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### Hunt County Woodturners, Inc.

Meeting: 2nd Thursday of each month, 7 PM

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#### HCW Calendar:

- \* August meeting on the 9th with Larry Genender, topic "AAW."
- \* August 11 - Open Shop at Bill Kloeping's shop.
- \* Masters at Work, Beavers Bend OK, Sept 7-10.
- \* Sept meeting on 13th, topic Fred Groves and turning tools and techniques.
- \* Look for several Saturday open shops for September.

### Message from the President:

Greetings Woodturners,



**WOW!** Another event and another great turn out. Thank you one and all. We had a great time at Wood World the 21st of July. Our host, Wood World, provided several lathes, cold drinks, hotdogs, chips, pen blanks, pen kits and several other items. Our club brought six lathes, two other clubs had five and Wood World had four, fifteen lathes going, wow! And we had five people off the street wanting lessons, they each turned several pens, plus one lady we could not get off her lathe, she was completely captured by woodturning. Her tool of

choice was a one and a half inch roughing gouge, don't know why but she liked it.

Art Hendrix got several awards for his pens and we as a club got best attendance. I am not sure but I think we have another award coming and that is total number of pen turned by a single club. I haven't got the total number of pens turned, that number Marge has and I haven't been able to reach her.

Craig's boss came up to me and thanked me? For the great turn out! I had to tell him that it not me that is charged with the participation, but you the great members we have.

Thank you again for making this event a great one.

Howard

### Christmas Party Silent Auction

**Second notice:** Now is the time to start thinking about what you want to donate our Christmas party auction. This gives you plenty of time to create items that will bring a good price and support our club. Ya can't be too early.

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*Open Shop:*

July's open shop was held at Bob Calvert's wonderful shop. We turned mostly Freedom pens, learned some new tricks, visited some, and generally had a great day.

Before we left Bob shared his delicious homegrown tomatoes with us. The attendees were allowed to pick them fresh from Bob's garden. Thank you Bob for opening your shop and your garden to us.



By Marvel Gates

**VIEW FROM THE AUDIO/VISUAL SHOP**

Clyde is scheduling training sessions for the AV helpers now. Turn-out for these training sessions have been poor, please come out to help. Hopefully these trainees will be up to snuff for SWAT. Looking forward to seeing you there. Clyde Marks, (903)447-5733/(903)461-2171

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*Editor's notes:*

~ Our new Webmaster Johnny asks that all members look at his new updates on our website and on his test page and provide input for changes or errors. See his test site at

<http://hcw.the-campbells.com/> Send your

comments to him at his email address

Johnny@the-campbells.com

~ **Second notice:** We need to start making Christmas toys now. Lets think about tops, cars, jump ropes, ball and toss games, and any other things we can come up with. All members should turn some toys at home and we will get together at a later date for finial prep and packaging.

Marvel

## Buy more tickets! Your chances are much better if you buy.

We are holding a penny raffle this year to raise funds for our club. The penny raffle works like this. There are 500 tickets priced from \$0.01 to \$5.00. The fun is drawing the tickets to see what amounts you are privileged to donate to the club. When all the tickets are sold (this will probably happen at our year end Christmas party) we will have three drawings to award:



#1. **Jet Mini Lathe**, (New) Indexing head, variable speed. Purchased from Rockler's at a substantial discount. Thank you Rockler's of Mesquite.



#2. **Barracuda2 System**, Four-jaw lathe chuck. Purchased from Wood World also at a substantial discount. Thank you Wood World of Dallas and thank you Craig Fyock.



#3. An 8" sharpening grinder with two white wheels. Donated by Woodcraft Supplies, and Sharon Ayres. Thank you Woodcraft and thank you Sharon Ayres.

See the Treasurer, Antonia, if you would like to take the raffle tickets to sell. Submitted by Marvel

## Outings

**August Quarterly Challenge:** This challenge is going to be something a little different. Our focus will be "Any Type of Turned Toy."

This can be anything you can dream up, as long as it is turned and it is a toy. The challenge will be judged at our August 9th meeting. Maybe we can come up with a new idea for our Christmas toy endeavor.

Because we "officers" made a mistake, the second type of Challenge... "**Bowl, 6-12 inches**" is also going to be judged. You may enter in one or the other of the categories, not both. Equal prizes will be awarded.

**SWAT** is coming up, October 5-7, 2007 in Wichita Falls, TX. Please make your reservations to attend... NOW! <http://www.swaturners.org>

**Freedom Pen Turn-a-thon at Woodcraft.**  
November 18th at their Addison store on Marsh Lane.

### Other things coming up:

- Rally 'Round Greenville, September
- **Masters at Work, Beavers Bend State Park, September 7-10.** Dan Henry is representing our club in the competition. You may enter items for display and for sale. You need to bring them to our August meeting and Dan and Clyde are taking them up to Oklahoma the 10th of August. You need to label each item with your name, type of wood, contact numbers, and price. The center takes 20% commission. Dan has all the details.
- **Greenville Library Display, November**

Submitted by Marvel

## Personal Remembrance



The Hunt County Woodturners notes the loss of a long time member and dear friend, Wyman Schnepf, who passed away this past month. Our sympathies go out to his wife Willa, daughter Sheryl Kendall, and the rest of his family. He will be fondly remembered and sorely missed.

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- \*\* Craft Supplies USA, [www.woodturnerscatalog.com](http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com), (800) 551-8876 \*\***

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## Freedom Pen TAT at Wood World on July 21

The Freedom Pen TAT at Wood World was an over whelming success. Craig did an outstanding job of preparing for and making it happen. He gave out several awards, one for the most club members at the TAT. We had 17 members present; the club was presented a \$50 gift certificate. Other awards were best finish, best of show and best design pen, all won by Art Hendrix, 3 out of 4 ain't bad!! Bob Larson from the DAW made the most pens 25. Another good day for the HCW!!.

There were several other pen turners their also, the place was packed and every one had a great day making Freedom Pens for the troops. Some turners took kits and blanks home to complete.

Thanks Craig for all of your work.

## Member's Prospective on Lathe Retrofit

### PSI Variable Speed Retrofit for Jet, Delta and PSI Midi Lathes

As with most fine organizations exchange of information on new gadgets that are available needs to happen. I made the mistake of opening my mouth and then I had to insert foot after the May meeting. I asked if anyone had the Penn State variable speed kit. I was than asked to get one and make a report back to the club, so after many backorders I finally received it the day before July 4th. Good time to play as the weather seems to cancel outdoor activities. I was under the impression that it didn't rain this much this time of year in this part of Texas. (being from Wisconsin this is like their summers)



Just like any turner I rubbed my hands together with anticipation when they touched the box on the way to the shop, can't wait to see the new item, dodging raindrops and puddles. I tore open the first box and there it was another box, at least it had a picture on it. Finally got that one opened and the pieces came into contact with my fingers. I counted the items as I laid them on the bench and match that number with the components list and lo and behold it matched. I then did what I think most everyone has done at least once, set the instructions aside for the time being and plowed headlong into the disassembling phase of the old lathe for the upgrade. After all, how hard can changing out a motor be (oops). Now where did I put those 2 little pieces of paper? It seems that owners of the Delta lathes (that's what I have) have a couple of extra steps to do. That is explained in step 2 of the directions, oh well.

Now that the little set back is over onward to completion of the task at hand, page 2 of the instructions. Did I mention that this product is made in China, need I say more. There needs to be some minor machining done in order for everything to fit properly. Tools needed - big hammer, files, emery cloth, did I mention a big hammer, 32 oz is just about right. Decision time is now at hand, where to mount the switch box. There's plenty of wire to play with, at least for me. With everything in place, all pieces tight and the area clear of foreign objects the count-down begins. Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls step to one side and I'll flip the switch. It's a miracle, it is alive, it even turns in the right direction. Wait one minute, oh that's right this won't be a reversing motor just yet I need another switch. I'll save that for another day.

My impression of this add-on is positive. If any turner has a Jet, Delta or PSI Midi lathe that is not of the variable speed persuasion then this item might be of interest. I can only speak as a Delta lathe owner. Low-end speed is now in the 200rpm range and the upper end is around 3900rpm. Time will only tell if the motor holds up. Will this addition make me a better turner, only time will tell. I sure hope it does, after all why do we as turners keep purchasing all these neat gadgets?

My only negative is the drill bit included with the kit is everything we come to expect from China, not worth the time to chuck up in the drill press, unless you want egg shaped holes. I'm not sure how that passed QC. I've never seen one that crooked.

By the way, the comment about the big hammer is probably a little too much. A soft faced hammer is plenty, but if you do use a big hammer be gentle.

Submitted by: **Fred Uphoff**

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[www.HuntCountyWoodturners.org](http://www.HuntCountyWoodturners.org)

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Membership in HCW, Inc. entitles you to discounts on selected items at the following fine businesses.

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Woodturners, don't forget to check out *The American Association of Woodturners*. HCW is a Chapter of this fine organization and each member should seriously consider becoming a member of AAW. The insurance protection alone is well worth the dues.

<http://www.woodturner.org>

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