



WEST TENNESSEE WOODTURNERS



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CRAIG JACKSON MAKES EWT'S LOOK... WELL, EASY



Craig Jackson, owner of Easy Wood Tools (EWT) gave a very interesting demonstration of EWT's entire tool line at the club's January meeting. He explained each of the tools and their uses (there are now three or four variations of the "Rougher", "Finisher", "Detailer" and their latest addition, the "Hollower"). Craig is proud of his tools and does not hesitate to tout their increasing role in the woodturner arsenal, but he was careful to make his demonstration more than just a sales pitch. He did so by making many good points about woodturn-

ing tools and techniques in general and in the process produced a very nice bowl and goblet which he donated to the club raffle. He also generously donated one of his Easy Roughers to the raffle.

Craig and his family have recently moved their home and growing business from Owensboro, Kentucky to Lexington, Kentucky where they have a greatly expanded manufacturing facility.



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IT'S MY TURN...

BY BOB HOBBS

As you may know from earlier discussions, our local chapter is sponsoring a "Mentoring Program". This program is designed to help new turners (or former turners who have gotten "rusty") develop the skills necessary to enjoy woodturning. This will include help with lathes, tools, wood preparation, time saving tips, and much more.

Norm Fowler has agreed to be the leader of this Mentoring Program and Chuck Jones, Nick Matos, and Bob Hobbs have volunteered to help him.

These mentoring sessions will take place after our normal meeting on the second Saturday of each month. They will be held at Cecil Cravens' shop (where our regular meetings are held) or at one of the mentors' shop.

As we have stated before, all mentors and "mentorees" must be members in good standing of our club as well as members of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW) due to insurance and liability issues.

These one-on-one classes are offered at no charge because we are happy to share what we have learned over the years. It will make us all better turners and strengthen our club in the process. **NO TURNER LEFT BEHIND!**

MINUTES OF MEETING JANUARY 8, 2011

Meeting called to order by President Bob Hobbs.

Guests and new members were introduced.

There were twenty members and five guests present.

Bob announce that there would be more about the mentoring program in the February newsletter. Bob, Nick Matos, Norm Fowler, and Chuck Jones have all volunteered to help with the program and make their shops available for use.

It was noted that the last few raffles have been short on items. Everyone was reminded that the raffle is the primary means of building up funds to support the club.

The Treasurer, Bill Smith gave a financial report.

There were some suggestions made for better ways to handle gifts at the Christmas Party. After a brief discussion it was decided to table that issue until later in the year to avoid delaying the demonstrator, who had another commitment following our meeting.

Bob introduced the demonstrator, Craig Jackson of Easy Wood Tools.

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Charles Bartels — Charles lives in Humboldt and has visited the club on several occasions.

Rick Lasita — Rick recently retired from Proctor and Gamble. He has been woodworking for many years. He and his wife Kathy live in Humboldt.

PLAY BALL! — ANOTHER MATOS CHALLENGE

Remember to bring your entry for the second Nick Matos challenge to the February meeting.

The challenge is to make a perfectly round wood sphere, or ball. It must be 3 1/2" in diameter (+ or - 1/8"). It can be made from any species of wood.

Nick has promised he will not enter the contest and will be the chief judge, along with whoever else is available that does not have a vested interest in the outcome. The prize will be one of Nick's small, handmade scrapers.

See page two for the winner of last months challenge.

I GOOFED!

There is no identifying information with the photos this month. I usually make a duplicate of the originals that Jerry Dawson sends me so that I can crop and resize them to fit into the newsletter. I failed to save the original copies this time so I was not able to go back and get the information. By the time I realized this mistake it was too late to get another copy from Jerry without delaying the newsletter. In the future I will try to remember to collect the cards after the photos have been taken. So please help by leaving your information cards on the table... and you might help by reminding me to take them.

—Chuck Jones

—Bulletin Board—

Handmade Tools

Nick Matos builds a variety of small handmade tools using O1 tool steel. They are priced at \$25-30 including a hardwood handle. You can see examples in this month's "Instant Gallery" photo section. If you are interested contact Nick at 731-584-5970.

For Sale—Vega 1596 Lathe

I have a lathe that some of the members might be interested in. I bought it along with other woodworking equipment from a furniture factory auction. It is a Vega model 1596 (15" swing and 96" bed. It has a two hp variable speed drive. It is listed at www.southern-tool.com @ \$3,325.50. They list it as Vega 60641T. It looks almost new. \$1,000.00 firm.

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Custom Built Tools

I am offering my custom made carbide tools for \$120.00 each. I have just developed the Ultimate Hollowing Tool by Smithbuilt Tool Co. I will post pics of both soon. The hollowing tool works great and is available for \$170.00 each. Sorry all orders must be prepaid as I engrave your name and ser. # on each one.

Kirk Smith kirkpsmith@aol.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 28-20—TAW Symposium—Nashville, Tennessee

February 4-6—Florida Symposium—Eustis, Florida

February 12—Regular Meeting. Hershel Miller, Basic Woodturning

March 12—Regular Meeting. Keith Burns, Hollowing Through 1/2" Opening

April 9—Regular Meeting. Larry Sefton, Building a Woodburner (Tentative)

May 7—Regular Meeting. Skip Wilbur, (Tentative)

June 24-26—AAW 25 Anniversary Symposium—Saint Paul, Minnesota

JANUARY CHALLENGE WINNER

Chuck Jones was the winner of last month's Matos challenge. The prize was a very nice handmade scraper with a finished handle. The challenge was to make a plate or platter from a piece of lumber yard 2"x6"x6" (nominal) pine with at least one knot.

When Chuck was asked what he thought of the challenge his comment was that he had enjoyed making the plate and learned a lot doing it. He said the main thing he learned was that pine 2x6's were intended for structural material for building houses and such, not for turning.

The judges had a very tough decision. They deliberated long and hard and there is some speculation that in the end they put the names of the entrants in a hat and picked one at random.



INSTANT GALLERY

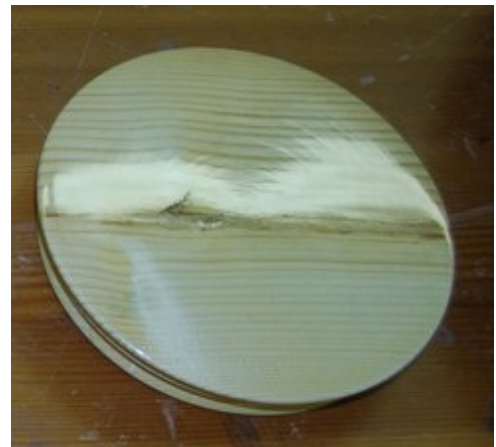


INSTANT GALLERY—CONTINUED



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CHALLENGE ENTRIES



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CRAIG JACKSON DEMO

