



# Chatter and Catches

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## Detail Gouge

I spent the last few days installing a new floor in our kitchen. My knees and thighs told me to sit down and take a break, so here I am. At September's meeting, we were honored by the presence of two past club presidents, Dave Rich and John Compston. It was good to see you.

Dave Mills and Graham Chase got together, filed the papers, and paid the fees, and our club is now officially a non-profit organization.

Steve MacLean and Bob Wieland did a bang-up job demonstrating hollowing using the "Wall-Eye" video system. I was so excited I ran home and ordered a CCTV camera from Amazon and it was up and running by Wednesday. Now I just need to figure out how to use my hollowing snake.

There was a good turnout for the show-and-tell. Wayne Porter is getting his money's worth from Frank's small hollowing tools, showing us a few more small hollow forms along with some natural Aspen candleholders. Dave Mills brought a

### Turn Here for Safety

Clean up wood shavings and sawdust often. Sawdust can create a fire hazard and an explosive atmosphere.



Lopez-style fork bowl and a Manzanita root ball bowl that looked like it was held together by magic. Frank Miller proved that he cannot only make tools, but can use them very well, bringing in several mini hollow forms. Wayne Allen brought in a bunch of scrap that he had transformed into bowls, cookie jars, and other amazing pieces. Wayne Ferree showed a nice goblet. Earl McCracken's skill keeps progressing as shown by several well-done pieces. Richard Thomas displayed a segment jewelry box with heat-shaded plugs. Steve MacLean presented a small bowl and a broad leaf maple hollow form. Bob Wieland offered small bowls and a cup.

Remember, the club needs donations for the fall craft show, November 17 and 18. I'm also collecting donated or loaned ornaments for this year's "Gallery of Trees" at the Douglas County Museum, late November through December. – Nik Nikakis, Secretary [Photos by Paul Cote]

## Detail Gouge Part 2

The kitchen is done, new flooring, baseboards and fresh paint, looks good. Due to Rudy Lopez's demonstration, we had an early October meeting on September 30. We had several visitors from the Woodchucks



in attendance. Dave ran what has to be his shortest business section ever and then Rudy got right into his demonstration. He started with a short quick talk about himself, safety, tool technique and the need for sharp tools. Rudy spent the rest of the morning turning an oak crotch bowl from a piece of



wood that was harvested from a tree that fell on his home in Florida during the recent hurricanes. After a break for lunch, Rudy demonstrated a twice-turned Deco rim bowl and a square-to-round vase. During the day,



Rudy showed us several of his favorite tools and how he uses them. To see more of his work, visit his website at [www.rudolphlopez.com](http://www.rudolphlopez.com).



The following day, eight of us got together at Zuni Pines to try our hand at making a square to round vase. Look for some of them at the next show-and-tell.

We will be holding club elections at the November 11 meeting. All board members except the president and secretary will be running again. All members are welcome and encouraged to run. Keep your tools sharp and your

shavings long. – Article by Nik Nikakis [Photos by Paul Cote]

## Confused, Perplexed, and Embarrassed

The Carson Valley Woodturners was started by four guys interested in woodturning around 2006. Three of the original members are still in the club: Dave Rich, Wayne Allen, and Dave Colon. Their primary goal was to improve their turning knowledge and skills and share with the other members, plain and simple. It has grown to what it is today. Fifty plus members, lathes, tools, trailers etc.

I remember the early days with Dave Rich, our founder, acting as president. We had no monies; Dave would reach out to demonstrators trying to get them to visit our group on the cheap. Dave would tell them we were just starting out and we could not afford the going rate. It took us years to get any monies in the old bank account. Dave procured a grant from AAW so we could buy an entry-level video system that we could not make work half the time. When we purchased our three midi lathes, it was a big, big deal. Wayne Porter and I made the stands for the lathes out of whatever we had on hand. I had some plywood from my service station. Wayne had bolts/screws and some varnish. When we purchased the white cargo trailer, we stripped the inside down to metal and installed new plywood walls and shelves. The members donated items all the time for the good of the club. If it wasn't material it was labor. Why did they do that? Because it was for the club.

In the old days when we held a hands-on at Zuni Pines, I told the members if they needed a restroom to find the nearest tree. If they needed a shovel, it is over in the corner. When we started getting ladies in the

club, I proclaimed I was going to build some kind of a building with a toilet. I was going to do it Dave's way on the cheap and crude. Wayne offered to help spend my money and assist. With Wayne's and Mel Swingrover's labor and input, we were able to build a nice facility. If I told you how much it cost out of pocket, you would not believe me. I will tell you it was not in the hundreds or a couple thousand. I did not ask the club for monies, we did not have it. I rationalized the cost thinking Kathy and I will be using it too so everybody benefits. I cannot remember who was the first high dollar turner we brought in for a Demo. I do remember it was a huge milestone for the club.

That same attitude continues today. When we need volunteers for wood trips, sealing parties, donating turnings for our craft shows, building sheds and shelves, our members are there.

That is why I am CONFUSED. It has been a busy time this last month with having our regular meeting at the first of the month then bringing Rudy Lopez in at the end of the month. All the logistics involved with Rudy was a lot of work by many people. Matt Furginson finally got Rudy nailed down on a date and amount, the culmination of 3 or 4 years of phone calls, emails, and broken promises, and deciding what demos we wanted to see. Denise volunteered her home and time for three days putting Rudy up and feeding him, and working out picking up and delivering Rudy to the airport. The extra work Wayne had to put in getting his shop ready for the meeting. Getting my shop ready for hands-on and spending a day cutting wood for it. A ton of emails between the anal president and the board making sure everything is just right. After all, Rudy Lopez is on a par with Jimmy Clewes and Mike Mahoney. We also brought in extra chairs to accommodate the crowd we were expecting.

The day of Rudy's demo we had 25 members show up, and three more from Woodchucks for a grand total of 28. Friends, I am Confused. I am asked by the members all the time, "What outside demo people have we got lined up? Have you looked into so-and-so?" One of the main functions of the club is to bring in outside demonstrators and we get less than half the members to show up!! This is one of the big reasons we get to learn through these demos to be better turners.

Confused and perplexed mean the same things to me in my small uneducated world. However, those two words are what come to mind when I think about this last weekend. Is twenty dollars really too much? I have heard all the comments over the 11 years I've been in the club. The dues monies should pay the entire cost of the outside demos. Heck, I can watch the guy on You-tube, why blow twenty bucks. The demos are too long. We have too much in the treasury, we should run it down to a thousand bucks and keep it there. A broke club is a working club. I could go on. I am a woodturning junkie. When I watch these people work their magic I learn so much, and take notes so I can remember with my old guy memory issues.

I looked around the room counting the attendees noting all the empty seats. I was EMBARRASED. All the work the board and other members put into Rudy's visit, 28 people show! My thoughts today are still, "What are we doing wrong here?" Why go to this work if less than half the club shows up.

Maybe it's time to not bring in outside people. Raise the dues and having the club pay for any demonstrators is another option. Have only one demo a year. I will be bringing this topic up at the next meeting. That is why I am sending this out ahead of time so all of us members can think the topic over and be prepared for the discussion. – Dave Mills, President

## **Lopez Hands-on Comment**

I had a great time and I think it was worth every penny. With a lot of help from Dave Mills and Rudy I almost got through the project. This was my first big hands-on and now that I've broken the ice, I'm sure I'll attend more of them. – Matt Furginson

## Handled Jacobs Chuck

The use of this tool is obvious, or is it? You put a drill bit in the chuck and use it to drill holes, and it does that very well. It can also be used either as a handle for shop-made tools like those that Frank makes for turning, or when making the tool. There



are variations of this tool used in veterinary medicine to insert metal pins into bone. Making one of these is fairly simple and shouldn't cost you more than \$15.00 or \$20.00. First, get a Jacobs chuck. A 3/8 inch is a nice size for woodturning; a 1/2 inch would probably be a little bulky. My small one is a 1/4 inch that will close to zero. I use it with wire drill sizes down to 80 (.0135 inch). Once you get the chuck, check the thread size and get a three to four inch bolt or a piece of threaded rod to match. Cut the bolt or rod so you have about two inches exposed when it is screwed into the chuck. Now using your finest woodturning skills turn a comfortable handle and attach your chuck. You now are the proud owner of a handled Jacobs chuck. – Article and photo by Nik Nikakis

## Dates to Remember

The **American Association of Woodturners** has announced that its **32nd Annual International Symposium** will be held in Portland, OR, on June 14–17, 2018 at the Oregon Convention Center, 777 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Portland, Oregon 97232. Check out the AAW [web site](#) for more information as it becomes available.

## Newsletter Editor's Request

Please send your newsletter contributions and suggestions for improvement to Bill Draper via [cvwnews@charter.net](mailto:cvwnews@charter.net) no later than Monday of the week before the next regularly scheduled meeting. The submission deadline for the November 2017 newsletter is October 30.

## CVW Meeting Location and Directions

Due to the timing of Rudy Lopez demonstration, there will not be a regular meeting in October. We will return to normal meetings on the second Saturday in November. There will be a Hands-on session on October 14.

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