

The South Central Penn Turner

Newsletter of the South Central Pennsylvania Woodturners

August - September 2008



August meeting: Annual Summer Picnic at John Stewart

August 5, 2008. Arrive as early as 5:30 for social time we will eat about 6:30. Arrive early stay late. Please bring a covered dish or dessert to share. We will provide chicken, tableware, iced tea and lemonade. Check the map on the last page for directions.

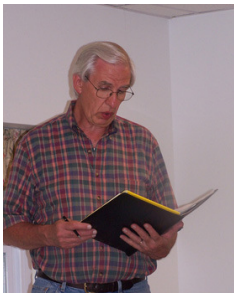
September meeting: Duplicating on a Lathe

President Bill will do a demo on repetitive turning. He will demonstrate a lathe duplicator, use of patterns, use of specially ground tools, and anything else that he can think of that goes with that topic.

Treasurers Report

We have about \$1700 big ones in the bank account.

JUNE, 2008 MEETING



Bill Fortney (President for Life, nominee) opened the meeting with announcements and proposals.

Raising money for the club.

Extra tools, jigs, wood, etc you do not use. A proposal to auction off donated tools that members may have that they no longer use was made. A proportion or all of selling price would go to club. So this would be a painless way to clean out your shop and help the club. Plus it would get some new members access to good tools without breaking the bank.

In keeping with this idea, John Stewart has some new Wolverine Sharpening jigs will to sell at a discount with a portion of the money going to the club.

My barely coherent notes are "Rikon lathes for sale for \$600, cheaper at Richmond, VA show". (What model I don't know, see Bill.

Club By-Laws

Not much has been done on by-laws. Need a new volunteer to adapt some AAW by-laws for our club. So, don't sit on your hands, slowly raise one of them to help out. Any help is appreciated.

JUNE, 2008 MEETING

THE MAIN EVENT

Program

We were very fortunate to have a program presented by



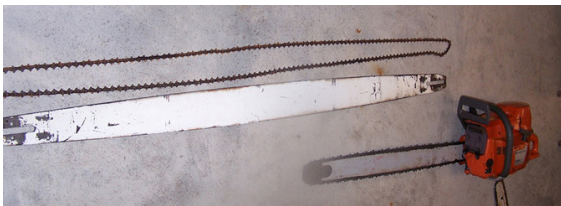
MARTAIN FELEX SYLVIUS STOLPE

Forester – Woodworker – Naturalist.

If you missed it you really did miss a fine presentation of general wood knowledge and fun. One of Martin's goals is "to be shot by a jealous husband at the age of 99" he did not say shot dead, just shot.

Martin gave a great demonstration on how a tree grows, twists and creates inner strain and pressures. Waving and twisting looking at any moment to give away he gave his background on forestry and what he does now to harvest and preserve in some wood working form trees that would be wasted. Historical trees, sentimental trees, etc. are used for this purpose. He says he works cheap.

90 % of work is done by hand, using chain saws up to a 52" bar with 2 engines



Some notes on meeting.

Pennsylvania is one of the few states that lose more wood to rot than to harvest.

Kiln drying wastes 25%.

Air drying 1 year for each inch of thickness. No rain or sunlight.

Putting wood into paper bag good method of drying. Slow it down, avoids cracking.

Anchor Seal works.

Burls are a form cancer in trees.

Red oak is very porous and you can even blow smoke through it.

Osage Orange has triple interlocking grain. Makes good bows.

Black gum used for mallets

Show & Tell

Many examples of fine turning showed up at this meeting. We must have been trying to impress Martin Stolpe.



Box wood, cherry bowls and box from Tom Deneen,

Pens from Don the pen guy.

Bottle stoppers from Phil

Ambrosia Mabel and a fancy turning by Dean Swagert

Buckeye wall hanging by Dave Barkby Will sell for \$2000 I heard.

Other works by other members for which I did not get the names, but all truly artists in their own name.

So send an email description of your work and then correct credit will be given. It would be much easier.

July Meeting

The July meeting was held at John Stewart's home as the church had a conflict. So John generously offered his place and we do thank him very much. Bill says church people like us because we are flexible

Bill Fordney, President first class, opened the meeting with his usual suave approach and gave us the upcoming event schedule.

Woodworkers show in York Nov.7-9.

Engineering show will be in early January.

Looking for a place to exhibit our stuff.

Treasures report We have \$1778.93 in bank.

By-laws are still not written and we are still looking for a what? Oh yes, a volunteer. Bill is investigating AAW for samples of by-laws that can be adapted. I recommend Don ? to take up the flag and run with it.

Teaching Grant from AAW. Tom Deneen told how he got a teaching grant from AAW to buy lathes and bring them to Guatemala to teach woodturning. His church organized the trip. Tom said it was rewarding. He was surrounded by exotic wood, none of which he could take home.

Need to advertise the club.

Bill keeps looking for ways to recruit new members to expand out membership. Looking into the free weekly newspapers that list events, ie. Weekly Record, Community Courier.

Anyone with suggestions or new member potentials, please contact Bill.

The Main Event



TOM DENEEN – MAKING THE NATUAL EDGE BOWL

You can always count on Tom Deneen to put on a good demonstration and he didn't fail us here. Within minutes Tom whipped out a rough out natural edge bowl, that when dried and finished will be a high dollar item.

Using a combo of a custom made tools and manufactured ones Tom is very quick in producing the roughed out bowl. Tom uses a "yard sale" star drill precisely ground and sharpened like a surgeon's knife to start the coring and more conventional ones to finish. Tom likes the Henry Taylor bowl gouge. Tom quickly shapes the outside and inside of the bowl to put aside for drying.

He has used a microwave for speeding up drying using 5 minutes on defrost let cool and do again. Or put in paper bag and wait 3-12 months.

Tom suggests using gel gloves to protect hands. Range from \$10 from Harbor Freight to \$30 from Duluth Trading Co. The more expensive ones are worth it.

Tom uses an expanding chuck to hold bowl in place for coring. This allows the bottom to be finished and “you don’t have to mess with it later” says Tom. Discussion followed that this may cause bowl to fly apart. Tom says it could happen.



(So wear safety mask I say.)

Oh wait! Maybe Tom just forgot. Here Tom demonstrates his well-developed third hand to steady the tool.



Well Tom and Elmer were trying to do a belly bump when they got into a tussle over the proper technique to remove a chuck from bowl. Tom finally won with a twisting backhand grab.



Ask Tom at the picnic on the technique used here. This is the coring jig Tom uses to make nesting bowls.

SHOW AND TELL

Great stuff produced by our members.

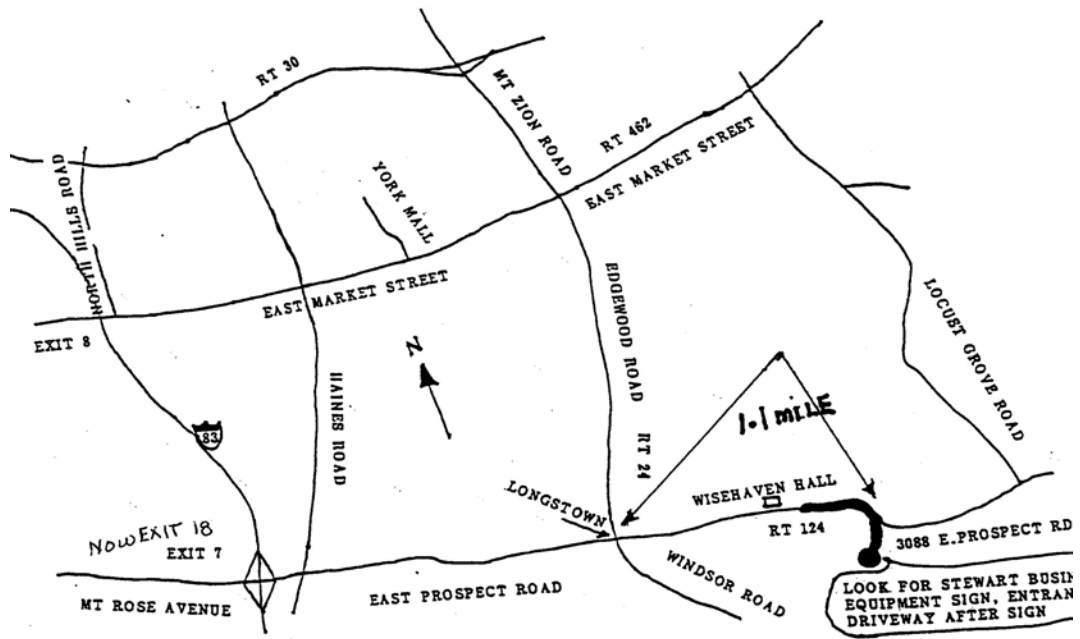


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The South Central Pennsylvania Woodturners is a Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW). Membership dues are \$20/year. For membership, send a check, payable to "SCPA Woodturners", to the treasurer, John Stewart 3088 E. Prospect Road, York PA 17402 .

Map to John Stewart's Home



John Stewart's phone: (717) 755-8737

Directions: From York, take US 30 east to a right on Mount Zion/Edgewood Rd (SR 24) to a left on E. Prospect Road (SR 124) 1.1 miles to a right into 3088. The Stewart's home sets back a long lane.