



Chatter and Catches

the Newsletter of the



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President's Gouge – Protecting the Homeland

Things have been rather quiet here at Zuni Pines (Belly Acres) lately. The only thing of consequence has been that I woke up to the alarm at the shop going off just as the sun was peeking over the horizon. Lucy and Ricky bolted out the door doing the usual barking, making a beeline for the shop. By the time I got on my skivvies and my constant companion (Ruger SP101) and arrived at the shop, all was quiet. Lucy had a snout full of Levi 501 in her mouth and Ricky was sniffing and pointing at the tongue of the club trailer. Upon further investigation, the hitch had a good amount of bright blue metallic paint on it. Looks like the dynamic duo scared off the would-be thieves. All you members, BOLO (be on the lookout) for a car or pickup with bright blue metallic paint with a big scratch or body damage on it. Probably the driver will have a big patch of Levi missing from his backside also.

Turn Here for Safety

Educate yourself on proper turning techniques, chuck operation, tool use, and lathe operation.

On the subject of security, the Republican National Committee called the other day, saying they are gearing up for their convention this summer. They are worried about riots and pandemonium with the possibility of a brokered convention. They read on the website, Terrorist Busters.org all about Ricky and Lucy foiling the Starbucks employee's attempted infiltration here at Belly Acres. After answering their questions on some of the details not told to the website, they asked if Ricky and Lucy were interested in going to work for the RNC security detail. I laughed and told them they probably could not afford their teamsters union contract, let alone their uniform requirements. Besides, I informed them, Ricky and Lucy have their sights set on working on the new wall Donald is going to build on the border. They think the Border Patrol hats are to die for. Sorry to go on about this, but I have to vent somewhere. They are still driving me nuts with the constant new uniform and pay raise request. Yada, Yada ...

The monthly meeting was held at Wayne Porter's shop the 12th of March. We had around 35 members in attendance, which is the norm lately. All of our members on IR (injured reserve) were in attendance and on the mend. Dave Rich was walking without his cane, Jerry Johnson made his first meeting since going under the knife for back surgery, and Wayne Porter had lost his Chester limp. We welcomed our newest member Jeanette Cleaves from the Biggest Little City. She is familiar to many of the membership, as she works at Woodworker's Source in Reno. That puts us at 52 members, seven of those being ladies. Another new record.

All of a sudden, we have come across a bunch of wood for the club: Locust, Elm, Maple, and Olive. Seems like its feast or famine on finding wood. We need all our spry wiry members to step up their exercise programs, as we have a lot of work to do. If you want woodturners to get excited, all you have to say is wood's available — don't even need a blue pill.

Some of the members have asked if we can have a Woodturner's Challenge each month, which challenges the members to turn a specific item and bring it to the next meeting. This month's challenge is to turn a finial. It needs to be newly turned, and not something that has been kicking around the shop for years. Don't know if there will be a prize or award. Maybe Wayne Porter's motor home for best finial?

We have Cindy Drozda coming on May 14-15-16. Reno Woodchucks have not been able to fill their demo and hands-on with Cindy and had to cancel. We have invited their members to attend our demo and hands-on at the same price our members are paying. Twenty dollars for the demo, \$140.00 for a hands-on.

Our summer picnic is being held Saturday, August 13 at Dave and Pat Colon's place on Foothill Road. Great location. Pat and Dave really do a nice job, and it is always a lot of fun. Donna Dimmick will be doing her usual magic coordinating all the food and drinks. Don't know yet who will be doing the grilling. Details to follow.

The club was contacted by the Carson City Chamber of Commerce to sell our wares at their Visitor's Bureau located at the Railroad Museum in Carson City. We have 25 of our member's turnings now on display for sale. Could be a good source of revenue for the club. Wayne Allen has volunteered to be the contact person with the Chamber to keep things running smoothly and keep them in inventory. Thank you to Wayne for stepping-up. If you get a chance stop by the Chamber and check it out, I think you will be impressed with their gift shop. Click the link to see a picture and article on their [Facebook page](#). You may need to scroll down a few screens to find it.

John Robinson's widow, Ginny, has asked if the club would auction off John's wood working tools and equipment. Wayne Porter and I have made two trips to Dayton going through everything and getting ready. One more trip and we should be ready to rumble. It is amazing the amount of stuff we guys think we need, and have to have. We will let you know when we have a date. Probably in April we will be emailing a brief breakdown and description of what is going to be auctioned. There is a considerable amount of stuff, and there should be some good deals.

Frank Miller was under the big show spotlight doing our demo on turning "Frank's Fantastic Finials". He did a great job going over the in's and out's of the world of finials. Frank had an array of different chucks and tools he uses. I was looking at all the chucks, must have been five or six. I am thinking, wow, at \$30.00 bucks a piece he's got some serious money tied up here. He had some clever tools to boot, some he gets from Penn State Industries. He also showed off a number that he makes for our members at our hands-on.



I can attest the tools Frank makes for us are great for finials, beads, and small detail work. Yes, I also have the Penn State tools. They are a gouge without a flute. Very forgiving and they make really smooth cuts. On a par with skew chisels, with less chances for catches. We have decided to have Frank's tools available for purchase now at our monthly meetings. Best five



bucks you will ever spend. The demo was not only about tools; Frank was able to get two nice finials completed. Big thank you to Frank, an excellent presentation. I personally picked up some good tool techniques watching his demo. Frank is a gold nugget on knowledge about turning.

Show-and-tell consisted of a wide array of turnings from eight of our members. I will try to be accurate and not leave anyone out, and not go on for an eternity. Here we go. Larry LeMahieu: A very nice Walnut box with blue tiger inlay, and five perfume atomizers that were a donated to the club. Ron Brady: A chip dish and salt-and-pepper shakers out of Oak and Purpleheart. Ron's turning is getting better and better. Gary Muma: An interesting Maple goblet. Steve MacLean and Bob Wieland: A very clever candelabra out of Carob, Maple, Mahogany, River Sheoak, and Bamboo. Mel Swingrover: Another one of his beautiful Basket Illusion vases in blue and black colors. I think





I overheard someone trying to buy it, but with my great hearing the guy might have just been saying goodbye. Nik Nikakis: Three angels he donated to the club and a Cherry hollow form with a Walnut finial. Nik's first hollow form! Frank Miller: M&M candy bottle with finial and a very presidential dignitary pen. Wayne Porter had three hollow forms. One of them 18 to 20 inches in height. He was showing off his new hollowing setup that is huge to say the least. Maggie says he bought it at Harbor Freight. I think there will be a lie detector test down the road on that itsy bitsy white lie. Wayne also had eight bowls of various designs and woods on display. He has been a busy guy. That wraps up show-and-tell except for one little detail. I have been approached by a couple of members that have asked if we could limit members to five minutes each to

talk about their turnings. Another comment was that show-and-tell was getting to be as long as our demos. My sentiment is we don't want to curb the member's enthusiasm. We all learn from each other during show-and-tell and have questions to ask, but sometimes we drag on. So in the future, if things need to be speeded up, I will break out the duct tape, stun gun, or get Rusty, our lazy Sargent at Arms, to control the situation.

Our April meeting will be on the 9th at Wayne Porter's shop, and starts at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Porter will be doing our demo on turning tea lights, and if time permits, a short demo on different grain patterns you can achieve just by the way the blanks are mounted on the lathe. Wayne's address is 762 Gansberg Court, Gardnerville, NV 89460.

The meeting ended at 12:30 p.m. Thanks as usual to members that helped with cleanup and packing things in the trailer. It really helps us out. That's all folks. Make shavings not sawdust. – Dave Mills, President [Photos by Paul Cote]

Wood Sealing Party

The club had a wood cutting, sealing, moving, and stacking party on Saturday the 19th at Zuni Pines.



That's a mouthful. It was BYOB (bring your old body) and your best sealing outfit. Seven members showed up at 9:00 a.m. looking for slivers and sealing goo, they were not disappointed. Had two members running chainsaws, the rest sealing and stacking wood. The only ones loafing were the canine critters. With all the help, we were able to rearrange the wood in the sheds giving us a lot more room. It is sooo much easier when you have the people power instead of one or two trying to do it by themselves. We even were able to start stacking some of the seasoned wood in the newly completed shed. Larry (the lip) LeMahieu brought some of the Honey Locust

he talked Stay Green Tree Service out of. The stuff is beautiful, and Larry is bringing us a boatload more. I won't list all the members that pitched in, but I will say a big THANK YOU. When we build the woodturners memorial wall your names will be turned on it. To the members that are sorry you missed all the fun, we are planning more sealing parties in the very near future, just so you don't feel left out. There is even a road trip coming up to Oroville, CA. P.S. Almost all the members walked away with some free wood for their sweat and back breaking labor. – Dave Mills [Photo by Paul Cote]

March Hands-On Report

We had lots of members show up looking for the Easter Bunny. The closest thing they found resembling a rabbit were Ricky, Lucy, and Big R (Rusty) Porter. Don't know if it was the weather, the coffee, or members trying to get out of yardwork, but the turnout was big. Twenty-five by my count. Bill Hemphill attended his first hands-on and seemed to enjoy himself checking out all the goings-on. He along with 10 others visited the woodshed. When he peeked inside the first word out of his mouth was, "WOW"!



Frank Miller had family in town so he could not make the meeting, but he made up 25 of his about to be famous turning tools, in case the members wanted to add to their tool collections. We sold all but one by 9:30 a.m. Unbelievable. Naturally, if you buy tools you need handles. Ron Burdgd was doing a brisk business selling the handles he makes in his shop. He had a new version, a little smaller, that was a big hit. Ron was also showing off his latest, the Burdgd Bowl Buster. No, I did not buy one. Contemplating, OK, already!

The special on the turning menu was turning boxes. Two members that I know of walked away with completed projects. Ken Crosby turned a really nice oriental box. Patti Pastrell turned her first ever capsule box. We had six lathes going most of the day. Nik Nikakis was helping Yvonne Young work on a bowl she had started at the last hands-on. Steve MacLean was giving Patti a hand on Mama Bear. Bob Wieland was talking. (It's a lawyer thing.) Paul Tanaka was sampling the weight watcher donuts. Richard Thomas was working on a Christmas ornament. Maybe Christmas has been moved up on the calendar this year?



Gary Muma made the mistake of borrowing my Eliminator tool last week. He made a special trip down from Reno to buy his very own from Ron Burdgd. Happy Easter, Gary. John Drown showed up with three Eucalyptus bowls he had cored and turned. Really nice. I also got to try out his new diamond sharpening wheel. I was impressed, does a really nice job. Once again, no, I am not buying one! Well maybe, I have to think about it.



Former club president and founder of the club Dave Rich even made an appearance. He was over in the corner signing autographs or promissory notes, not quite sure which. Between the wood and tool sales, the club took in excess of two hundred dollars. Not a bad day at all. Steve MacLean and Annette Anderson showed up with a couple of really nice finials getting ready for the club's first ever woodturners challenge. Great work. Actually a little intimidating. You members better gear up if you want to win that

Porter motor home. At the next challenge, we are giving away Maggie's 1928 Hudson.

I am sure I missed a lot that is not being reported, but that's the way it is. Unless one of the other attendees submits an article. Wanna take bets on that happening? All in all, a great day. Lots of energy and things going on always pumps me up. The meeting ended at 12:30 p.m. Thanks again for the help cleaning and putting everything away.

Steve MacLean and Bob Wieland were the last to leave. I got to sit down and reflect on the fastest five hours in sports television (woodturning). Great day, great club, makes it all seem worthwhile. My body feels like I just finished a 40-mile bike ride into the wind going out and coming home. Life is good. – Dave Mills [Photos by Paul Cote]

Dates to Remember

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](#).

The **2016 Woodturners of Olympia Symposium** will feature Michael Hosaluk and local turner Bob Espen. The symposium will be on Saturday, July 23. There will be workshops following the symposium (July 24 through 27). Visit the [WoO web site](#) for more information.

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 May 2016 newsletter is May 2.

CVW Meeting Location and Directions

This month's CVW meeting will convene in Wayne Porter's shop on Saturday, April 9, 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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