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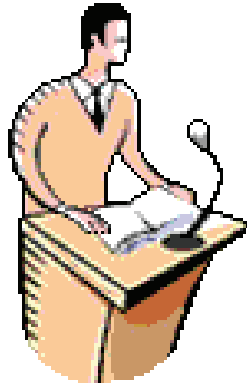
October 2007

Hunt County Woodturners, Inc. Meeting: 2nd Thursday of each month, 7 PM (see page 6 for location)

Message from the President:

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Greetings Woodturners,

Does any one know when Fall will be arriving, I for one cannot wait.

For those of you who did not make it to SWAT, I have to tell you, you missed a good one. They had a very good selection of demonstrators and a variety of topics. I guess just about anything dealing with turning, you could find a class on it. In fact we had two of our own giving demonstrations and they did very well.

We did very well on the drawings as well, and our very own member, Bob Matern won the grand prize, a Powermatic lath, way to go Bob!

Well enough of that; those of us who went had a very good time and I for one am looking forward to next year.

By the way, Christmas will be here before we know it so start making some toys so we can fill some stockings. Keep your lathes working and practice safe turning.

Howard

HCW Calendar:

- * Oct 11th meeting. Demo by Fred Groves topic: turning tools and techniques.
* Open shop list for October, November, and December listed under Outings on page 3.

* New Officers must be determined by the November meeting. If you want to be an officer let the current officers know, now! Come on in, the water is fine.

Christmas Party

The December meeting will be our Christmas/Yearend party. We have moved the date to Friday, December 11. We feel that more people will want to participate if they don't have to go to work the next day! Make plans to attend today! Margie will be party coordinator again.

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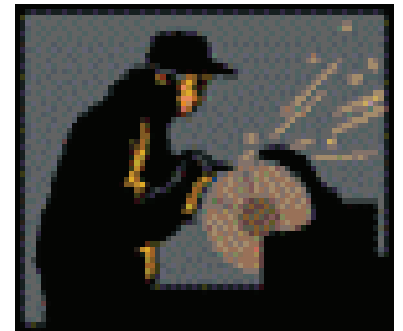
Open Shop:

Our September Open Shop was postponed because of Rally 'Round Greenville. We reportedly had a poor attendance and a low amount of visitors at our booth. We will have to re-think this venue next year.

Our first open shop to create Christmas toys was September 22nd at Caddo Mills High School woodshop, north of Caddo Mills on Hwy 36. Joe Grimes as always was an awesome host; we had a wonderful day of turning.

The High School has a great shop with lots of room and we got a good start on Christmas toys. I looked around and saw the usual participants. Please, please members... come out to our open shops. They are great for learning and the camaraderie of fellow turners makes the day.

By **Marvel Gates**

**November Challenge - Christmas Tree Table Decorations**

All members are reminded to turn a **Christmas Tree** table decoration for our November quarterly challenge. The design must have a 360° visual field and measure between 10-13 inches tall. Again it will be visible all around so no one is looking at the back of the tree. We need about 14 of them and we look forward to seeing your artistic designs. Each table decoration will be given to someone to take home from their table at the evening's end. Bring all the **trees** to our November meeting on Nov. 8th for judging.

*Editor's notes:*

~ Sadly we report that Woodcraft has decided to stop all club discounts for products purchased. They want us to participate in their pen turning turnathons and now they apparently don't want our business. We should redouble our efforts to shop at Wood World and Rockler's.

~ **Third notice:** We need to start making Christmas toys now (see above). 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 for final prep and packaging at a later date.

~ Bring your display items for the Greenville Library to the Oct meeting. Please bring something different from last year.

Marvel

This and That

- ◆ We had a wonderful turnout for SWAT this year. I think the total number of attendees was around 525 registered. HCW was well represented.
- ◆ Good, very informative and relevant turning classes. The presenters were top notch again, as usual.
- ◆ Bill Klopping presented, for the first time at SWAT, his laminating techniques in two sessions. His program was well received and many who saw it were fascinated... as you would well understand.
- ◆ Dan Henry gave a session on his Rose Engine and another on Inside Out Christmas Ornaments, both were great as usual.
- ◆ If you didn't go, I would highly recommend that you make plans to attend next year. I guess by now you have heard that next year SWAT will be held in Waco, TX on October 17, 18, and 19. The later date is caused by Baylor home football games.
- ◆ Dan Henry received a very nice plaque with a mounted limited edition gouge for his long and successful service to SWAT. His tenure now expires and he will be missed in the SWAT arena.
- ◆ The SWAT raffle is a big deal. It collects a lot of money for SWAT and provides a lot of prizes for the participants. This year the BIG WINNER, i.e., Powermatic 3520B lathe was our very lucky member, **Bob Matern**. Congratulations Bob! (I would wager that he will have his old lathe for sale very soon.) (See page 5 for more info.)
- ◆ Yours truly was a minor winner. I purchased the ticket to win for myself **and** my wonderful wife a very nice Henry Taylor Bowl Gouge, donated by The Cutting Edge. It just so happens that we did not have the size that we won!
- ◆ Frank Shrode won a very nicely turned Native American style flute on Saturday night and I think someone else won something that I forgot.
- ◆ I may have forgotten some winners and I apologize if I did. I know one thing, everyone I talked to really enjoyed the weekend.

By **Marvel Gates**

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SWAT Demonstration DVDs

Again this year SWAT will be distributing to member clubs DVDs of the SWAT demonstrations and the first step is choosing for duplication the best VHS tapes of the demos to use. I will bring to the Thursday meeting the VHS tapes and needs some help reviewing them. If you're interested in seeing a demo again or viewing a demo you didn't catch at SWAT, let me know.

Submitted by **Bob Matern**

Report From SWAT

If some of our members at the Thursday meeting look a little tired or seem a little out of breath, they're still recovering from a very intense weekend of woodturning, socializing, eating and other activities at SWAT in Wichita Falls. Among the more than 500 woodturning enthusiasts in attendance, we counted at least 16 HCW members, 5 of whom brought their spouses and at least 4 attending SWAT for the first time.

In addition to the wide range of demos, the Saturday night banquet featured the traditional raffle of turned wood art. 42 pieces were donated on an invitation-only basis by some of the best turners in Texas and Arkansas, 3 of which were done by HCW members. Our membership almost broke even, taking home 2 of those pieces.

The Sunday lunch raffle of vendor-supplied "stuff", like wood, tools and videos was also quite exciting, especially at the end when the brand new Powermatic 3520B lathe was won by our own Bob Matern. To say he was excited would be an understatement. (Hey, Bob, what's that about keeping your blood pressure under control?) Seriously though, Bob wants to express his sincere thanks to all the guys from HCW who helped get his new "Mustard Monster" out of Wichita Falls and back to civilization.

Walter Tate, President of SWAT, wants us to pass along SWAT's thanks for all the many volunteer hours put in by HCW members. Helping out is both fun and keeps the costs down. And everyone should extend a special thanks to Dan Henry who is now finishing up his fourth year on the SWAT Executive Committee.

Mark your calendars now for SWAT 2008 in Waco October 17-19.

Modestly Submitted by **Bob Matern**

Also concerning SWAT: We wish to thank all the volunteers who worked the demonstration room and provided great video coverage. I heard lots of praise for the HCW video and sound equipment from other attendees. Several came by to look over our set-up and one "spy" brought out his camera to record all of our equipment so that his club could upgrade.

Clyde Marks deserves our thanks and praise for his continued efforts to get us ready. Next year we need to have more participation so that everyone who goes to SWAT gets to see all of the sessions they want and not have to do repeated duty in the room.

Submitted by **Marvel Gates**

SWAT update: At our meeting in Wichita Falls, we decided to each go to our clubs for a vote on having the 2009 symposium at WF or Waco. We are only committed to Waco for 2008. For some time there have been some members of various clubs that would like to see a limit on the attendance so we could continue to alternate between WF and Temple. Some have also said we are getting so big we may lose our "down home feeling". As club representatives we all felt these were decisions that our members should have a vote on. I will give a very brief explanation and allow a short discussion and then ask for a vote on each proposal at the October regular meeting.

Fred Groves, SWAT Representative.

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