



The Turning Point

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June Meeting SCHEDULE CHANGES PLEASE NOTE...

Chainsaw mayhem at Al Hird's farm, starting at 10:00 a.m. or so until you've had enough. Chain sawing, Doug is bringing his Alaskan Mill, band sawing, sealing blanks. You can bring a saw and "Cut and Carry." There will be food and drink. You can sit and watch people work if you so desire. There can be a drawing for a slab of ash. You may want to "truck pool" as there will be lots of wood to take home!

Directions;

I-29, come off at Colman/Madison exit onto Highway 34

2.5 miles East, go North on 475th Avenue (3rd North from Interstate) Minimum maintenance road.

Al is on west side 1.5 miles North, cattle and piles of timber are an indication that you have reached your destination.

Don't use satellite navigation systems such as Tom-Tom or Garman, as you will get lost. Smart phones seem to work ok.

Call Al if you need more help 605-864-8911.

May 2, 2015 Meeting Minutes...

Prior to the meeting, our guest demonstrator, Ryan Quast, began his explanation of the procedure he uses to stabilize wood using a vacuum pump set-up and dye infused epoxy. By starting the stabilization procedure prior to the meeting (as it is a lengthy endeavor requiring patience and attentiveness) he could

then proceed with the process after the meeting ended, showing us how he creates some brilliant pieces from some very “fragile” wood chunks.

The May meeting was called to order at 1:25 by President Al Hird. The 36 turners introduced themselves briefly. We were then given an update on Jim Sample’s health by members of Jim’s unprofessional (but devoted) nursing staff (Corky, John, Royce, Sue and others). Jim was up on Tuesday and returned home to Vermillion on Friday to rehab. He was a bit too busy to make the May meeting but has his sights on coming to the June get-together. We shall keep you both in our thoughts and prayers, Jim and Ranah.

A. Minutes of last meeting: Motion made and passed to accept the minutes of the April meeting as presented.

B. Treasurer’s report: Frank presented a balance of \$2461.

C. Library report: No report. Anyone wishing to check out materials may do so and plan to keep them over summer as we will not be back at the high school for meetings until September.

D. Community Ed report: All Spring classes were full except for the Duck Call class that had three (this due to an error on the Community Ed site that showed it as being full). Classes for the Fall term of Community Education will need to be decided upon by May 15th. Suggestions currently include bottle stoppers, Christmas ornaments, hollow forming and chattering. Classes will be scheduled for October and the first two weeks of November. Sue reminded us that the Club now has three 7mm Slimline pen mandrels with bushings as well as duck call bushings. These have been purchased using the monies collected from students for their class turning materials.

E. Membership report: Several badges were available for member pickup.

F. Old Business:

1. Sue passed around the newly purchased Jimmy Clewes turning tools. There are three 3/8” U shaped gouges, three 1/2” U shaped gouges, one 3/8” V shaped gouge and one 1/2” V shaped gouge. We will need handles to be turned for these. Total price was \$396. Sue thought that, as a Club, we should try to do a better job of teaching proper tool usage to newer turners. The new Rockler lathe was purchased for \$212. The Club now owns three lathes: a 1014 variable speed, a 1220 variable speed with stand, and a 1521 variable speed with stand.

2. Doug reported that the price of a 55 gallon drum of Anchorseal (from Buffalo NY) to be \$350 plus \$180 shipping. Cost translates to \$10/gallon for Club members (which is cheap compared to \$17 or \$24 plus shipping, found on Amazon). Sign-up sheet passed around for those interested in purchasing.

3. Rex received an order of 300 copper Slimline pen kits from Penn State at a price of \$1.15 each (because they are for the “Pens for the Military” project). We need 80 pens made by July (we currently have 100 completed). Sign-up sheet passed around so members could commit to make certain number by the July meeting. Doug has the pen blanks (donated by Jim Sample) and the .308 cartridges; Rex has the kits – contact them if you signed up to make pens. Next year we will need about 160 pens made as there are plans to deploy more personnel later this year.

4. Royce reported on his research of the 501.C.3 Non-Profit status for our Club. There appears no real benefit for the Club to pursue acquiring this status. If a business or equipment manufacturer wished to make a donation to the Club, they could categorize it as an advertising tax write-off.

5. Corky presented the Club with a new coffee maker and supplies. Thank you, Corky!

6. Summer meetings are as follows:

- June 6, 10:00, Al Hird’s farm
 - Egan (directions provided at the beginning of this newsletter)
 - Grilling/beverages
 - Wood to saw and share
- July 11, 10:00am, FBT Sawmill
 - 1055 11th St, Steen MN
- August 1, 1:00 pm, Siouxland Woodworkers Guild
 - 1108 W Blackhawk

7. The “Big Bowl” was at the meeting for everyone to see and for anyone to turn, if they wished. Doug and others plan to work on the bowl at his place on May 16th from 1-5pm. Doug’s phone number is 359-2991.

8. Wood from Mt. Vernon was made available to members at \$20/box (half of money goes back to the Club). Thanks to Jack and Doug!

G. New Business:

1. AAW 2015 Symposium is June 25-28 in Pittsburg PA. Attendance is projected to be the largest to date, especially since 70% of AAW members live in that part of the country. No one from our Club plans to go. 2016 Symposium will be in Atlanta, 2017 in Kansas City. AAW membership is \$55 and includes magazine.

2. The project of making a chess set was discussed. Motion made and passed to table the project until Fall.

3. John W and Doug talked about the Symposium they attended in Bismarck. Featured turners were Alan Lacer, Ron Day and Nick Cook, each leading a 3 hour session. There were 45 participants, each bringing their own lathe and tools. The turners were great and really helpful in teaching how to properly use tools and master techniques they demonstrated. John thought the chattering technique was very interesting. Doug mentioned that we might consider having Nick Cook do a South Dakota symposium (he has not been to SD yet).

4. Doug can get aluminum for \$2.70/ft from State Steel. This can be used for tool handles, etc. List was passed around for anyone wanting to purchase some. About 16"-20" is an adequate length for a tool handle.

5. Al discussed how cumbersome it is to move the lathes, etc. to/from classes and how having a scissor lift might be a nice addition to the Club's tool chest. Royce made a quick trip home to get his lift to show to the membership. Cost is about \$260 at Harbor Freight. We may pursue this option at a future meeting.

6. The topic of how to raise funds for the Club (other than dues) was briefly talked about. What to do with the finished Big Bowl will also be something to be considered.

7. Vern attended the Segmented Turners Symposium in Texas and handed out information on Jerry Bennett's "segeasy" website. He sells wedges and has video on sled building. WWW.segeasy.com and WWW.woodturnerpro.com are sites you may want to review.

8. Ryan Quast (our guest demonstrator – wood stabilization) can be reached at ryan.r.quast@gmail.com or 605-695-2672. His mailing address is 3500 N 4th Ave Apt 103, Sioux Falls SD 57104. He sells stabilized wood pieces, can stabilize your own wood pieces, and can offer advice on the subject. Thank you to Ryan for teaching us about wood stabilization and showing us the variety of beautiful pieces he's created.

Meeting adjourned at 2:22. Members shared a variety of projects for Show and Tell. Sue showed off her pen created from paper and unfurled her "longest to date wood shaving". Ryan Quast continued his wood stabilization demo. Six turned cars competed in the Race Day Derby -- with Gene coming in first for the Win and Royce finishing respectably in second place. With very different designs, no two racecars were alike. Good job to those who turned, tested and traversed the Siouxland Downhill Raceway.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bonnie Lynch, Secretary