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Meeting at TJC West

November 1, 2008 @ 9:00 a.m.

Calendar of Events

- November 1, 2008**
Regular Club Meeting
(1st Sat. of month)
- December 13, 2008**
Regular Club Meeting
Christmas Party
- January 9-10, 2009**
Florida WT Symposium
Eustis, FL
- January 10, 2009**
Regular Club Meeting
- January 23-24, 2009**
TAW Symposium
Nashville, TN
- January 28, 2009**
SCTJCW Rm 101
- February 7, 2009**
Regular Club Meeting
(1st Sat. of month)
- February 7-8, 2009**
Desert WT Roundup
Mesa, AZ
- February 7, 2009**
Regular Club Meeting
(4th Sat. of month)
- March 14, 2009**
Regular Club Meeting
(Tentative)
- April 4, 2009**
Regular Club Meeting
(1st Sat. of month)
- April 24-26, 2009**
So. States Symposium
Gainesville, GA
- April 25, 2009**
Learn To Turn
- April 29, 2009**
SCTJCW Rm 101
- May 9, 2009**
Regular Club Meeting
- June 13, 2009**
Regular Club Meeting
- June 26-28, 2009**
AAW Symposium
Albuquerque, NM

SCTJCW = Steering Committee Meeting @ TJC West Campus

THE PREZ SAYS



Hello ET Turners,

This year has sure gone by at a fast pace. We only have one more demo and the Christmas Party, and then start over again. We have had some outstanding demos, the **Alan Leland** workshop and demo, and a great number of club members attended **SWAT** this month. The membership has grown, and the quantity and quality of work displayed in the Instant Gallery has been outstanding.

Again, the election of Officers for ETW Club will be held at the Nov. 1st meeting. Anyone wanting to volunteer, contact **Ed Huselin, Cecil Cox or Tom Crosby**.

The plans for the Christmas Party have been finalized and we hope that everyone comes. **The sign up sheet will be passed around again so all that missed it last month will have the opportunity to sign up.** This will help in determining the amount of food we need. **We will have food and ice tea, Gallery of our work, free door prizes, Raffle sales for monthly, quarterly, and yearly raffle items.**

It sure was a pleasure to have the “**Illustrious**” and “**Best Turner in the Southwest**”, **Ken Terrell**, in house to do a great demonstration on turning his fantastic boxes with a tall finial. The November 1st demo will be by **Tom Crosby** on turning a project that he states will take the above titles from **Ken**, so this will be one we do not wish to miss. **Norm Dixon** was scheduled for November, but will not be able to here due to a family illness. Thanks to **Tom** for filling in on short notice.

Please remember that **Sec. Bill Holmes** is accepting membership renewals and new member sign ups early so as not to be overloaded in January. **Family membership includes the club member, spouse, and dependent children.**

The **Setup/Clean Up Volunteers** for November are **Joe Cass, Jack Day, J.J. Altier, Tom Crocker and Shawn Smith.**

Keep a sharp tool and let the chips fly, – **Charles**

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Welcome New ETW Members

ETW had one new member signup at the October 4th meeting. Please welcome **Joe Jamieson** to the club. – **Bill Holmes**

Yo! There’s a party coming on December 13th. Mark your calendar. **FOOD, FUN, and FREE** stuff **Rudolph**



Classifieds

Classified Ad Policy: Classified ads run for 3-months unless the editor is notified they are no longer needed. At the end of the 3-month period, the ad will be dropped from the newsletter unless specifically renewed prior to the period expiration.

For Sale: Woodturning Aprons – Made of material that sheds those pesky shavings - \$25.00 Please contact Kay Leonard at either 903-592-6009 or at jd11938@gmail.com

Anchor Seal: The Club has Anchor Seal end grain sealer for sale at most Club meetings. It is available in 1 and 2 gallon jugs at \$9.00 per gallon. To obtain it, pay our treasurer, Archie Stivner, and then see Cecil Cox. If you need some between meetings, call Cecil at 903-882-5311.

For Sale: Parting Tool Post - 1"x8" cold-roll steel tool post with 45 and 30 degree bevels cut to allow close cutoffs. \$10. Paul Coppinger, 903-638-6008, paulcop68@thecoppers.net

For Sale: Long-Reach Tool Rests - Round 1 1/4" cold-roll steel for reaching into large bowls, vessels, etc. Post is 1" diameter.

1 1/4"x17" \$22

1 1/4"x24" \$25

Paul Coppinger, 903-638-6008

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For Sale: 1950 Craftsman 2-speed scroll saw. 24" throat; 16" x 16" table; 1/2 hp motor; shop made stand; original manual included. \$125 Charles Brooks 903-216-5564



A few of the October Show & Tell items



Brisk raffle ticket sales in October

East Texas Woodturner's Raffle Items

Tickets can be purchased for each raffle at the monthly club meetings and are priced at \$1 each or 6 for \$5

November 1, 2008:

(Monthly items are subject to change based on availability)

Salt & Pepper Shaker Kit
Potpourri Pewter Top
Plumb Bob Kit
Thomkins Thickness Gauge
Angle Checker
TaperMate - #2 Morse Taper
12" Winged Compass

Fourth Quarter 2008 (December):

Hunter #4 Tool with Handle

Annual 2008 (December): Jet Variable Speed Mini Lathe

East Texas Woodturner's 2008 Program Schedule

Nov. 1, 2008	Tom Crosby	Three Axis Box
Dec. 13, 2008	Membership	Christmas Party

2009 ETW Membership Drive

Membership renewals for 2009 will commence at the November 2008 regular meeting of East Texas Woodturners. Annual dues remain at \$36.00 per year for the period 1st January 2009 to 31st December 2009. Membership renewal forms will be available at the next several club meetings, along with 2008 club membership cards.



A **NEW ITEM** on the renewal form provides space for members to suggest ideas for monthly programs. It would be great if members would give this "space" some serious consideration. – **Bill Holmes**

ETW APPAREL IN 2009

For those of you interested in ordering a club shirt I am starting a list. If you are interested in ordering please e-mail me: ctomsturnings@aol.com or see me at the next meeting.



For your information the following is a size/price list:

POLO – S-XL \$23.00; 2XL \$24.00

LONG SLEEVE TWILL – M-XL \$29.00; 2XL \$30.00; 3XL-4XL \$31.00

SHORT SLEEVE TWILL – M-XL \$28.00; 2XL \$29.00; 3XL-4XL \$30.00

TEE – SM-XL \$18.00; 2XL-3XL \$19.00

SWEAT – S-XL \$20.00; 2XL-3XL \$21.00

CAP - \$12.00

Please note that prices are subject to change as, like everything else, there may be a slight increase when I get ready to make the order.

When I get enough I will contact you for payment prior to my placing the order. Thank you - **Marjorie Crosby**

SWAT Instant Gallery Summary

For those of you that were unable to attend SWAT in Waco this year, we thought it might be of interest to point out that we had 394 pieces exhibited by 94 artists. In addition, the Two for One Raffle, which is a function of the Saturday night banquet program, included 38 turnings that were raffled off. This year there were six of these turnings that were selected for a special Gallery Raffle. This particular raffle was extremely well received by the attending members of SWAT and will be expanded in 2009.



ETW club members that staffed the Instant Gallery would like to extend our appreciation to the ladies that assisted with the checking in and checking out of all the pieces on display in the Gallery. Without their help it would have been extremely difficult for those of us handling the IG at those peak check in times. Thank you again ladies!!!

We would also like to thank ALL of the volunteers from ETW that assisted in the Gallery and gave time to make it such a success again this year. Thanks to all of you who helped.

Ken Terrell & Tom Crosby
SWAT Instant Gallery Co-Chairmen

SWAT Reflections

This was my third time to attend SWAT and I'm already looking forward to next year. I was really pleased to see that there was a session for new turners (hopefully there will be another one next year). There were some very good demonstrators (especially Donald Derry) that inspired me to try different things at home. Working in the instant gallery gave me an opportunity to get a good look at the beautiful pieces and to meet some of the artist. The quality of work seems to get better every year. It also gave me a chance to get better acquainted with our own club members and their wives. I appreciate all the hard work that it took to get things set up and organized. All in all, I think my experience was a very good one. - **Frances Cass**



Thompson Lathe Tools Review

I guess this is more of a testimonial than an evaluation of Doug Thompson's hand made turning tools. I have been using these tools along side of Sorby, Crown, Hamlet, Henry Taylor, and Glaser tools.



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Thompson Lathe Tool Review continued...

In my estimation these tools are equal or superior to any other tool made. They are easy to sharpen (when you sharpen them you will see sparks like you are using carbon steel) they hold an edge for much longer than High Speed Steel and equal to or longer than the other powder metal tools, in addition I can get a sharper edge on these tools than I can on the other powdered metal tools.

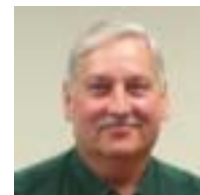
These tools are made from CPM 10V (A11) this steel has 9.75% vanadium, tempered 3 times and is subjected to a cryogenic treatment before and after the second tempering. So you end up with a superior metal for woodturning tools. I promise you will not be disappointed with these tools. Remember they are sized by American standards so they are measured by diameter of the shaft not the width of the flute. If you have more questions about them go to:

www.thompsonlathetools.com (see ad on last page)

Happy turning to you. – **Tom Crosby**

SWAT Vendor Fun

Another SWAT Symposium has come and gone, which means I have a couple of weeks to come up with some good excuses to give my wife before the credit card bill arrives in the mail. What am I talking about....**VENDORS!**



Hello, my name is Mike and I am a woodaholic.

This years symposium had the largest number of vendors (27) SWAT has had in the five years I have been attending. It was also the largest number of wood vendors (4) in that period of time. And boy, did I enjoy them. I have a wood hungry monkey on my back, and he grabbed several pieces of wood for me to play with in the future. As **Paul Coppinger** (who has a lot more wood than me) likes to say, "wood is wealth". I'm going to see if my wife buys the idea I was just adding to my wealth.

Hello, my name is Mike and I am a toolaholic.

What can I say. At least they're cheaper addictions than drugs (so I'm told). I had planned on buying only one tool, a Thompson bowl gouge. Thanks to a protagonist named **Tom Crosby**, I walked away from the Thompson booth with three beautiful gouges. With this, my addictions should have been satisfied. But no, the club's youngest protagonist, **Nathanael Landry**, wanted me to see the new knurling tool being demonstrated in the Craft Supplies booth. Yep, I once again had to feed that tool hungry monkey on my back.

As you can tell, the vendor area was a lot of fun for me - and the monkeys. Besides being an opportunity to feed those insatiable monkeys, it was a chance to visit with some really nice people, to view some beautiful wood, and see first-hand some new tools and processes. For now, those monkey's are going to have to go on a diet – at least until the SWAT 2009 symposium – **Mike DeLong**

October 2008 Meeting



The Illustrious (& humble) Ken Terrell, "*Best Turner in the Southwest*"...



...showed us how he makes his beautiful finial boxes.



He begins by turning the body to shape....



...then fits the top to the body...



...reverses everything and completes the shape of the top...



...and finally fits the turned finial to the top.



The October ETW meeting gave a big boost to the 2008-2009 **Empty Bowls** project with 27 pieces donated by 9 ETW members. To date the project has collected 69 items from 17 donors. There are approximately four months remaining to participate in the project; so, let's get busy turning to help those in need. – **Editor** (*who forgot to take a picture*)



EDITOR'S SHOW & TELL FAVORITE
Laminated and Osage Orange toothpick holders
by Denny Burd

East Texas Woodturner's Supporters

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<p>Craft Supplies USA 1287 E. 1120 S. Provo, Utah 84606 1-800-551-8876 FAX: (801) 377-7742 http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com/ Monday-Friday, 7:00am to 6:00pm, MST</p>	<p>Packard Woodworks P.O. Box 718 Tryon, North Carolina 28782 1-800-683-8876 FAX: (828) 859-551 http://www.packardwoodworks.com/index.html Monday-Friday, 8:30am to 5:00pm, EST</p>	<p>Johnson Wood Products 34897 Crystal Rd. Strawberry Point, Iowa 52076 563-933-6504 Wood Turning Blanks, Bowl Blanks, Sculpturing and Carving Blocks, Fancy Gunstock Blanks, Special Cuttings</p>

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