



The Turning Point

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A SUMMER MINI NEWSLETTER!!

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July 9 starting about 10:30 with chainsaw work then lunch and meeting and more chain saw work after if you want.

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President's Message...

Hello All,

Well, I was always taught that February was the shortest month, but the way May and June have flown by I am not so sure, seems like it was 1st of May and now first of July is just a day away! If you have managed to achieve something in between, good on you!

I hear several members have travelled great distances to attend "classes", so we will hear all about them in coming meetings and they can pass on some "tips".

Upcoming meetings are fast approaching:

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Following week July 16 & 17th is Granite Threshing festival, and the Club are demonstrating. Big thank you to the Granite "boys" for showing off their saw mill, not sure what OSHA would make of it but it was fantastic to see in operation. Well done all involved! So come along and help make some shavings and you can visit the marvelous machines etc. on display.

August 6th we are off to Jack Zimmel's to a demonstration by Larry Jorgens. This one is free so if every dollar counts this could be the one for you.

September 10th Demo is not free but won't be too costly. There is going to be a hands on class by Ron Day both in the morning and afternoon. Think they are aiming for a 9.30/10 am start. You can hang around all day if you wish at no extra cost, but please, if you do attend the morning class and there are not enough lathes in the afternoon, please let the afternoon only guys go 1st. If you can bring a mini lathe that would be fantastic. This demo is the same day as the Arts Walk Festival but hope many of you can attend.

The Community Ed program has been submitted and 8 or 9 classes will be held. Some members have volunteered to lead but extra help is always nice. You may also get to lean something and have a laugh for free, (usually better entertainment than the TV has to offer)!

Another demo date to consider is in October, as we have been asked back to Stick's and Steel, alongside having the lathes running members can sell their items. This is a high dollar store and some members have done really well. This event is to be part of a downtown craft evening and there will be a jewelry maker at Stick's and Steel too, so this should be a good crowd – will get the dates ASAP, but I am thinking it will be Friday 30th Sept and Saturday 1st Oct.

The big bowl is currently in my kitchen (again!) but it will be on display at Granite Threshing and then it will be free to be displayed elsewhere. Suggestions please!

Well I hope you are all having or had wonderful Vacations, caught lots of fish and still managed some turning!

Have a fun but safe July 4th and see you at upcoming events!!

Thanks and see you on July 9.

Al