



THE TURNING POINT

The Newsletter of the Siouxland Woodturners Chapter
of the American Association of Woodturners

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News from your President

I hope the start of summer has been an enjoyable one for all of you with lots of time in your shops as well as being out enjoying some nice weather.

At our May meeting we got our new club-owned lathe set up and have since purchased some nice accessories to go along with it. Over the next few meetings there will be a few other things we will want to be adding to our collection as funds allow. Also at our May meeting we received some excellent information on photography which I am sure many of us found useful. Thanks Tim and Ron!

Our July meeting will be held on Saturday, July 12 at the home of Jim and Ranah Sample north of Vermillion. This is the third year that Jim and Ranah have graciously invited us to their place for our July meeting and picnic lunch. Jim informs me that he and Ranah will be providing the meat and buns, along with something to drink. If you would like to bring something to share for our pot luck lunch please do so. **Please note that the start time will be a little different for this meeting.** We will begin with some hollow turning demonstrations and general "goofing around" in Jim's shop at **9:30 AM.** This will be followed by our pot luck lunch and then our business meeting will be right after lunch. We will then spend as much time as we want playing with Jim's "toys" after the business meeting. Sounds like a great time.

Anyone who would be interested in carpooling to the July meeting should contact me before July 12. I can be reached by email at roycem@sio.midco.net, at my home phone at 605-743-5652 or on my cell phone at 605-351-9435. With the price of gas I think many of us would be interested in sharing a ride!

Over the coming months our club will be having some interesting projects in the works. We will need your help to make some of our goals happen. Hope to see all of you at our upcoming meetings and **don't forget to invite a friend!**

Royce Meritt
President, Siouxland Woodturners

Upcoming meeting info...

Note the early start time in the president's letter. This is always a fun meeting with food fellowship and turning in Jim's **air conditioned** shop.

Need some Denatured Alcohol?

We have located a source for methyl alcohol (racing fuel). This could be blended with E85 to approximate the denatured alcohol available at the hardware store. In order to know how much we should purchase please send an e-mail message to Dan Humburg at humburg@itctel.com with the quantity of alcohol you personally would like to purchase.

If possible we will have a supply available for the September meeting in Brookings...

Directions to the July meeting

Jim Sample Residence
4622 308th St
Vermillion, SD

From Sioux Falls: Drive south on I29 to exit 38 south of Beresford. At the exit go west on 306th street until you reach highway 19. Go south on 19 as if to go to Vermillion. When the road curves west exit onto 308th street and Jim's is the first place east off the curve.

At the May meeting...

May 2008 Meeting Minutes

The May 2008 meeting of the Siouxland Woodturners was held in the shop at the Harrisburg High School on the 3rd. Approximately 22 members were in attendance.

Minutes of the March meeting were approved on a motion by Corky Miles and seconded by Sue Smith. Frank Denton was unable to attend. Royce Meritt related the last account balance of approximately \$938.

Old Business: Dan Humburg gave an update on the quest for ethanol for drying. Sue Smith moved Dan pursue Ethanol with or without a drum. John Olsen 2nded that motion and it passed.

Royce reported on the AAW grant and the receipt of the new lathe.

John Olsen provided a chapter library report. We now have a broad selection of videos that can be checked out from John at meetings.

New Business:

Royce will send an E-Mail to each person on our contact list. The message will include a request for a profile from each person on the list. People not responding to the contact will be removed from our contact list. The goal being to streamline our contact efforts and save on postage costs. Ron Siem will serve as the chapter membership coordinator.

AAW is raising money for a member with a major health problem. A raffle fundraiser is being used as means of raising money. After discussion Dan moved that we pass the hat and use it to purchase raffle tickets on behalf of the club.

Discussion was held regarding additional things needed for the chapter lathe. Items suggested included:

- A sharpening system
- Tool set that can be left in the shop for local use as well as chapter meetings. Could include donation of surplus member tools
- Faceplates

A chapter website was discussed as an efficient way of sharing information. Corky volunteered to explore hosting options.

A discussion about the need for public demonstrations in the Sioux Falls area followed. It would be desirable to get some newspaper publicity. Sue suggested a number of possible venues, including Art-Falls, the Renaissance festival, and library showcases. A committee consisting of Royce Meritt, Jim Sample, and Sue Smith was formed to undertake publicity, and demonstration planning.

The business meeting was adjourned and Royce showed a brief demonstration of website possibilities.

Following the business meeting a demonstration of techniques for photographing turned work was provided, by Ron and Tim, including practical lighting and staging for digital photography. In addition, the new lathe and accessories were assembled and made ready for turning.

Dan Humburg, Secretary, Siouxland Woodturners

Member Profiles

We all want to get to know each other a little better. Please take a few minutes and fill out the following form. You can return it to a future meeting. If you prefer you can email this information to Dan Humburg (humburg@itctel.com). We will include some of the profiles in each issue of *"The Turning Point"*.

Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Family: _____

Where are you located? _____

Tell us about your shop. _____

What are some of your favorite projects? _____

What are some of your other interests? _____