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President's Message

Sitting on the fence!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Setting on the fence can be relaxing or PAINFUL as xxLL!!!! My mother told me not to use bad words or that is where I might wind up! If the fence is wide enough and you don't roll around too much, one can take a nap on the fence. Also if you nap long enough (on the fence) the issues might pass by and be meaningless, or the issues may have been resolved, neither side will have won and you'll be the friend to one or both of the other sides because they can't survive without you! Biggest risk, the two sides get together, solve all their disputes, and you become the enemy (motivates the troops if you have an enemy or as the saying goes, everybody needs an enemy).

Right now, the fence seems more like a barbed wire!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! If you aren't aware of it, check out the website and the issues of the AAW. I hope not to see the barbed wire fence at our next general membership meeting. It is supposed to be fun and games. FUN — It is an ice cream SOCIAL, a time for some kidding, joking, and generally a good social time.

GAMES — YES, the games are an egg cup turning race (see another article in the newsletter about the RACE). Bring someone special. The grandkids, ice cream lovers, potential new members that can get a free ice cream sundae prior to your twisting it into a paid membership, visitors, etc. The ice cream sundae comes first, then the games, with a members' gallery for review prior to and during the meeting, and a president's challenge. If you haven't started on the President's Challenge then you better get hopping!

The challenge is to make a utility item for the home. I'm going to try to make something that

all significant others will want such that they can 'hound' you until you've made a similar item FOR THEM!!! How many items can we dream up that will fit into that category???(And Tony, a sharp stick with a feather in it just won't work this time!!) Also, now is the time to throw your hat into the ring for an officer or board of director position. If you want to get to know other members, no better way then by getting involved, either at the officer, director or committee member position. Let Norm Hinman, our editor and nominating committee liaison, or Phil Sargent, nominating committee chair, know. Not all committees need to be formed by the board. Think of a program that you can develop for the betterment of our club. By the way, this message would be longer, but so far I haven't practiced for the egg cup race (OR EVEN MADE A SINGLE EGG CUP) and the rumor mill has told me that the VP (I challenged him and he accepted) has been diligently practicing (he's always prepared) and practicing and even bought the wood we're going to turn!!!! In summary, the short (Corwin) and TALL (TED) of it is this, neither one of us can afford to lose any more hair over the egg cup race. COME, ENJOY THE ICE CREAM, HAVE FUN, AND DEVELOP A NEW FRIENDSHIP!

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Natural edge vessels, General Turning		
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Basic Bowl, Basic Spindle and Natural Edge.		

The Mentor program is available to members who have questions about, and/or problems with, turning, Nor-Cal programs, and to get a better 'feel' for the club. Check in with the Mentor(s) in your area of interest (or geography) and get acquainted!

Mini Woodturning Workshops

Sign up at the meeting for the July 31 workshop at Norm Hinman's shop. Three full-size lathes available.

*Dues for the calendar year are \$35 per member and \$10 for spouse (if they desire to join) Commercial memberships are available for \$50 per year. This membership includes yearly advertising in the newsletter. Ads are to be business card size and may be changed from month to month. Contact Treasurer Dan Clark for more membership information. Newsletter deadline is the tenth of each month. All submissions should be sent to **Nor-Cal Woodturners, Norm Hinman, 302 Peck Ave., Yuba City, CA 95991. E-mail to: nhinman@yahoo.com***

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CALENDAR

- July 14-Aug 1 - California State Fair
- July 27 - General Meeting. 6:45 PM
Ice Cream Social. Egg cup turning competition. Board members vs challengers.
President's Challenge: Turn a Utility Item
- July 31 - Mini-workshop. Norm Hinman's shop.
- Aug 2 - Board Meeting. (6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J
- Aug 24 - General Meeting. 6:45 PM
Henry Meier: Thread-cutting machine. Raffle.
Auction of pieces by David Ellsworth and Bob Rosand.
- Aug 30 - Board Meeting. (6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J
- Sept 28 - General Meeting. 6:45 PM
Nomination of Officers and board members.
Neal DeVore: Natural edged bowl.
President's Challenge: "Bowling Gone Wild".
Auction of pieces by David Ellsworth and Jimmy Clewes.
- Oct 4 - Board Meeting. (6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J
- Oct 26 - General Meeting. 6:45 PM
Election of Officers and board members.
Mike Spanbauer: Lathe, chainsaw and bandsaw safety. Raffle.
- Nov 1 - Board Meeting. (6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J
- Dec ? Christmas party. Date: TBD

LAST MEETING

Norm Hinman turned a semi-green bowl. He drilled a 1/4" diameter hole in the center of what would become the top of the bowl. Using the hole, he mounted the blank on a screw chuck, then shaped the outside, leaving a spigot which served as an attachment point for a four-jaw chuck. This then exposed the top, or inside, area for 'emptying'. He mounted a similar piece of wood, again using the screw center. He turned this to a shape resembling the inside of the bowl, but left a small rim at the large diameter. He then placed the bowl over this shape and brought the tailstock with a small, flattened center, against it to secure it while he turned away the spigot. (See photos on page 4.)

NEXT MEETING

The July meeting has, for several years now, been given over to what is referred to as the Ice Cream Social. This year will be no different. In addition to the ice cream, there will be the Members' Gallery and an exciting event called the **Great Egg Cup Race**. No... you won't be invited to chase someone along the banks of the American River carrying an egg in a cup. Or even around the parking lot at Eppies Restuarant. See below.

EGG CUP races are:

First, EGG CUPS are those small spindle turned holders that kind of look like simple candle stick holders, but they hold eggs. Second, EGG CUP RACES are a fun -filled, spirited, woodturning adventure that pits turner against wood, against the clock and against each other, all at the same time. The races pit turner against turner as they turn egg cups side by side, each on their own lathe, racing to complete the egg cup first. The races also pit each turner against the clock. The turner with the lowest over all time in a category wins.

Each contestant is given a 2-1/4. x 2-1/4. x 5 block of wood from which they must turn a pre-defined egg cup. The fastest time wins. This contest is full of thrills, chills, laughter, (Continued top of page 4, second column)

NEWS & NOTES

Nor-Cal Woodturners welcomes

New Members:

Kevin Gates

Dennis Knueven

Attendance

55 attended the May meeting.

Membership:

On May 13th. Nor-Cal membership stood at:

104

Notes from the Library

Library materials may be checked out by members for one month at a time. There is a 50 cent fee for each book or magazine and a \$1.00 fee for each DVD or VHS tape that is checked out. There is a limit of three library items that may be checked out at any one time. Be sure to return the items at the next meeting.

Greenwood Sealer

Greenwood sealer is available in **5-gallon** quantities only. If you want smaller quantities, get in touch with some of your turning buddies and split 5-gallons among yourselves. For the near future, at least, contact Dwight Rutherford to obtain it. If you need it posthaste, give Dwight a call at 916-783-5082 and go to his house at 1407 Hermitage Way, Roseville, 95661. Otherwise, give Dwight a call, and he will bring it to the next meeting.

Postponement

In a previous issue of Nor-Cal Shavings it was announced that two turnings, one by David Ellsworth and one by Bob Rosand, would be auctioned off at the July meeting. That will not be happening. Those items will be auctioned at the **August** meeting instead.

tears, screaming, excitement, frustrations and flying blocks. The only thing more exciting than watching an egg cup race is being in the egg cup race. See you there!!

Davis Library Display

This year a generous collection of turnings was made available for display by Nor-Cal members. Those who answered the call deserve a note of thanks. Having a large variety of pieces by numerous turners always makes for a pleasing display. Special thanks needs to go to **Martin Harris** for making the very nice tent cards with the turners name very neatly printed along with the Nor-Cal logo. Thanks also goes to him for doing more than his share of the setting-up task. The display was given “rave” reviews by all that I spoke to during my visits to the library. Several commented that they are looking forward to next June when, they hope, a similar display will be put in place.

The turnings have been removed from the library, and will be returned to their owners at the July meeting. Don't forget to pick them up.



Getting the shape right



“Don't go through the bottom!!!”

Club Sponsered Workshops and Demonstrations

By **Bill Wisheropp.**

Our woodturners club produces a variety of workshops and demonstrations, workshops are offered by members who donate their time and facilities, Demos are club sponsored using outside artists and usually cost \$30. I have been lucky enough to attend several of each type, one of which was in Shingle Springs at Craig Milliron's shop with Phil Manning supplying the hardening and tempering information and guidance with an assist from Corwin Jones. The end products were one or more 3/8" tools. My result is as shown here and also shows my first tool handle, made using madrone. After each workshop I try to produce pieces that incorporate the skills demonstrated. I have found that I need to do the project soon after the demo to be able to remember what was done. Sometimes I go overboard and make a few to many. As you can see, This photo shows the result of a demonstration that was presented by R.Rosand. After making the typical acorn style miniature birdhouse I had fun doing variations on a theme. The problem with making a 100 or so is finding enough friends to give them to or finding a stand to display the ones that are left. I especially enjoyed the Saturdays spent at Bill Flewellings shop in Davis. Bill supplied the wood, the teaching, the tools and the fellowship for members to work on various projects. the last time I attended, we worked on boxes with inserts of metal, ceramics or other woods.

This box, made under Bill's directions, is black walnut, woodpile white wood, and on the inside a ceramic insert, an olive wood insert and a penny insert on the bottom. On other Saturdays at Bills we made natural edge wood bowls & on one fun day we made mushrooms. I guess what I'm trying to put forth in this writing is the value of club membership affords us. The value you gain

is only when you use all the services offered and if interested to give workshops to other club members. Sorry to say, my workshop is accessible to only one person at a time. As my wife has been known to say, " you have more tools then anyone could possibly need " The tools are, powermatic lathe, radial arm saw, band saw, table saw, midi lathe, table sander, jointer, drill press, scroll saw, small buffer, grinder, chop saw, various hand held power saws, both battery and cord, routers, power drills, both battery and cord, etc. etc. And also wood and parts storage. The vacuum system is a broom and a Rigid power vacuum Oh I almost forgot the pile of branches, trunks, and other pieces of wood that are fireplace ready but not until I try to find a way to use them on one of the several tools I have waiting.



Bob Rosand demonstrating for Nor-Cal.



Some of Bob's ornaments



David Ellsworth demo-ing for Nor-Cal



Bill's Walnut box with white finial.



Bill Wisheropp's self-made 3/8" turning tool with self-made Madrone handle



Bill's natural edged bowl



After Bob Rosand's demo, Bill got busy.



Bill's shop

MEMBERS' GALLERY



Dale Larson demo-ing for Nor-Cal



Dwight Swaback's natural edged
Pistachio bowl



Dwight Swaback's natural edged
Maple burl bowl



Bill Flewelling turning at the Sacramento
Woodworking Show



Bob McClurg's natural edged Magnolia
bowl with carved feet



Dwight Rutherford and Kent Nelson's natural edged Buckeye burl vessel



Tom Castaldo's Bristlecone Pine bowl with carving



Jay Richens' Silver Maple bowl



Tom Castaldo's natural edged Buckeye burl vase



Tom Castaldo's natural edged Manzanita burl bowl



Tom Castaldo's natural edged
Madrone plate



Jay Richens' Pink Ivory bowl



(information not available)



Tony White's Olive clock



Don Ranstrom's shallow Walnut
bowl



Phil Sargent's natural edged
Black Cottonwood burl bowl



Phil Sargent's winged, natural edged
Ornamental Pear bowl



Phil Sargent's winged Madrone burl
bowl (with worm holes)



Chris Fuch's winged, natural edged,
crotch figure bowls
(Looks like Olive wood... Ed.)



John DePiazza's spalted Maple bowl



Craig Milliron's (Black Walnut?)
turning



(Information not available)

**“Caught” by our roving
photographer:**



Craig Milliron and James Terrill getting the photos for the newsletter and website



Our fearless leader, Corwin, dodging flying shavings



Don Ranstrom paying rapt attention



Graham Allen, in white, and John DePiazza, foreground.



Kenneth Martin (in white) and Dick Leytem (foreground)



Library Crew Chief, Perry Kesterson, and “Crew”, Dorothy Brandon, enjoying a less rushed moment




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