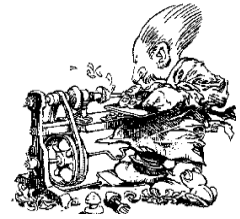




# Chatter and Catches

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## President's Gouge

Our President could not be at the meeting this month, so having been appointed "Director" for incorporation purposes, I'm writing the Gouge this month. Dave needed to take a few days off for personal reasons, and a well-deserved break from "meeting duties".

The monthly meeting was held at my place as usual. I have to apologize for the air conditioning not working. I had turned it on prior to the meeting, but it was pouring out warm air. I discovered later that evening that the shop unit is a slave to the house unit (which was turned off), so ... no cool air. All you overheated attendees will be glad to know that the shop is nice and cool now.

I believe we had somewhere in excess of 35 members and guests present, including one of our two newest members. By the way, our two new members are Jeff Newpher and Ted Bettker. Welcome aboard guys!

**Turn Here for Safety**  
Safe, effective use of a wood lathe requires study and knowledge of procedures for using this tool. Read, thoroughly understand, and follow the label warnings on the lathe and in the operator's manual. Safety is your responsibility.



Our membership now stands at 51, with at least two on our waiting list. It is really difficult making people wait until an opening appears in order to enjoy the benefits and camaraderie of being a member of



CVW. My shop just won't accommodate many more than about 40 people, hence the limit on membership. Who would have imagined a four-member club turning into what we are



today. We must be doing something right. Every new member comments about what a friendly bunch of people we are, how everyone gets along with each other, and what a great source of information and inspiration we



provide. It's really nice to hear those kinds of comments because your Board and everyone else involved in making this club work, really do put in a lot of hours and effort to keep things moving along smoothly.

Apparently, I need to start the coffee at 6:00 a.m. for our 9:00 a.m. meetings. I put the coffee on just prior to 7:00 and members were showing up before the coffee was ready. The only reasonable explanation is that "Porter's Perfection Blend Coffee" is better than the "Zuni Blend" that Dave brews. The coffee wars begin! When it comes to a vote, don't let that green stuff floating on top of the Zuni Blend sway your vote.

After all, Dave says the coffee dispenses from the bottom of the urn, not the top where various unidentifiable things reside.

Kidding aside, we had another great meeting with a demonstration by John “Nick” Nikakas on turning a bowl from a 2x4. Nick had done a whole lot of prep work to put on this demo. He had turned three bowls



ahead of time, which were cut at different angles, as well as several stages of the cutting and gluing process. He also had some great drawings displayed explaining how to lay out



your cuts. A bonus at the end of the turning segment was a demonstration on why you should always wear a safety shield. Nick warned us ahead of time that he brought the wrong set of chuck jaws for what he was turning, but would try to “make do” with the jaws he brought along. A small launch occurred with no damage to body or turning, so we got two demos for the price of one. Nick really did do a great job of explaining how to turn a bowl from 2x4. A 14” piece of pallet lumber became a bowl with relative ease. Now that we’ve seen how it’s done, I expect to see a few in the show-and-tell next month. Thanks Nick, you did a great job!

The raffle and wood sales were a hit again as we added about \$300.00 to our demonstrator fund. This really is the least expensive place you will find to buy your turning wood. Most of our wood sells for about 15% to 20% of what you would pay in a store. So the next time you see one of the guys who finds the wood for us, cuts it down, cuts it into usable size for turnings, seals it, stores it, and then brings it out for display and sale—give them a big kiss. A lot of work goes into providing cheap wood for our members. Dave Mills deserves the biggest kiss. He does the most work when it comes to the wood sales—cutting it into smaller pieces, sealing it, and bringing it back and forth to the meetings.

Our annual picnic will be held again at Dave and Pat Colon’s home, 231 Laura Springs Circle, Gardnerville, off Foothill Road. Mark your calendar for Saturday, July 25. (There will be no hands-on session this month). Festivities begin at 10:00 a.m. with lunch sometime between 11:00 and 12:00. John Drown, (the BBQ King) will be at the ‘Q, so you will be feasting on his special (thirty years in development) BBQ sauce. It’s fantastic! Donna Dimmick will be calling members in a couple of weeks to coordinate who brings what kind of dish, and for a head count on how many will be able to attend. If you missed last year’s event, this is your chance to get in on the fun and the best of the best when it comes to the chow. I’m looking forward to singing “Happy Birthday” to Dave C. in the shade in that huge willow tree in Dave and Pat’s back yard. – Wayne Porter, Director [Photos by Paul Cote]

## June Hands-On Report

Ricky and Lucy received an A+ for their work on fire watch during our hands-on. The on again off again hands-on was held at Zuni Pines (Belly Acres) on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> and came off without a hitch. By Saturday the fire had tamed down and smoke was not an issue. In fact, it was so hot in the shop we had to open the roll up doors to cool it down. Had the smallest turnout we have had in a while—only 10. Probably the fire had a lot to do with it. Couldn’t be the Zuni blend coffee, don’t you think?

Ron Burd and Wayne Porter showed up at 7:30 a.m. That gave us a chance to try out Ron’s new Bore Snake Hollowing System. Ron has been after us to take it for a test spin and give him feedback on what’s

good and what needs a little tweaking. This is a bigger version of the original snake Ron has sold for years. The new system is designed for hollowing larger vessels up to about 22 inches in depth. I don't know why he wants 'Dumb and Dumber' to give our opinion, but a chance to try a new turning tool is all the excuse we need. We found a couple of things that need a little tweaking. Ron plans to have the changes done within the week. Overall, the system gets a big thumbs up. Must be a pretty good hollowing system because I bought one on the spot—well, promised to pay for it anyway. Ron also let us try out a new carbide cutter for hollowing. The front of the cutter head is slanted down slightly which makes the cutter less prone to catches and the cuts are smoother. Once Ron showed me the PROPER way to use it, it cut like a charm. Yes, I own one of those now also! You have heard it all before, special price to members; if you buy three you get a free gun. Blah, blah.

Everyone behaved for a change. We did not have to take anyone out to the woodshed. Frank Miller was busy in our newly relocated and improved tool-making department and sold \$40.00 worth of tools to the members. The triangle tool Frank makes is really great for turning beads. Even Wayne Porter can roll nice beads with it. Seriously, I am a bead freak I put beads on almost anything I turn and I use that tool a lot. Mel Swingover was able to make the meeting. He just got home the day before, flying home from Jerusalem after visiting the Holy Land. He said he wants to go back just so he can experience the short flight home again. 18 hours or some such thing. It was great to pick up some turning tips on Saturday from Ron. I always learn something at a hands-on. Guess what Porter showed me. Nada.

Looks like the club is going to incur another expense not included in the budget. Ricky and Lucy, having graduated from Fire Watch School, now want turnouts just like uncle Wayne used to wear. I told them I had to talk to the treasurer Mel. Ricky said, "No problem Dad. Mel is my buddy. First thing he does when he comes to the meetings is go right to the dog treat jar."

The meeting broke up at 11:30 a.m. Thanks to everybody who helped with cleanup and putting the lathes away. After everybody left Frank Miller, Wayne, and I went hunting. We sat around shooting the bull until 2:00 p.m. We solved many of the world's problems, fixed ObummerCare, and worked on our wood turning vocabulary. Sometimes it is nice just to sit on the porch.

I want to thank Wayne Porter and the board for running the June meeting in my absence. I only had a few complaints from the membership. Also thanks to Wayne for penning the Presidents Gouge. That really helped me out. I think he should write it all the time from here on out.

Bill (Perry White) Draper, our editor for our newsletter (The Daily Planet), always needs articles for the newsletter. If you come across a new turning technique or new tool that you think the membership would like to hear about, anything turning-related, write an article and submit it to Bill. He cannot be the best editor on the planet without articles. That's all folks. Make shavings not sawdust. – Dave Mills

## **This Month's Program**

Our demonstration for the July meeting will feature Wayne Porter showing us how to use the McNaughton Center Saver System. For those of you not familiar with this tool, it allows you to create several bowls from a single blank. It should be very interesting. I personally have never seen the system work. Bring your old catcher's mitt from little league in case we have a launch. – Dave Mills



## **Proper Tool Handle Size**

Many CVW members have been grinding and hardening their own tools, either at a hands-on session, or in their own shops, then fitting a handle to the new tool. From *The Woodturner's Catalog*, the recommended length of a handle should be at least five times the maximum distance you intend to reach beyond the tool rest. For example, for a maximum reach of 3", your handle should be at least 15" in length.



## Finishing and Finish Repair Tips Using Lacquer

Frank Miller provided the link to this informative how-to on building a glossy finish using foam pads, and how to fill divots in an old lacquer finish. Click [here](#) to view the demonstration.

## Dates to Remember

The Woodturners of Olympia are holding the **2015 Creativity in Woodturning ~ Symposium and Workshops** with Richard Raffan. The all-day symposium is on July 25, 2015, and the series of workshops continues through August 2, 2015. There is too much information to put here, so if you are interested, go to the symposium [web site](#), or contact Al Price at [woo.symposium.coordinator@gmail.com](mailto:woo.symposium.coordinator@gmail.com).

The Texas woodturning clubs will host their **24<sup>th</sup> Annual SWAT (South-West Association of Turners) Woodturning Symposium**, August 21-23, 2015, in Waco, TX, at the Waco Convention Center, 100 Washington Avenue. This event features demonstrations, vendors, an instant gallery, raffles, and a banquet. Lead demonstrators include Dick Gerard, Joe Hermann, Kurt Hertzog, Ed Kelle, Malcolm Tibbetts, and Derek Weidman. For more information, including a list of regional demonstrators, vendors, and spousal activities, visit the symposium web site at <http://www.swaturners.org/symposium>.

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, Ron Day, Al, Mirman, Doug Schneider, Steve Sinner, Janice Levi, and Vince Wilson are the current demonstrators with more to be announced. More information can be found at [www.rmwoodturningsymposium.com](http://www.rmwoodturningsymposium.com).

## Newsletter Editor's Request

Please send your newsletter contributions and suggestions for improvement to Bill Draper via [cwvnews@charter.net](mailto:cwvnews@charter.net) no later than Monday of the week before the next regularly scheduled meeting. The submission deadline for the August 2015 newsletter is July 27.

## CVW Meeting Location and Directions

This month's CVW meeting will convene in Wayne Porter's shop on Saturday, July 11 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 regular club meetings in his shop.

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