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July, 2007 “Turnings”

President Jeff Mee, opened the June 21, 2007 meeting. A large turnout of about 43 were present at this meeting. Three guests were introduced to the members: **Michael Boyer, Brian Weir, and Stephen Martin**. Michael Boyer had just chopped down a Cherry tree, and has quite a few green Cherry logs available for the asking.

The Yankee Symposium: Jeff Mee asked for comments from those who attended this event. Mike Murray commented on the work of Jimmy Clews who turned oriental boxes at 2800 RPM. He also learned that in turning threads on wooden boxes, you must use the same speed when turning both male and female threads.

Rich Lemieux spoke about an interesting jig that Mark St. Leger used to hold very small turnings in a four jaw chuck. Rich sent me an e-mail promising that he will bring his adaptation of this jig to the July meeting for all to see. Rich also said that St. Leger used an insert for off-center turning. If he successfully masters that insert, he will bring that also.

Wayne Collins thought that Escoulen was very funny as well as very fast. (All who have seen him turning in the past will attest to that). Wayne also said that Escoulen was not afraid to tell exactly what he was doing, accurately. He kept things going very fast while working on three little projects. He made fun of the wood he was using, referring to it as “sheet” wood rather than sh#t wood, when it was actually teak wood. He was so funny that he had everyone rolling around laughing.

There was a discussion about the whereabouts of the club’s mini lathe. Wayne Collins explained that the Ocean Woodturners donated a lathe to his woodturning middle school group, but it was a full-sized lathe, not a mini lathe. It was also suggested that perhaps Angelo Iafrate might have the club’s mini lathe. After writing this part of the newsletter, I e-mailed Angelo and he replied back, “Yes I have the club lathe. It is in my garage waiting for one of our members to pick it up. The fellow that has it on reserve has been promising to pick it up for months now. If any other club member would like to use it, it is available.”

Fred Parker, our hard working librarian, passed out to the members, a couple of sheets with possible DVD’s. He wanted input from the membership before ordering more.

We are still looking for volunteers for the Melvyn Firmager Demonstration. We want members to arrive before 9:00 AM on July 7th so that everyone present can assist in setting up for the Demo. Larry Dunklee and Anthony Scuncio volunteered to handle the purchase of food and drinks for our lunch. Larry will also bring his shop vac for cleaning up after the demonstration. I will be sending out another request to all area woodturning groups to

contact their membership again as a final reminder to attend this demo. We need a good turnout to break even on this event.

Treasurer, Bob Hopkins, asked if there was any interest in our membership for the purchase of Ocean Woodturners shirts. There appeared to be moderate interest.

The club financial balance as of the June, 2007 meeting was \$1628.08

Demonstration

Jeff Mee led the discussion on how to make a decision on which lathe to buy for yourself. To begin the selection process, size your lathe to the size of the pieces you intend to turn. Naturally, if you plan to specialize in turning pens, you should be thinking about purchasing a mini lathe.

Whenever possible, try other people's lathes to see what fits your needs. Members of our club are always ready to allow new members to try using their lathes.

For larger work, Powermatic has the horsepower to turn the 20 inch bowls quite easily.

Mickey Goodman suggested that at most symposiums, manufacturers of lathes are present, so you can see many different lathes and compare them with one another.

Mike Murray made the comment that many Jet lathes are underpowered and the motor is in the way for some operations.

Another tip that a member suggested is to always have your tools sharp in order to limit or eliminate "catches".

Delta produced a good lathe when they were made in Taiwan, but they went downhill when they switched to getting them made in China. Now you often get lathe beds that are not true and level.

Melvyn Firmager Demonstration

Saturday, July 7, 2007

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

North Kingstown Free Library

\$ 30 per person-- a real bargain

for a great international turner.

Let's have a tremendous turnout

We need to break even on this event !!

**All who have turnings at the North
Kingstown Library can pick them up
at the Firmager Demonstration**

Show and Tell



Ron Bachand holding his laminated vase



Bernie Feinerman holding his ring holder



Chuck Dawson and his Arctic Willow bowl



Rick Sousa and his Black Ash burl bowl

Next meeting

Thursday, July 19, 2007 7:00 PM

Woodcraft 1000 Division St.

East Greenwich, RI

Demonstration

**We will be discussing the various chucks
and methods of chucking on lathes.**