



The Turning Point

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March Meeting...

The next meeting is April 11 at the Harrisburg High School. The meeting was moved to the second Saturday of the month because of the Easter weekend. Planning on getting a start on the big bowl project with Doug's new hand built bowl lathe. And don't forget to get your 100% wooden race car ready for the races at the May meeting.

From the President...

Hello Turners,

Those of you who need Mother Nature to warm up your workshops, its official, spring is on its way! But it would be nice if it was a bit warmer. So get ready to turn! There will be lots to do, probably tidy up first, (if it's anything like my shop!) then start.

There are now 3 on-going challenges

1. Longest shaving/ribbon (wood only) no judging date set yet!
2. Something turned out of paper
3. Turn a race car – again wood only.

Details are on website. Prizes will be given – maybe it will be “road kill” maybe it will be something else (I am in the process of obtaining 15 box elder trees!) The more people that take part the more fun it will be!

A big thank you to Doug for hosting last month’s meeting (at short notice) at his place (which turned out to be a blessing) with lots of tools on hand to help the “Big Bowl” glue up, which took longer than anticipated! Thank you also to all who turned out whether you helped, or were just curious. The blank is complete, screws are out and I am told looks good. The big lathe is nearing completion, and a trial run about to happen, so unless there are any major problems the “Big Bowl” will be ready to turn at April’s meeting, which has now been moved to the 11th due to the Easter break. How turned we will get it, we just don’t know, it’s all a learning curve. So come along and let’s see, cameras and friends are welcome, let’s be the “Talk of the Town”.

The first two Community Ed classes have already taken place and 18 people had a go at spindle turning – 16 of these had never tried turning before, but all went home with big smiles, fingers intact, and a piece of wood to be proud of! A few signed up for other classes, so we will try to get them “hooked”! You are welcome to come and help out at the remaining classes, the students appreciate the hands on!

At next two meetings we need our summer schedule sorted - ideas welcome. I should have some “spare” wood, just take a look at my lawn!!

May meeting will be race day and judge the “turned from paper” challenge. I’ll bring my saw, maybe you need some logs cutting, so bring them along.

So safe turning, and hope to see you all on April 11th for an interesting meeting!!

Just a foot note – Anyone attending any meeting, can ask to be shown how to do something, but Non-members however cannot turn!!

Al Hird

March 7, 2015 Meeting Minutes...

Bonnie does a wonderful job on the minutes every month but she was unable to attend the March meeting so I will give it a go!

The March meeting was called to order by President Al Hird at 1:05 p.m. with over thirty people in attendance. Introductions were made by all present.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved.

The treasurer's report shows a balance of \$2,769.40.

Sue Smith gave an update on the Community Education program. The first two classes are both Woodturning 101 on Thursday March 19 and Tuesday March 24. Following classes are Penmaking Tuesday March 31, Duck Calls Thursday April 9, and Green Bowls Tuesday April 14. If anyone can help out at any of the classes please contact Sue Smith or just show up for the class. You don't need to take up being the instructor but it is nice to have additional members present to "mentor" the students. Classes are at the CTE Academy, 4700 W Career Circle, room D106 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Corky passed around the email list for people to make corrections if needed.

A report was given on the Pens for the Military project. Right at one hundred pens were finished at the February meeting and will be going to troops who will be deployed in August of this year.

At an earlier meeting it was approved to buy three new chucks for the small lathes to make things easier for things like the community education classes. It turned out that we only needed two. One of the chucks was passed around so the members could see it.

Also passed around was a cube of aluminum about four or five inches long on each side that President Al brought in. Gene Wubben took up the challenge of turning something from it.

John Weaver reported that he bought a new chuck from Hartville Tool in Ohio <http://www.hartvilletool.com/> and they offer a 15% discount to clubs that are registered with them. It was moved and seconded that we pursue this and Mr. Weaver will follow up with the proper paperwork. More about that at the next meeting.

A question was fielded about where to get nice stainless steel stoppers for wine stopper projects. General consensus was that the best are available from Ruth Niles <http://nilesbottlestoppers.com/> in Pennsylvania. When dealing with Ruth there are no on-line credit card forms to be filled out. Here is a quote from her web site ordering page: "I like to talk with my customers so please don't hesitate to call with any questions. It eliminates possible mistakes and costing you time and money returning and getting replacements. Discussing what you are planning to do, I may suggest a different style stopper to better fit your needs." I have personally dealt with Ruth and it was a pleasure. She even has some new stoppers with a stand-

up base on them so they can be displayed by themselves on the kitchen or bar counter. Her stoppers are also available at several other dealers.

Thanks to a donation from Stan Houston the club now has a thirty inch long drill bit to drill the center holes for lamps. It is available for checkout from the club tool shed.

Program at the April meeting will be on bowl turning.

The earlier challenge of turning something from paper is continued. There were some pens displayed at this meeting that were a good example of paper being used in a medium normally reserved for wood only.

The new challenge for the April 4 meeting is turning and building a race car from 100% wood. Maximum dimensions are five inches wide and twelve inches long and weighing two pounds or less. There will be a race-off at the April meeting.

Meeting was adjourned and work resumed on gluing up the bowl blank for the Big Bowl project.

Temporary secretary John Suhreptz

Community Education Classes...

The Spring Community Education classes have been scheduled and are shown in the SF Community Education brochure as follows:

- Pen making.....Tues Mar 31
- Duck Calls.....Thur Apr 9
- Green Bowls.....Tues Apr 14

Two of the classes are already completed with a total enrollment of eighteen people. All classes are at the CTE Academy, 4700 W Career Circle, room D106; hours are 6:00 – 8:30 pm.

If you are able to help please contact Sue Smith. You don't necessarily need to take the lead as an instructor but additional people to help the students will be greatly appreciated.

March Meeting Show and Tell Table...



March Meeting Big Bowl Project Glue-up...

How much weight will Doug Noteboom's tablesaw hold? A lot of wood and one Al Hird.



Plenty of help and advice available.



And some deep contemplation.

