nice we were able to sit back, sip that famous Zuni blend coffee, and do a little early hunting, you know, shooting the bull. By 9:00 a.m., we had six lathes going making lots of shavings, or at least trying. Frank Miller was

busy at the sharpening station tuning up some of the newer members tools. John (Nik) Nikakis was helping Zac Higgins turn (I believe) his first bowl. Earl McCracken showed up with his arm in a sling, just having had rotator cuff surgery. Earl wanted to turn but Wayne and I put the brakes on that. Wayne just had the same procedure and let him know to lay off until he healed. Wayne Porter got to actually rough-turn a bowl for the club, then he got all excited, and had me bring him six wood blanks so he can rough more at home for the club. These hands-on really work; gets people motivated. The hands-on ended about noon. Thanks to everybody for chipping in cleaning up and putting lathes away. One member, John Ebel, stayed until 4:00 p.m. trying to get his first salt and peppershakers completed out of Banksia pods. Only other news: Ricky and Lucy are still a pain, stealing donuts and cups of coffee out of member's hands.

Our next monthly meeting will be at Wayne Porter's shop May 9 at 9:00 a.m. The format is going to be different from the usual. Last month, having the monthly meeting, a silent auction, and Dewayne's auction the next week at his shop was more than we can handle. This month's meeting will be club business, show-and-tell, possibly a short demo, or not. Still up in the air. We are also having a sale of Dewayne's wood. There are many nice wood blanks. A lot of store bought stuff, some exotics, all at below retail prices. We are also selling his shop supplies, glues, finishes etc. Then members that want to go to the auction can go on to Gunner's shop. It is only a 5 or 10-minute drive. We are not having a silent auction, just one at Gunner's shop. We will be sending out a list of most of the items and prices prior to the auction. The address for the auction is 295 Nevada Road, Woodfords, CA, 96120. Bring cash. Checks are OK for club members. Ladies and gentlemen and Gary Hathaway: If you are looking for wood turning tools and equipment, or woodworking tools in general, this is it. I don't know if you have talked to anybody that was at Dewayne's auction, but if you have, they will tell you what great deals were had. If you only have 50 bucks in your tool/toy piggy bank, show up and you will save money. One last thing. Please, nobody else depart this planet. We are getting pretty tired of losing friends and members. Make shavings not sawdust. – Dave Mills, President [Photos by Paul Cote]

Woodturning Shop Tip: *Choosing the Correct Bandsaw Blade Teeth-per-Inch*

The number of teeth per inch (TPI) is important in obtaining the finish desired and the proper feed rate. A coarse tooth blade (2, 3 TPI) should be used for resawing wood and cutting thicker stock up to 8". A fine toothed blade (18 to 32 TPI) should be used for thinner metals and plastics under 1/4". For general cutting of 3/4" wood, 4 TPI will provide a fast cut and 14 TPI will cut slower but leave a smoother finish.

When selecting TPI, remember:

- More TPI give a smoother but slower cut.
- Fewer TPI allow a faster cut with a slightly rougher finish.
- At least three teeth must be in the workpiece. Use the chart at the right to decide.

It is important to know the surface-feet-per-minute (SFM) for the various speed settings of your bandsaw so that you can select the proper speed for cutting wood or other materials. Check the operator's manual of your bandsaw to determine the SFM or use the following procedure:

1. Determine the Revolutions-per-Minute (RPM): Check the operator's manual or clock the RPM of the wheels with a tachometer or revolution counter.
2. Measure the diameter of the drive wheel in inches and multiply by 0.262 to obtain the wheel circumference. The RPM times the circumference equals the surface speed of the blade.

$$\text{RPM} \times \text{diameter (in inches)} \times 0.262 = \text{SFM}$$

TPI	Minimum Material Thickness
32	3/32"
24	1/8"
18	5/32"
14	1/4"
10	5/16"
8	3/8"
6	1/2"
4	3/4"
3	1"
2	1 1/2"

Note: Olson spring steel wood cutting band saw blades should never be operated at surface speeds above 3000 SFM. Olson carbon hard edge flexible back band saw blades may be run up to 8000 SFM. – Article reprinted with the permission of the Olson Saw Company, Bethel, CT.

Shellac Cultivation and Manufacturing

Wayne Allen submitted the link to this interesting and informative 12-minute video about how shellac is cultivated and manufactured. It is a “buggy” and labor-intensive process. The video is on YouTube. Click this link to view. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQcQ0yuekZ0>.

Dates to Remember

The **36th Annual Utah Woodturning Symposium** will be held May 14-16, 2015 at Utah Valley University in Orem, UT. There will be offerings for all turners from beginner to advanced. There will be approximately 90 demonstrations conducted by over 22 turners. Currently, demonstrators include Sam Angelo, Sally Ault, Mark Baker, Michael Blankenship, Jason Breach, Jay Brown, Rex Burningham, Kip Christensen, Cindy Drozda, Ashley, Harwood, Kurt Hertzog, Mike Jackofsky, Art Liestman, Eric Lofstrom, Guilio Marcolongo, Art Majerus, Cindy Navarro, Stan Record, Jim Rodgers, Jason Schneider, Alan Trout, and Neil Turner. The early registration deadline is May 8. For more information, visit their web site at www.utahwoodturning.com.

The **AAW 2015 Symposium** will be held in Pittsburgh, PA, on June 25-28, 2015. Currently announced demonstrators include Mark Baker, Stuart Batty, Jerry Bennett, Michael Brolly, Christian Burchard Nick Cook, David Ellsworth, Lyle Jamieson, Steve Kennard, Craig Kirks, Alain Mailland, Johannes Michelson, Pascal Oudet, Joey Richardson, Avelino Samuel, and Mark St. Leger. Registration is not yet open. More information will follow when available. AAW’s Symposium web site is [here](#).

The 19th annual **Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium** will be held on September 18-20, 2015 at the Larimer County Ranch, Loveland, CO. This three-day event has 49 rotations. Glen Lucas, David Ellsworth, Sam Angelo, Michael Roper, Doug Schneider and Vince Wilson are the current demonstrators with more to be announced. More information can be found at www.rmwoodturningsymposium.com.

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 June 2015 newsletter is June 1.

CVW Meeting Location and Directions

This month’s CVW meeting will convene in Wayne Porter’s shop on Saturday, May 9 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 club meetings in his shop.

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