



Established 1987

First Woodturning Club in New England

Next Meeting

February 4, 2016

5:00 PM

Learn N Turn 5:00 PM

TBD

Demonstration

Rick Angus

Turning Bowls

Tips & Tricks

President's Message



More random thoughts.

Special thanks to Virgil, Richard, Art, Mike, Roger, Frank, Eric, Reid, Paul, Rick, Michael, Steve, Giller-mo, Pattie, Russ, and Charlie for volunteering to cover the show at the Big E! It is great to have so many folks step up to represent the club.

February (or March, April, May,...) is Open Shops Month. Give it a try.

A friend showed me a tool that is simple to make and sharpens round scrapers and those small round carbon cutters. I'll have to make one before I forget how to do it.

In order to save my back I am considering getting a used engine hoist to lift the wood onto the lathe. Has anyone ever tried this? Does anyone have an old engine hoist just laying around and taking up space?

Watched a Jimmy Clews video made at a demo for a Maryland club. He finished the turning with automobile rubbing compound, polish, and car wax. I gave it a try and it worked very well. Maybe I will try it on my truck come spring.

Special thanks to Dominic for the improvements to the website. I tried sending a bulk email and was twice denied. The senders email address is CASE SENSITIVE, remember that.

I like Pattie's idea of making bottle stoppers with removable tops so the bottle may be returned to the refrigerator. I've never returned a bottle of wine to the refrigerator.

If you regularly use a tool for power sanding occasionally blow out as much of the dust from inside it as possible. I learned this the hard way when I toasted the bearings on my Sioux angle drill. Sioux no longer makes the drill and when they shut down production for it they reportedly threw out all of the gears and bearings in their supply hence, no replacement parts. That sucks.

I think its time for a new club picture of me. I no longer have hair.

My wife reminded me last night that we saw David Bowie in The Elephant Man in New York in 1980. I had forgotten all about it. I wonder what else I have forgotten.

Stay well, *Joe*

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Minutes January 7, 2016 Meeting

Art Bodwell, Secretary

Attendance approximately 35. visitors 4

President: Motion approved to spend approximately \$425 for yearly club insurance
Executive Committee will meet to discuss and access how the club will develop and survive going forward and report back to the membership.

Treasurer: Year end balance—\$5,245.55

External VP: Club has purchased a new Nikon Midi Lathe
Springfield Woodworking Show— weekend of January 22-24. Sign up list circulated for volunteers to work show.

February is Open Shop month. List of open shops will be circulated as they become known. Discussion about open shops happening anytime during the year.

Mike Smith and Peter Wilcox will do a demonstration at Tahanto Regional HS Feb 12.

Learn N Turn: Volunteers needed to conduct learn and turn for each month. Contact Richard Hunt.

Internal VP: Mike Mahoney for April. Reid is looking into availability for 2017 and 2018.

Outside Demo Coord: Rick Angus has assumed this position.

Free Wheel Chair Mission: Charley congratulated club on 10 years of donations to the mission.
To date the mission has given away over 900,000 wheel chairs to those most in need around the world. \$1.7 million was raised in the most recent auction in July.

Newsletter: Reminder to submit articles for inclusion in the newsletter.

Learn N Turn Notes from the Coordinator

Learn N Turn has traditionally been directed towards the beginner, but perhaps it is time we also cater to the intermediate turner. We now have a new RIKON midi-lathe, and relatively new 4 jaw chucks. We should be able to make some more slightly sophisticated wood turned objects on this lathe, while at the same time use the old JET mini-lathe for smaller simpler wood turned items for the beginner. As the Learn N Turn Calendar indicates **half of our meeting dates for 2016 have no Learn N Turn projects** anticipated. I usually can do Awls, and Coffee Scoops, and small Cups at some point in the calendar year, but we need more Learn N Turn projects by folks with some imagination. For example Roger Boisvert gave an interesting demo on Wood Turned Angels at the Springfield wood show on the Friday of the show. A preliminary planning document developed by the Executive Board under the leadership of Dominic Ryan pointed out the need for skill development for intermediate turners, those between beginners and experts. Learn N Turn might be able to fill this need at least until a new program might be developed. So, ***let's get some new projects and turners in Learn N Turn, and fill in the calendar!***

Richard G Hunt

Note: The learn N turn schedule will be posted in the next news letter, with all our new participants!!

Product Review:

Lenox Flex Carbon Steel Bandsaw Blades

From : bandsawbladesdirect.com

Cutting logs or dirty wood can dull a band saw blade very fast and using a dull band saw blade is very dangerous. With that said I have forced wood through dull worn out blades because I simply did not want to put a \$40 blade on my band saw only to get it dull again.

I have a Rikon 18 inch band saw that takes a 142 inch blade. After searching the interweb I found a solution to my problem, Lenox Flex Back Carbon steel Band Saw Blades from bandsawbladesdirect.com. They sell blades cut and welded to any length. I was able to purchase 5 carbon steel blades, 1/4, 3/8, 1/2, 3/4 and 1 inch wide for \$104 with free shipping. You need to spend 100 dollars to get the free shipping. A Timber Wolf Band saw blade will start at \$42 and go up from there.



The blades are extremely sharp and I was amazed at how easy it was to cut the next bowl blank. Now that I have a reliable source for high quality inexpensive band saw blades I am more likely to change out the blade before it becomes dangerous. I will let you know in a couple of months if I needed to change the blade.

Michael Peters

Totally Turning 2016

Saturday & Sunday, April 2nd & 3rd, 2016

Saratoga Springs City Center, Saratoga Springs, NY

Our 2016 Featured Presenters will be

Stuart Batty, Glen Lucas, Hans Weissflog, Jimmy Clewes, Binh Pho, Steve Sinner, Derek Weidman, Kurt Hertzog, and Linda Ferber

<http://www.totallyturning.com>

Show & Tell



Guillermo Madico



Guillermo Madico



Joe McGill



Kevin Nee



Larry Zwicker



Mike Smith



Kevin Nee



Michael Peters



Mike Smith



Reid Gilmore



Michael Peters



Mike Smith



Reid Gilmore



Joe McGill & Mike Smith



Steve Mitileman



Reid Gilmore



Steve Mitileman



Richard Hunt

Unique Bottle Stoppers

Patti Bilotti



A Review of Lyle Jamieson's Hollowing System

I recently had the pleasure of purchasing a Jamieson hollowing system. I chose this system after viewing a number of Lyle's YouTube videos and reading reviews and comparisons of systems on the Internet. I have had the system for about 90 days now and offer this review.

I initially contacted Lyle via email through his website and he responded by inquiring when would be a good time to talk. When we spoke Lyle questioned me about how long I had been turning, what my experience was in making hollow forms, and what lathe I used. He asked about my experience with various hollowing systems (I use a variety of John Jordan and Ellsworth hollowers) and wondered why I was considering his system. When I explained about my aching back he noted that I would probably find relief using his system since I could stand upright next to the piece, rather than at the end of the lathe, and the system would capture the torque caused by the rotational force of the cutter against the piece rather than my arms, shoulders, and back. I purchased the system with both the $\frac{3}{4}$ " and $\frac{1}{2}$ " bars.

The package arrived in a few days. It was well-packaged and included detailed assembly instructions. Both the $\frac{3}{4}$ " and $\frac{1}{2}$ " bars are drilled/machined at both ends. On one end, the cutter assembly is attached straight out from the bar and at the other end it is attached at a 45-degree angle. Lyle gives detailed instructions on the need to and process of grinding flats on the bars at both ends in order to insure that the setscrew securely holds the bar in place, allowing the cutter to be at the correct angle. The laser too comes with instructions and cautions the user to avoid cross threading when inserting the batteries.



Included with the system is a plastic sized business card on which two perpendicular lines are drawn. One line runs the length of the card, $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the edge and the other line bisects the width of the card. The lines are used to set up the laser beam, thus determining the thickness of the hollow form's walls.

Overall, I am pleased with the system. With a little practice, it was easy to use and figuring out when and how to rotate the cutters to reach different parts of the hollow form started to become second nature quickly. I am still a bit timid and have not yet pushed the limits of the laser to achieve wall thicknesses at $\frac{1}{8}$ " or less but I am working on it!

Within a few hours of using the laser the light began to occasionally get dim and went off a couple of times. I dropped Lyle an email and he responded that he was on the road but would be home the following day. He asked when would be good to call. He called exactly at the agreed upon time. I explained the issue

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The new batteries did the trick.

Critique:

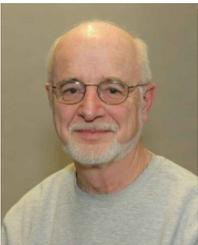
The way I figure it is that if Lyle is going through the process of boring holes to hold the cutter assembly, why not grind the flats on the bars also? In hindsight I would not have gotten the ½” bar and could have simply used my Jordan bars since they easily attach to the system. Right now the ¾” bar allows one to hollow to a depth of about a foot but I am thinking of making a bar 1” thick to allow me to go deeper. The system’s bar capture unit is strong and stable but the bolt used to set its height is a little small and could be beefed up. Also the fit between the base and the capture bar is a bit sloppy but I guess it makes little difference since once it is set up for the size of the lathe there is no need to adjust it again.

I really like this system. It works as intended and is well constructed. Lyle’s YouTube videos are well made and serve as good tutorials. It does not add to my back pain and can work on a piece for a good while and still make it back up the stairs. I have tried sitting on a stool and working the system and, with time, imagine that I will do a lot of hollowing while sitting. While expensive to me, at least, it was worth the money. If anyone wants to give it a go just let me know and we can set up a time for you to come over.

Joe McGill

2016 Club Demonstration Schedule

February	Rick Angus	Basic Bowl Turning-Tips & Tricks
March	Reid Gilmore	Natural Edge Weed Post and Pencil Jars
April	Mike Mahoney	
May	Frank White	Carving & Texturing
June		
July		
August		Turning Extravaganza
September	Eric Holmquist	Thread Chasing
October		
November		
December		Turning Extravaganza



Our own **Frank White** is featured in a 10 minute video on the AAW website. Go to the following link-

<http://www.woodturner.org/?page=VideoHollowoods>

Check it out

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Membership

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c/o Todd Heino, 148 Howe St, Natick, MA 01760

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Annual dues: \$40 including e-mail delivery of newsletter

Name: _____

Please check appropriately below

Street: _____

New Member

City: _____

Returning Member

State: _____ & Zip: _____

e-Mail Newsletter (\$40.00)

e-Mail: _____

Please let us know of your interests:

How long have you been turning? _____

What programs would you like to see at meetings? _____

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