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Turning Points

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Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 9, 2009 at the Henegar Center in Downtown Melbourne (www.henegar.org).

February Meeting:
Monday, March 9:

Space Coast Woodturners Minutes for Feb. 9, 2009

Reports:

The SCWT meeting was called to order by Treasurer **Harvey Driver** in the absence of **President Read Johnson**, who is ill, at 7:00pm on Feb 9, 2009 at the Henegar Center, 625 East New Haven Ave, Melbourne, Florida.

Harvey reported the sad news that SCWT member John Passamonte died on Friday February 6, 2009. The secretary will send a sympathy card to the family.

Chuck Billings made a motion that the club sends the customary \$50 donation to the John C. Campbell Folk School Willard Baxter woodturning memorial fund. Seconded by Terry Justice and passed unanimously.

Harvey reported on a wonderful time at the Florida Woodturning Symposium held in January at Lake Yale, Florida. There was a very good turnout; people actually had to be turned away as the capacity was full. The SCWT club will receive a \$1000 educational grant for the efforts of some of our club members in planning, preparation and work for and during the symposium. The symposium was able to distribute \$14,000 in grants.

Treasurer's report – **Harvey Driver** – At the beginning of the month the club had \$4475.50 in the bank account. This will be increased by the \$1000 grant.

Harvey reported that some of our members have cancelled their membership in SCWT and joined the Brevard Woodturners club which meets in Port St. John. This is a much shorter commute for the people in North Brevard. SCWT now has 64 paid memberships which totals 74 members including 8 family memberships and two lifetime members.

Harvey continued with the Harbor Freight sidewalk demonstration announcement. This was scheduled to be on March 6-7. Due to the dire economy situation Harbor Freight ordered less stock but has enjoyed increased business as people hunt lower prices.

Therefore they do not have enough stock to have the big sale as scheduled but it will be delayed until mid March. **Harvey** will have the dates at the March meeting.

The "Dave Barriger Bash" is held annually on the last Saturday in February at Dave's place in Apopka. This is a get together for woodturners. He usually has venison stew to go with the potluck dinner. There are woodturning and blacksmithing demos and a lot of chewing the fat type of fellowship. Email Harvey for further information if you are interested.

Welcome was extended to four visitors who stood to introduce themselves. Michelle and Eric Morris, Elaine Forman (Joe's wife), and Ted Zigler (a friend of Charlie Shrum).

Newsletter editor Bill Howard requested all members of SCWT help to supply articles for the club newsletter. Also he is trying to clean up the website of a lot of extraneous matter.

Craft Supplies order – Jim Donovan reported the last order has arrived and is being distributed tonight and there is \$50 toward the next order. Remember this club order requires a \$1000 minimum and the shipping is free and the average discount has been running about 13%.

Video librarian Tom Weber announced two new DVD's are added to the library on segmented turning. The rental cost is \$1 a month per Video. We have close to 200 DVDs in the library and this is very good way for novice turners to get some training and it doesn't hurt more advanced turners to gain knowledge to add to their turning abilities.

Tom also has the sandpaper and other turning supplies. By the way the sandpaper price is going up soon.

Old business – none

Exotic wood sale – Don Houk – has got some low prices on packages of exotic wood. Check the selection at the break.

Club shirts – Larry Gonyea – Be proud of your club, wear a shirt to advertise it. Many styles and colors are available.

Items for sale –

Harvey has club Anchorseal for \$10/gallon: hollowing tools \$75 (\$119 regular price): dowel or tenon gauges \$6.

Terry Justice has a band saw and a radial arm saw \$200 for both.

Joe Forman is redonating the free Sears lathe he received from the club a few months back. It is old but it works and is a good way to get started if you don't have a lathe and want to see if you will pursue the addiction to turning. Joe suggests that you may make a small donation to the club treasury if you take the lathe.

Dotty Pugh has three turning books that are duplicates in her library for \$20 each.

Bill Howard has a table saw for \$150.

Larry Gonyea has micro mesh polishing cloths for \$10

Harvey Driver has a Wagner texturing tool he will let you have for \$35.

Chuck Billings has some foam core sanding blocks in fine, medium, and coarse for 35 cents each or 3/\$1.

Wynn Arnold has brought in a bunch of carbide cutting inserts of various sizes and shapes and the price is FREE. Look them over and see if you can use some.

Show and Tell

Terry Justice – nice acorn shaped lidded box made from live oak.

Ray Zakrajsek – rosewood vase with real wormholes.

Dotty Pugh – brought a double box with a hidden compartment made from bloodwood and with Mylands finish.

Larry Gonyea – another of his fine segmented vessels. This one has 587 pieces. His next one has over 700 pieces. His work shows that he is a patient woodworker and turner. One catch in the turning stage can explode it into a non-repairable bunch of firewood.

Tom Beswick – he laminated a bunch of plywood sheets and made a nice lidded cup. He noted that the glue in the plywood requires you sharpen your tools very often.

Jim Ragusa – showed an experimental piece he worked with Norfolk Island pine that he is trying to increase the translucence by applying many coats of a mixture of tung oil and boiled linseed oil.

Russ Bolton – had some tulip flowers in a eucalyptus vase and two miniature Corian goblets.

Joe Forman – a nice lidded bowl made of citrus fruitwood.

Glen Baxter – a sample from an order he received for short balusters made of hard maple.

Ron Chambers – new turner proudly brought in his first two bowls. One was laminated oak, cherry, and maple and the other was a nice collection plate for his church.

Sonya Terry – showing a Jimmy Clews vase she got at the Florida Woodturning Symposium.

Julian Pharis – a three legged cherry square edged platter with the corners darkened by pyroglyphy to give some contrast.

The “wood” auction had some maple, a shop vac, a hand truck, and some Corian disk cutouts and brought in \$30.

The very longed stem goblet that Stuart Batty made in the January club demonstration was auctioned and brought \$145 from the winner Harvey Driver.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 and after the break we had demo by former member **Charlie Shrum**.

Submitted by Julian Pharis, Secretary

Business Meeting Adjourned

You are invited to join us for the AAW turning demonstrations at the Woodworking Show, March 13, 14, 15 at the Florida State Fairground in Tampa. This "Spring Training for Woodturners" will be like a one room Mini symposium. The fairgrounds are located on US-301 just south of I-4. In addition to the demonstrations you may meet and visit fellow turners in the woodturning booth jointly sponsored by Central Florida Woodturners, Sun Coast Woodturners, Tri-County Woodturners, Woodturners of Polk County, and AAW

There is a \$9 charge for the Woodworking show and a \$5 parking fee. For details on the Woodworking Show including directions visit:

<http://cms.thewoodworkingshows.com/cms/Shows/TampaFLMar1315/tabid/93/Default.aspx>

AAW Woodturning Schedule

The AAW is proud to present a schedule of demonstrations by five of the top woodturners in the Tampa/Orlando area. Whether you're coming to see why woodturning is so much fun or have reached the advanced level, these demonstrations have something for everyone. Watch finished functional and artistic pieces materialize on the lathe from rough wood in minutes. Learn about the wood, tools, techniques, and finishes used by our line-up of master turners.

Friday

11:00 The ABC's of Natural Edged Bowls Dave Barriger (90 Min)

1:30 Platters, The Woodturners' Canvas Dave Barriger (90 Min)

3:30 Bowl From a Log Al Hockenbery (90 Min)

Saturday

10:20 Bowl From a Log Al Hockenbery (90 Min)

12:00 Winged Bowl Rudy Lopez (90 Min)

1:40 Pepper Mills Jim Smith (70 min)

3:00 Southwest Hollow Form Al Hockenbery (90 Min)

4:40 Miniature Birdhouses Glenn Ploeckelmann(70 min)

Sunday

11:00 Winged Bowl Rudy Lopez (90 Min)

12:40 Southwest Hollow Form Al Hockenbery (90 Min)

3:00 Bowl from a log Rudy Lopez (90 Min)

For descriptions and schedule changes Additions see:

<http://woodshow.hockenbery.net/demonstrations.htm>

DVD library

DVD LIBRARY NEWS

First, I got a call last month concerning a DVD that wasn't playing correctly. (Turned out that there were two labels on the disc.) I forgot who called, or which DVD it was. Would that person do two things - First, call me, and second, forgive me for not remembering. I'll have the replacement done for the next meeting if I can just find out which disc it was. Thanks.

We have two new DVD's for this month.

The first is DVD #192, Turning Outside the Box by Beth Ireland. She uses the lathe (of course!), but also spends quite a bit of time at the band saw and does some final shaping using traditional hand tools. She ends up with some rather different boxes.

The second DVD is #193, and should appeal to the pen turners out there. Ed Davidson shows how to turn closed-end pens for those larger pen kits such as El Grande, El Presidente, etc. All of these pens are the screw together types. He shows you how to replace the bottom piece that normally has a metal tip with a solid one piece wood blank. Also shown is replacing the upper piece (clip area) with a solid blank, so that you end up with two pieces of wood that screw together and have a pen inside. Definitely different.

I have replenished our supply of spindle washers. In addition to the 3/4, 1 and 1-1/4 inch sizes we've offered in the past, I made a few 1-1/2" washers for any members who happen to have some models of the larger lathes, such as Stubby, Serious, or Woodtek. They all are priced at a buck each. You can read about them in the latest CSUSA catalog, page 48. (Of course, if you've ever had the experience of trying to get a chuck (or faceplate) off a spindle that has 'locked' on, you don't really need to read about the advantages of these washers.) Ours, like theirs probably, are made from 1/8" thick UHMW, a Teflon-type material. And half the price of theirs.

Don't forget our sanding paper deals. By using our Hook & Loop sanding rolls, you can slash the cost for your 2 inch discs to about 9 cents each. And something like 15 cents or so for the 3 inch discs.. Roughly half that for the 1-1/2" disc. We offer all grits, from 60 through 600, in either 3" or 4-1/2" wide rolls. (The 60 grit is 6" wide.)

And for that ultimate finish on hard exotics, or acetates, we have packs of ultra-fine 9 X 11 full size sheets, consisting of 600, 800, 1000, 1200, and 1500 grits.

This is medium weight premium aluminum oxide abrasive, coated with zinc stearate to resist clogging when used on resinous woods. We offer a pack of 5 (1 of each grit) for \$5 or a pack of 25 (5 of each grit) for \$15.

If you know ahead of time what you need, you can e-mail (tpurhrt@earthlink.net) me (or call 452-2036) your request ahead of time with the size discs you have in mind, and the grits required. Include a phone number in case I need to clarify something about your

order.

(Give me a couple of days notice.) I'll then have your order prepackaged and ready for pickup at the next meeting. It'll save you time going through the 'big box' for what you need.

BTW, if you pay by check, please make it out to me, not to the club.

And for our new members, we offer basic faceplates in various threads and sizes, priced from \$8 to \$14. Along with the necessary screws packed in bags, from 50 cents to about a buck. Ours are hex head (for easy driving) sheet metal screws.

Remember, all proceeds from these sales go directly to support the club's DVD Library. The library has been able to operate independently from the club's funds for several years now, and has still managed to purchase enough DVD's for us to have nearly 200 discs for your checkout.

Next month I'll have a limited number of hand drill kits available. These kits will contain everything you need to make a hand drill kit including the drill chuck itself. All you need to furnish is the wood and your own turning artistry. Again, refer to the Craft Supply catalog, page 60. (Theirs is \$40, and worth every penny. Ours will be half that price.)

These hand drills are unbelievably handy once you've started using them. You can use a 3/8" bit with the standard high tech masking tape indicator, and drill your depth indicator in a bowl blank. One place that I really value mine is in the making of small bird houses and Christmas ornaments. I hang them using very small eye hooks. The pilot hole for these eye hooks are about a #65 or so (0.035"). The chucks we're offering will actually grab a #80 bit (0.0135"). Even though they weren't advertised as being able to do so, I tried it, and the chuck held the smallest bit you're ever likely to see, and did so without the use of an add-on pin chuck.

I'll have them next month, along with some basic instructions.

See you next Monday.

Tom Weber

Photographs:









Upcoming Demonstrators:

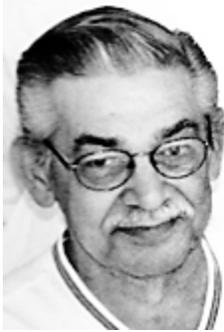
Monday, March 9, 2009 – Ken Thruman Ken will be turning a Nut & Bolt

Monday, April 13, 2009 – TBD *TBD*

Hands on classes:

For any of the events listed above contact Thom Winkelspecht at 254-6308

or tawinkii@hotmail.com.



Space Coast Woodturners regrets to report the unfortunate loss of a respected member, John Passamonte. John passed away Friday, February 6, 2009 at Wuesthoff Brevard Hospice Care Center. He was 76. He graduated from Jamestown High School in 1950, and also served in the Korean War from 1952-1954. He worked for Lockheed Martin Corporation at Cape Canaveral Air Station until 1996, when he retired. He was a passionate woodworker throughout his retirement and though his work will not be forgotten, he will be missed.

SCWT Shopping Club

Items available at the club meeting from Tom Weber. Sales support the club and the Woodturning DVD Collection

Item	Price
DVD Rental (per month)	\$1.00
Faceplate - 3/4 X 16 - 2"D	\$10.00
Faceplate - 1 X 8 - 3"D	\$12.00
Faceplate - 1-1/4 X 8 - 3"D	\$13.00
Faceplate - 1-1/4 X 8 - 4"D	\$14.00
Faceplate - M33 X 3.5 - 4"D	\$18.00
Faceplate Screws (Hex head sheet metal)	As Marked
Hand Drill Kit	\$3.00
Spindle Washer (any size)	\$1.00
Foam Sanding Disc - 1-1/2"	\$8.00
Foam Sanding Disc - 2"	\$10.00
Foam Sanding Disc - 3"	\$12.00
Sandpaper 3" H&L Material (80-400 Grit)	\$3.50
Sandpaper 4-1/4" H&L Mat'l (80-400 Grit)	\$3.50
Sandpaper 6" H&L Mat'l (60 Grit)	\$4.00
Ultra Fine Sandpaper, Pkg of 5 sheets: (1 each 600, 800, 1000, 12000, & 15000)	\$5.00
Ultra Fine Sandpaper, Pkg of 25 sheets. (5 each 600, 800, 1000, 1200, & 1500)	\$15.00

<p>The Chapter's Purposes, In addition to supporting the general purposes of the AMERICAN ASSOCIATION of WOODTURNERS, Inc. are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Provide a meeting place for local woodturners;2. Share ideas and techniques regarding this craft;3. Trade woods;4. Exchange ideas about tools; and5. Exhibit finished projects.	<p>President: Read Johnson 772-562-9031 (days)</p> <p>Vice Pres: Tom Winkelspecht 321-254-6308</p> <p>Secretary: Julian Pharis 321-723-2367</p> <p>Treasurer: Harvey Driver 321-757-8579</p> <p>News Editor: Bill Howard 321-794-8993 E-mail: whoward26@cfl.rr.com</p>
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