

The CNEW Skew

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Next Meeting Details	
Topic: Tentatively, Tool Making or Oval Boxes	
Speaker: ?	
Date: January 3, 2008	

Presidents Message. *Charlie Croteau*

A fine time was had by one and all at the clubs Annual Christmas meeting. As usual there was far more food than we could eat. I did my part working on the shrimp, kielbasa, macaroni, bean dip and the sweat sausages. Yum, yum, yum... I didn't do much damage to all the delightful desserts. Thank you to everyone who brought something and everyone who helped out like Al's wife. I guess if we all do a little, we'll all have plenty. That about sums up the spirit of our great club.

A hearty thank you to our out going president Al. As the new guy on the block I hope to follow in Al's footsteps and keep the business meeting short so we can have more time for Show and Tell as well as our demonstrators.

Hopefully this year I will bring a different element to our club. Field trips! Yes, I figure it might be fun to visit some of the shops I sneak into now and again. Here is what I have planed as possible trips so far. The Hardwick Kilns, Shawn Roberts Woodworking Mill, a visit to a CNC Lathe, an old mill towards Boston that makes oval frames on a lathe, maybe even Norton's if security doesn't object.

Time for me to make some shavings so Santa can complete his list.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in the new year.

Editorial. *Rick Angus*

For most of us, the newsletter is the first line of club activity communications (but don't forget our website). My thanks to Graeme for his policy improvements and hard work putting-out the newsletter last year. I invite everyone to contribute an article or a few comments to the newsletter; if everyone contribute one thing this year, the NL will be packed with great information..



Outgoing President Al Faul (left) and Incoming President Charlie Croteau discuss who got the better deal.

Minutes of CNEW meeting 12/06/2007 *Tim Elliott*

As usual, Al asked any guests/visitors to identify themselves. Nobody raised his or her hand. There seemed to be many member spouses in attendance. The main point of business was to conduct elections.

Nobody stepped forward to be External VP. We would like to fill this position at the next meeting before the Woodworks show in January. Please consider volunteering.

Many thanks to our outgoing 2007 officers, some of whom have served many years.

Lisa Boutotte showed a box of blocks made by a local (general) woodworking club for donation to local kids.

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Project Goodwill	Charlie Croteau	

They appeared to be unfinished wood scraps with the edges sanded over for safety. Lisa said the kids were thrilled with these simple toys and asked if CNEW members would be willing to make similar sets. Several members volunteered. If you would like to contribute, please bring any blocks you make to a CNEW meeting to be pooled and divided into sets. Lisa will make cloth bags to hold each set.

CNEW will again have a booth at the Woodworks show at "the big E" grounds near Springfield. The dates for this event are January 11-13 2008.

Al Czellec has a very large lathe available. It has a ten foot bed length, 3 horsepower motor, and 22" capacity over the bed. It weighs in the vicinity of 2500 pounds. He is offering this free to anyone who can arrange to pick it up.

CNEW member John Styspek is in the hospital. Many of us signed a card for him.

Dues for 2008 are payable any time. Cost is \$20 for newsletter via e-mail, \$25 if you want a paper newsletter via US mail.

Our 2007 president Al Faul passed the gavel to 2008 president Charlie Croteau. Charlie had a surprise wood-identification challenge. He passed out a brown wood sample with an unusual smell that nobody was able to ID. In the end, he had to tell us: it was "roasted maple", a new manufactured product intended to compete with walnut. Very tricky, Charlie.

Tonight's program: Annual pot-luck and gift swap.

Internal VP plans for 2008 *Dave Eaton*

- Continue to develop and maintain the video library while increasing its user friendliness. Let's get our members interested in it. Let's get our loaned items back or the extra dough!
- "Freshen up" the book library. Some titles are not highly useful. Perhaps we'll auction them off.
- Review the store with Ray and determine the members needs. Maybe add additional items like Anchor Seal, drill sanding mandrels, pen kits, etc.
- Have at least one "brand name" turner in for a demo night.
- Get perhaps 3 local area well known turners in for meeting night demo's
- Promote the Open Turning sessions before meetings, perhaps using a theme or club challenge approach
- Promote Project Goodwill with Charlie, perhaps we'll have a member recognition plaque or challenge or webpage dedicated to the members and their donations. Same for Gene Spadi and the Freedom Pen Project.
- Work on getting our TV and Video system in good working order so it is more useful for demo's
- Manage a good Wood Swap program with Gene Spadi's assistance. Aim is at having an ample supply of healthy, appropriate wood each month.
- Help new turners get hooked up successfully with a mentor. Promote the Mentor program to be more active. This may also take form of more informal "Shop Meetings". Such as where one member offers their shop on a date and time and one to four turners visit their place to turn and talk. Sharing our skills helps us learn.
- Get the names and faces page on the website up to date—Hopefully a step to increase inter-member communication and fellowship.
- Perhaps run a fund raiser for the club to beef up the coffers. Maybe in the form of donated items sold to the public or internal raffle? Extra cash is useful for demo's and equipment (lathe, accys, videos, cameras, etc.)
- Recruit new members and motivate other members to do the same.

Show & Tell

Very sparse this month; the gift swap seems to have mostly displaced it.



Large ash bowl by Dominic Leroux



Lighthouse made by Al Faul



Ray Boutotte Cherry bowl with pyrography by Lisa

Turned Gift Grab Bag Pictures:

In keeping with club tradition, club members blindly exchanged small turned items, grab-bag style. Participating members prepared an exquisite turning as a gift, wrapped it in a brown bag affixed with a string and placed it in a large ornate vessel. Numbers were drawn a random and members then grabbed a string and reeled-in their gift. Some pictures of the festivities follow:



Al Faul Displaying Ornament made by Jim Metcalf



Walnut/Maple Bowl made by Steve Resnek; drawn by Tim Elliott



Dave Eaton—excited even before opening his gift...



Mike Peters early in the opening process



Will Hunt's ornament was chosen by Gene Spadi



Joe Harby ready to use his new round skew made by Dave Eaton



... A bowl made by Stan Felton



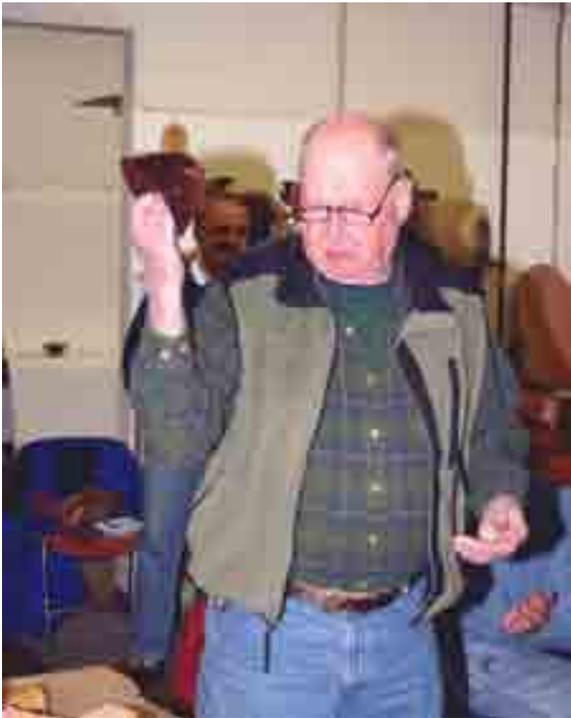
Ray Boutotte (wearing a wooden hat that he made with Johannes Michelsen) holding oil lamp made by



Tim Elliott received a fine Walnut and Maple bowl by Steve Resnek



Micky Goodman seemingly amazed by a vase by Tim Elliott



Will Hunt holding his grab; a walnut bowl made by Rick Angus



A Mike Peters Bowl—I'd know that rim from a mile away



Charlie Croteau admiring the club kaleidoscope

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Would you like to demonstrate at a meeting? Yes/No If so, what topics do you offer? _____
