



Chatter and Catches

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President's Gouge

The club kicked off the New Year on January 9 with our monthly meeting at Wayne Porter's shop. Members started showing up really early at about 8:00 a.m. It struck me as kinda strange – couldn't figure out why – then it hit me when my dull light bulb went on. Oh yeah, we were selling the last of the wood that the club bought last summer at the members auctions. Nothing gets a wood turner more excited than turning wood for sale at cheaper than dirt prices. One of the first to show was Steve MacLean. This guy has more wood than Paul Bunyan, and he knows a good deal when he comes across it.

The meeting started with the usual club business. We welcomed our first new members of the year, Dave Edwards and Bill Hemphill. One hails from Sparks the other from the Carson Valley. The member count this time of year is a little hard to track with established members paying dues and some opting not to renew membership. Near as we can figure we are at 51 paid and committed to pay, so we are back to taking applications and notifying applicants when we have an opening. Nik Nikakis and Terry Anderson of Pot Belly Construction volunteered to complete the wiring and hanging of light fixtures for our wood storage department. They wanted to know if this is a prevailing wage job and I guaranteed them it was. Hope they don't mind being paid in Greek dollars. The club has committed to the Carson High School Craft show this fall. We are looking at adding one additional also in the fall. I am going to behave and not ask for any turning donations yet; I will just pester and beg for the next nine months. However, if you have some ready now drop them at Wayne Porters shop! While on the subject of Wayne (the vise) Porter, he persuaded some of the members to turn some items using club supplies and wood. Perfume atomizers, a clock, and I believe pepper mills. It always amazes me. Wayne insists on putting the members in separate rooms, with no windows and that big light overhead, no heat or air conditioning, and he never fails to get members to volunteer for club projects.

The Board of Directors approved purchasing new work lights for three of our club lathes. I found a really good price direct from the manufacturer, \$72.00 lights for \$55.00. Then a couple of board members asked if they could get in on the good deal, then we offered it to the club members. When all was said and done, 18 members and the club purchased lights, and we even got free shipping and no sales tax! Annette Anderson, our new treasurer, gave her first Treasurer's Report. I am happy to state that we have the most greenbacks in our bank account ever. Annette stepped into her new Treasurer shoes running, and is doing a bang-up job. The only thing missing, she does not have a Dead Sea hat like our outgoing Treasurer Mel Swingrover wears. I thought the hat came with the job.

On the subject of hats, Nik Nikakis wears two, Secretary and Librarian. He gave us an update on the library's in's and out's and informed us he is going to do a small article each month for the newsletter on one of the CD's in the library. Good idea, Nik. Geez, spell check keeps telling me I can't spell library! Wonder why I always got D's and F's in high school? Graham Chase our highly respected and works-for-no-pay accountant just about has all the paperwork done for the club to become incorporated. Now the IRS can spend full time on Hillary Clinton.

Turn Here for Safety

Wear a full-face shield at all times. Safety glasses are not sufficient protection against flying debris.

Larry LeMahieu gave a report on his quest to find the absolute best and cheapest demonstrators in the Northern Hemisphere. Larry has feelers out to 20 prospects as we speak. I am happy to report he called as I write this to announce Cindy Drozda is going to be paying CVW a visit. Cindy is a world acclaimed wood turner. You can visit her website to check out her work at www.cindydrozda.com. Cindy will be doing an all-day demo on Saturday, May 14. We are also having an all-day hands-on with Cindy on Sunday, May 15 and Monday May, 16. More information is forthcoming. On this subject, we try to bring in one or two of the better wood turners for demos each year. As I already mentioned, our bank account is in best shape ever. There is a possibility we might bring in three outside turners this year if all goes well.

Wayne Porter did our demo on basic bowl turning. On a scale of 1 to 10, his demo was a 10 ½. One half for good, 10 for not so good. Just kidding. Wayne hit a dying grinder to first. Still kidding. He hit all the basics and he hit it out of the park! Wayne always puts a lot of preparation into his demos. If it is bowl turning, he will turn two or three ahead of time to work out what he wants to do. He leaves no shaving unturned. With that comes personal, uncalled-for, abuse. For example, he requested (ordered) three bowl blanks from the club's wood department, which I obediently delivered. Then after he turned each one, he would inform me of all the flaws and voids he came across during the turning process. Yes, that's right. It's my and George Bush's fault. This is a perfect example of spousal abuse! Putting the BS and sick humor aside, I received many positive comments from the members on Wayne's demo. Thank you Wayne, great job!



We had a bunch of really nice turnings for show-and-tell from six of our members. The quality and quantity just keeps getting better and better. Steve MacLean had three beautiful hollow forms out of Ambrosia



Maple that he paid pennies for at our last wood sale, a Calabash bowl out of Aspen, and a beautiful Box Elder hollow form. We all wanted to know what finish he used because it was some of the



best I have seen. He is using two coats of Behlen's wood turners finish, then Triple-E polish, and he finishes up with white diamond on a buffing wheel. I have had a bottle on my shelf for years gathering dust, and that is about to change. Like I have said repeatedly, that what makes the club so great. The things you pick up from the other members. I tried Behlen's years ago, did not apply it properly, and swore I would never use it again. Now I have the insider information to get some results. Wayne Porter showed off his first attempt at a cowboy hat, and for his first one, I was really impressed. I think he will be turning one for every member in the club for Christmas. He also had two nice Pine salad bowls that he finished with that super fantastic Zuni Farms Wood Balm. Boy, I sure wish I knew where to get some of that stuff. Wishful thinking. I probably couldn't afford it. Wayne Allen was driving on



395 when a garbage truck lost part of its load. Wayne stopped and gathered it up and took it home and turned a lidded vase out of Eucalyptus and Carob and an oriental lidded vase out of Pine and Cedar. That's Wayne Allen. Patty Pastrell had three pendants with a metal inlay that her better half uses to make knives. Great idea using two different mediums together. Mac (Davis) McCracken had three or four small bowls. His work is



getting better with each meeting. The so-called president had a new lampshade turned out of spruce with multiple knots and pitch pockets. If you have ever used CA glue and not let it dry before you restart the lathe, you will have the glue flying everywhere like cotton candy. That's what happens when you hit large pitch pockets. It gets on tools, tool rests, glasses, turning smock, whatever is in its path.

I also had three pieces showing how to incorporate using a router to add a different dimension to your turnings. It is called incising. I will be doing a demo at our February meeting on the 13th showing how it is done. This is your chance to get rid of all that rotten fruit and D-cell batteries if the show does not live up to your expectations.



That pretty much says it all. The meeting ended at 1:00 p.m. Thanks to everyone who helped with cleanup and putting stuff away, it really helps out. – Dave Mills, President [Photos by Paul Cote]

January Hands-On Report

The night before the meeting it rained all night, probably got an inch of rain. The forecast the day of the meeting was calling for possibility of snow showers and the famous Woodfords wind. My expectations on the number of members that would show up was less than optimistic. Well as usual, I missed on that one. We had our biggest turnout for a hands-on ever with 20 plus attending. That goes to show what people will do for a good cup of coffee. People are fed up with that high priced Starbuck's dishwasher; they will drive through sleet and snow for a real cup of coffee. I made 40 cups, and last thing I see is Wayne Porter tipping the pot to drain the last drop of Zuni Blend from the pot.

Ron Burd, as usual, was the first to show up. We solved the world problems and the upcoming election before the crowd arrived. Had five of seven lathes going and many observers. John Compston, our former club president, was helping Yvonne Young turn her first bowl. It was nice to see my old friend John at a hands-on. He really enjoyed himself. Nik (kilowatt) Nikakis was working on our newly installed electrical system at the woodsheds. Ron Burd and Steve MacLean were on Babe the Blue Ox trying out a new hollowing tool Ron developed. Yes, I now have one in my possession. Bob Wieland was on Mama Bear turning a natural edge bowl out of Linden. Wayne Porter was helping Mac McCracken with bowl turning. Annette Anderson was running around busy as a bee collecting for the new work lights, wood sales, and bronze powder that Dale Pappas donated to the club. Thank you Dale.

Frank Miller was showing how to turn flowers out of willow. In his spare time, he was sharpening tools and helping John Drown repair his grinder with the new diamond-sharpening wheel that I never got to try out. Oh, yeah, we had the trip to the woodshed; it looked like a protest march, 10 members walking down the road to the sheds. The whole day was nuts, crazy nuts, in a great way. My buddy Paul Tanaka showed up with that great big coffee can full of those shiny 9 mm brass shell casings. He is on my Christmas list.

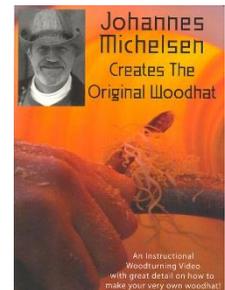
Those are just the highlights from my perspective. I would sure love to see an article from one of our members about what they like and don't like at our hands-on. What we could do to make it better, what we could do different. The meeting wrapped up around 12:30 p.m. Thanks again for the help cleaning up and putting the lathes away.

Shop's all clean and quiet, I am sitting in the big chair looking at my new tool purchase that I just had to have. I look outside Ricky and Lucy are sitting there looking up at the gate hoping some new fresh meat will drive down the road so they can pester them, maybe even jump up and scratch their car. My mind goes to my friend DeWayne Walker who passed away last year. I think about him all the time, especially when I use the bowl gouge of his I bought at the auction. The tool's great, but the handle he turned really sucks because it doesn't fit my hand. I will never get rid of it though because it was his, belonged to my departed good buddy. The last time I saw him here at our hands-on, he was sitting in this very chair I am sitting in. Guess I can never get rid of the old overstuffed chair now. I would never have met DeWayne if it wasn't for this club, and for that I am eternally grateful. I feel very fortunate for the friends and relationships that belonging to the club has brought my way. I would not be the turner I am today if it was not for being a member of CVW. Days like today make all the work worth the effort.

That's all folks, make shavings not sawdust. – Dave Mills

Johannes Michelsen Creates the Original Woodhat

DVD, 90 minutes. The title pretty much says it. Johannes takes you through chain sawing the log and roughing the hat blank on a band saw; to turning and refining the shape and thickness on the lathe with help from a custom made lighted jam chuck. Finally, with his "Dynamic Bender" Johannes bends the brim to get the finished look. The project is for an intermediate to advanced turner. The video is well made and fascinating to watch. Johannes' web site (www.woodhat.com) is under construction at this time, but you can get information at www.hannestool.com. – John "Nik" Nikakis



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 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. – Reprinted with the permission of the Olson Saw Company, Bethel, CT.

Dates to Remember

The **2016 Desert Woodturning Roundup** will be held February 26, 27, and 28, 2016, at the Mesa Convention Center, Mesa, AZ. Demonstrators include John Beaver, Rex Burningham, Jason Clark, Art Liestman, Glenn Lucas, Curt Theobald, Betty Scarpino, and Andi Wolfe. Registration information and other details may be found at <http://www.azwoodturners.org/DWR/index.shtml>. Contact [Ana Marie Lappegard](mailto:AnaMarieLappegard@azwoodturners.org), 480-620-5185, if you have questions.

The **2016 Utah Woodturning Symposium** will be held at the UCCU Events Center in Orem, UT, on May 12-14, 2016. Demonstrators currently include Richard Raffan, Rex Burningham, Kip Christensen, Kirk DeHeer, Michael Hosaluk, Jimmy Clewes, Michael Mocho, Carmen DeLaPaz, Lane Phillips, Linda Ferber, Mike Mahoney, Pat & Karen Miller, Vernon Liebrant, Megan Williams, John Beaver, Chris Pytlik, Janice Levi, Sarah Robinson, Avelino Samuel, Doug Schnider and Pat Johnson, among others! More information including registration can be found on their [web site](#).

The **AAW 30th Annual International Symposium** will be held in the downtown Atlanta Convention Center at AmericasMart on Thursday, June 9 through Sunday, June 12, 2016. The preliminary list of demonstrators includes Sally Ault, US, Benoit Averly, France, Jason Breach, UK, Seamus Cassidy, Ireland, Robin Costelle, US, Jean Francois Escoulen, France, Richard, Findley, UK, Liam Flynn, Ireland, Cynthia Carden Gibson, US, Michael Hosaluk, Canada, Beth Ireland, US, John Jordan, US, Dale Larson, US, David, Marks, US, Yann Marot, France, Philip Moulthrop, US, Binh Pho, US, Jason Schneider, US, Mark Sfirri, US, and Curt Theobald, US. More information to follow. You can also go to the AAW International Symposium web site [here](#).

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 March 2016 newsletter is February 29.

CVW Meeting Location and Directions

This month's CVW meeting will convene in Wayne Porter's shop on Saturday, February 13, at 9:00 a.m. The address is 759 Gansburg Court, just off Highway 88 in Carson Valley. If you end up in California, you went too far. We all appreciate Wayne's continued willingness to hold club events in his shop.

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