



The Turning Point

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March Meeting...

Harrisburg High School, 1:00 p.m. Saturday March 5, 2016. At this meeting we will be cutting and drilling blanks ready for the Community Ed classes and generally getting equipment ready and assessing what we need. Sharpening tools etc.

It is planned that we will have a band saw circle cutter there, so you could bring some wood too, time permitting.

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From the President...

Hello all,

Are you sitting comfortably? Then I shall begin... So where to start this month's mumbo jumbo? There really is only one place, Keith Gotschall! A huge Thank You, to Keith. He entertained the crowds at Stan Houston's and then wowed a group of us at Doug's. We had our own Saturday Night Live! All skill levels learned something.

Keith started with some basics, body position, riding the bevel and sharpening tools. From there its simple, a bit of practice and hey presto, Result! Keith's two objects were damn good for interrupted demo pieces.

If you missed this demo, or attended but would like some points explaining, then ask around, and a member will guide you. At next meeting, maybe a volunteer or two could re do the demo.

Great end two long two days, Cheers Keith, and see you again, I'm sure!

So, Stan Houston's, again thanks to all who turned, and those who talked to the interested, of which there were plenty, it would be nice to see if they attend the meetings. We need to make sure we welcome these newbies. The club is not a secret society, funny handshake affair, there for those who excel in turning, it's there for everyone to share, educate and have fun!

The Big Bowl wowed plenty of passersby and created lots of talk. I have now taken the bowl home, to be displayed at J & K Lumber Yard in Flandreau for some more admiration. Speak up if you have any ideas of where it can be displayed next! I must say, it looks good in my kitchen at the moment – not sure the wife agrees though!



Talking of sharing and educating, we are fast approaching the Community Ed Class season. Held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for 2 ½ hours through March and April. Club members can come along and help (and maybe learn something for free) volunteers would be nice. We generally have a good evening with some big smiles on student's faces.

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Thank You
Al.

February Meeting Minutes...

Siouxland Woodturners February 6, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Prior to the meeting, most of the members arrived at 10:00 AM to work on the Pens for the Military project. Despite some problems with transmissions fitting into the .308 cartridges, about 135 were completed prior to the business meeting. The February meeting was called to order at 1:15 by President Al Hird. There were 23 turners in attendance.

A. Minutes of last meeting: No additions or corrections to the January minutes.

B. Treasurer's report: Frank presented a balance of \$2278.09. He will be paying \$95 for the Club's insurance in the near future.

C. Library report: No report. Materials were available for check-out.

D. Community Ed report: Sue and Al brought several Community Education brochures for anyone interested. Gene has a link to the online catalog on our website (bottom of Homepage). Any members who can attend and assist with mentoring and safety would be appreciated. Please contact Sue at 339-4742 and leave a message as to when you wish to volunteer your help. If anyone knows where to locate the bottle of Doc's Finishing liquid, let Sue know. Classes run from 6:00-8:30PM with clean-up following (until about 9:00). All classes are at the CTE Academy, 4700 W Career Circle, room D106.

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John W has volunteered to prepare the 16 blanks for the wine stoppers.

E. Equipment report: Jim H noted that the calipers are not in the toolboxes. If we cannot locate them we may need to buy new ones. Al mentioned that the Tool Shop lathe we have is in need of a tool rest and banjo. Help in this matter will be appreciated.

F. Membership report: Royce had three new badges for members. Anyone else in need of one, contact him.

G. Old Business:

1. Stan Houston Demo Days is Feb 26 (9AM – 5PM) and Feb 27 (9AM – 3PM). A sign-up sheet for those wishing to demo their turning skills was passed around. The Club will have two lathes available for their use. Professional turner, Keith Gotshall from Colorado, will be featured at the store. His schedule is shown below. Doug volunteered to provide green wood for his turnings, Sue will provide a chuck for his

use. In addition, Keith will do a private demonstration for Club members on Saturday evening from 6-9PM at Doug's shop. His evening demonstration will be different from what he is doing during for Demo Days. Royce will check with Keith to see if the Club may record his evening demonstration. If it is okay to do so, Royce and Gene will make the necessary arrangements. The cost is \$300 and will be 3 hours long (demo only; no hands-on instruction). Club member cost will not exceed \$20/person. Over a dozen Club members indicated they would attend. Doug will have chairs and coffee. Royce will give Keith a ride to Doug's and then back to his hotel on Saturday evening. Keith's info and turning can be viewed at his website: www.keithgotschall.com.

- 9:00 to 10:30....3-legged stool (Fri & Sat)
- 10:30 to 12:00....lidded bowl (Fri & Sat)
- 12:00 to 1:30.....large bowl (Fri & Sat)
- 2:00 to 3:00.....large platter (Fri & Sat)
- 3:00 to 5:00.....miscellaneous (Friday only)

2. The Big Bowl is currently at CTE Academy (Career and Technical Education) and will be taken to Stan Houston for display during Demo Days. Anyone wishing to have the bowl displayed for an event, gathering, etc. should let Doug know.

3. John S was not at the meeting to further discuss the Granite Threshing Show (we believe it will be the third weekend in July—being the 16th-17th). Al had some information on the construction of a pole lathe that we could build and then demonstrate at the Threshing Show. These subjects will be further discussed at upcoming meetings.

H. New Business:

1. Gene suggested we print another 100 Club brochures to have for Stan Houston and other events. Frank will take care of printing them.

2. Jack shared a large box filled with aluminum bottles (various potential uses) with members. He also mentioned there are two buckets of finish (gloss, semi-gloss) for anyone needing some (pour into your own container). Jim H brought closed cell foam for anyone wanting some. Al mentioned there were two lathe bases, free to anyone that has a use for them.

3. Sue had wood for sale: purple heart, Honduran mahogany, bocote. Jack said that the colored plywood is going fast—let him know if you want to buy any. Harlow has a Craftsman 16" lathe with stand for sale (about 5 yrs old). It comes with over 20 turning tools and multiple lathe attachments. Price is \$650, call 906-0110 for further information.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45. Members shared a variety of projects for Show and Tell. Notable among them:

- Royce shared photos of game calls made from 100 year-old Osage Orange fence posts (calls sold for \$350 at his organization's banquet). He also displayed pens made from Laser Cut Inlay kits (maple blanks w/colored pieces that you glue in and then turn—his having fish inlays). Go to: www.Kallenshaan.com for info.
- Frank showed bowls made from wormy ash. He used a baking soda blaster to clean out the worm holes after turning was complete. After cleaning, he applied poly finish for a very interesting effect.
- Jim S turned earring attachments from which were hung sea urchin shells—very delicate creations. He mentioned, due to downsizing, he MAY have a Powermatic 3520 lathe for sale soon (w/casters, vacuum chuck).
- John W showed off bowls, one being cherry. Gene mentioned that the cherry will slowly darken if set in the sun, for a handsome result. Be sure to rotate!
- Doug's contributions included bowls as well as pens made from stabilized wood and corn cob material. Another pen was from a blank he made using colored wood shavings set in resin—new and interesting result.
- Jeff had a nice green vase made from wood he had dyed; Jack shared colorful bowls; Dan

brought a unique, large beaded rosary.

After the meeting, work continued on the Pens for the Military. End result was 150 pens completed and packaged. Numerous others were sent home with various members to finish—due to lack of parts or the need for minor modification to finish. We should be close to our altered goal of 175 pens when all are completed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bonnie Lynch, Secretary

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Pens for the Military project...

One hundred fifty pens completed and ready to be sent off. Thanks to all the people who took extra time to help with turning, assembly, and packaging.

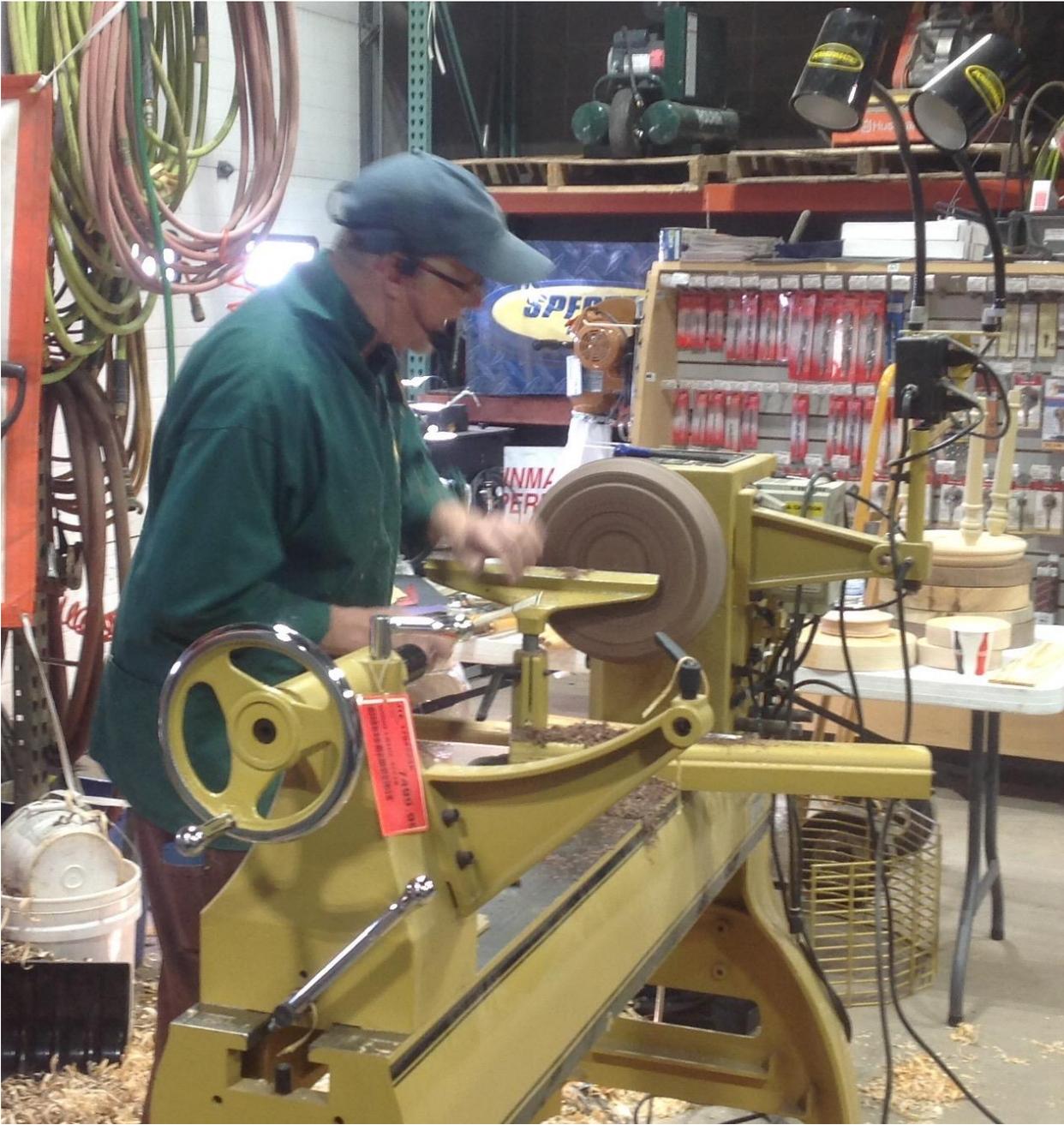
Stan Houston Woodworking Show

A GREAT success. See Al's president's message for details. Keith Gotschall's being there was a great thing and was very well received. A big thank you to all the members who helped out or just attended. Also a big thanks to Stan Houston for bringing him in.

Keith Gotschall Demo for Our Club...

Also a GREAT success. See Al's message. Approximately 19 people at Doug's shop for this demo. Thanks again to Doug for hosting the meeting. He has a great place for things like this. Keith's website is www.keithgotschall.com

Keith Gotschall turning a platter at Stan Houston's show.



Jeff turning on the Serious lathe at the Stan Houston show.



At Doug's on Saturday night Keith showed how to get two (yes *two*) winged bowls from this blank.

