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THE TURNING TIMES is a published monthly as an information source for members of the East Texas Woodturners(ETW). ETW is a chapter of The American Association of Woodturners(AAW) and is committed to serving woodturners in the East Texas area surrounding Tyler, Texas. The ETW Chapter joins with the AAW in its dedication to providing education, information and organization to those interested in woodturning.

Meeting at Center Point Energy Entex, 7008 S. Broadway, Tyler, TX

June 14, 2003 @9:00 a.m.

Words from the Prez.

People. Once again if you missed the last meeting you missed a lot. We are very fortunate to have an artisan of Charles Brooks's caliber in our club and doubly fortunate that he does



demonstrations for us. Not only is Charles an outstanding woodcarver, he is an accomplished teacher as well. Maybe I learned so much because I know so little. In any case this class was a winner for me and I hope it was for you also. Unfortunately it is not as easy as Charles makes it look. He showed how a little carving adds a lot to a turning and I expect to see examples of this from many members of this club.

The controversy concerning the administration of the Texas Turn or Two is now over. Walter Tate will provide a report on this at the next meeting. Be sure to make your plans to attend the Symposium on Labor Day. It is going to be great.

Also plan to attend the July meeting, which will be the Club Challenge. We are scheduled to have 5 teams this year. Joe "Curley" Berreth will be providing a running commentary. Unfortunately Charles "Moe" Brooks has discovered that he has a "previous engagement" and will not be heading up a team. However he assures me that "Larry" will be keeping a close eye on things in his absence and that

"Larry's true identity will be revealed soon. Gosh he needs a lot of help!"

Don't forget to bring money for the raffles. This month we have a Dust-be-Gone Mask, \$15 gift certificate, Diamond Credit card hone, super thin CA glue and sanding forceps. Also remember the Beall buffing system and the Christmas raffles.

Be sure to bring something for Show and Tell to brag about or cry about. Some beautiful wood will be awarded to the lucky ticket holder!

The mentor program is alive and well, if mentors can't find anybody else to mentor they mentor each other. Tom gave Ed and Mark some pointers on segmented turning, Ken gave Ed and John Leonard some pointers on making a laser guidance system and some carving tips to Walter, and Ed and Tom helped Joe set up his vacuum system and that 's just the ones I know about. The help is there; all you have to do is ask.

We have two new members, Jerry McQueen of Tyler and L. V. Filak of Sulfur Springs. Lets make them welcome.

See you on the 14th. Tom

THE HARDWOOD BARN

WOODWORKERS DAY

Anyone interested in joining us for our monthly WOODWORKERS DAY is welcome. Traditionally held the **third Saturday** of each month **from March through November**. We provide an informal atmosphere for those of you who turn wood just for the pleasure of it. Whether you want to bring your lathe and give demonstrations, just watch, or ask questions (remember, the only dumb question is the unasked one). Come join us. **Chef Lois** will again be on hand to delight you with her culinary cuisine, which is hot dogs and hamburgers. So if you find yourself with nothing to do come make sawdust with us and make some new friends. If nothing else the tall stories fly along with the wood shaving. We are located in **Mt Enterprise on Hwy. 259 South**. We start around 9:00AM and end around 2:00PM.

JUNE DEMONSTRATION

Stephen Shirley will present one method of turning a “nearly perfect” wooden sphere or ball. He has been turning wood for 15 years, a member of ETW for over 10 years, and a member of AAU for 13 years (attending 3 of the National Symposiums). Steve graduated from the University of Texas (Austin) as a Civil Engineer and attended graduate school at Arizona State University. He is a registered Civil Engineer in Arizona and retired after 22 years in the U.S. Air Force doing construction and maintenance as well as nuclear and non-nuclear testing. HOBBIES: Tool collecting, racquet ball (retired), racing motocross (retired), woodworking, and having fun with 2 Grandsons. Steve and his wife Shirley live in Longview.

SWAT

South**W**estern **A**ssociation of **T**urners (SWAT) is the re-named Texas Turn or Two. For the record, the catchy acronym, SWAT, was conceived by James Johnson from the Hill Country Turners. The new name was unanimously agreed upon at a recent Director's meeting in San Antonio.

An effort is being made to create a symposium, more regional in nature, to encourage better attendance and participation from turners in surrounding states. "A Woodturning Symposium for Texas and the Southwest Region" is the new catchphrase replacing "The National Woodturning Symposium of Texas".

Plans are to mail the symposium brochure with all significant information including the rotation schedule and a registration form the second or third week in June. Most vital information is currently on the website: texasturnortwo.com. A noteworthy addition to this year's symposium is the optional Saturday night Banquet and 2 for 1 raffle. Cost of the Banquet is \$15/person and just covers the cost of the meal. By attending the banquet, you will have a chance to win one of over 20 turnings by some of the best turners in the region. Winning tickets will be returned to the hopper and that same ticket may win you a Powermatic 3520a lathe worth over \$3,000 or

one of the many other prizes.

We currently have 15 vendors, twice as many as any past year, so begin saving your money now. The vendors are one of our most valuable assets and we depend on each other for continued existence. The place to be August 29-31, 2003 is at the MPEC in Wichita Falls, TX. See you there.

Jerry Whitaker
SWAT Publicity Chairman

REMEMBER: Early registration for “SWAT” PREVIOUSLY “A TEXAS TURN OR TWO” AUGUST 29-31, 2003. Single-\$65, Couples:\$95, Each add'l family member: \$30, Students: \$35, One day pass w/lunch: \$40, Lunch for non reg. Spouse: \$8, Add \$10 per person after July 15, 2003. Copy of Registrations will be available at the meeting.

WANTED: Donations for young missionary going to Mexico in August. Has Lathe, needs tools. If you have any spare turning tools, contact Paul Coppinger 903-569-9780
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Mike DeLong 903-569-2733
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SAFETY TIP:

*If you use CA glue to fill deep cracks be sure to allow enough time for it to fully cure before you start turning. It takes a while for the glue to setup. It will setup on the outside and still be liquid deeper inside. Then if you cut away the outside the liquid glue will be thrown out while turning. If you are not using eye protection it can land in your eye and that is **NOT GOOD**.*

WISDOM FROM THE PREZ!

MAY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: Charles Brooks- *Carver Extraordinaire*



The Three winners of the Show and Tell pieces are (from left to right) Doc Gleason, with maple burl from Curly Wood, Ken Terrell with Big Leaf Maple from Hardwood Barn, & Dick Browning with CeraJera Wood from Woodcraft. We appreciate the donated wood from these supporters of our Club.



The previous page shows Dick Browning with hat; Joe Alannis with small Elm Vase with lid; Dewayne Nelson with Teak Bowl.



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ETW MENTORS LIST:

A mentor is someone who enjoys providing training, encouragement, advice, help in building jigs, and other woodturning related help for the rest of our club members. If you are interested in taking advantage of their offers, all you need to do is contact them. They will listen to your requests, decide how they can best help and they will provide you with telephone assistance, invite you to their shop, or come to your shop. This is an offer you need to take advantage of. All you need to do is ask. Phone numbers and e-mail addresses are provided below. You can also talk to them at our club meeting.

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Ed and I met at Tom segmented turning. We segmented turning. We The mentoring program is club. Not only do we but new friendships are would encourage others to THANKS MENTORS!



Crosby's Shop for a day of mentoring on had a good time learning and talking shop. one of the most beneficial elements of the benefit from years of other folks expertise, made as well. It is a great program, and I take advantage of this opportunity. Mark

A NOTE FROM JOE AND JAN BERRETH: Pres. Tom and Ed came to my shop Sat. 5/24 to help me hook up our lathe vacuum system. We got tired of making jam chucks while making lidded boxes and bowls. We enjoyed a great day together including figuring out how to put the system together but found time to have lunch. All in all, it was a great day with great friends. While making the cedar lidded box we took to the Club's Show & Tell, Jan could see I was getting frustrated with making the many jam chucks to finish the bowl so she finally said "That's it, go order that vacuum system". That's one order I never questioned. We converted our garage into a shop in

Jan.2000 with air and heat. A portable Shop Vac is used for small turnings such as deer antler pens. The shop vac is a Jet 1 1/2 horse with ports at each workstation with Long Range III remote control on/off switches. The shop also includes radial arm saw, table saw, compound miter saw, band saw, belt sander, drill press, 6" variable speed joiner, 24" scroll saw, 12" portable planer and router table, all on mobile bases. Lathe is a Nova 3000 with a Oneway Chuck with 12" Jumbo Jaws. There is a 1750 rmp grinder outfitted with Oneway Wolverine Sharpening System. Tom and Ed helped install the Gast Vacuum System. We also installed a Jet ceiling air filtration system with remote control, 2 air filters, 3speed fan and 2, 4, 8hour timer. The blue tarps are placed on unused tools for cleanliness, to keep them dust free, and to prevent prying eyes from seeing our tools.



Joe and Ed showing the finished vacuum system. Good Job! Now Jan and I can spend more quality time together without the frustration.

Directions to Club meeting: South Broadway at the intersection of Broadway & South Town Dr. with traffic light. S Town Dr. runs east & west between Target & Wal Mart. Turn east (away from Target) on South Town. Go to 3rd driveway on right. Park and walk through chain link fence to building on right.