



Newsletter September 2015

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August's Club Meeting

The club met on August 6, 2015 at 1773 Warm Spring Rd. Chambersburg, PA, 17202. The social began at 6:30pm., and the meeting started at 7:00pm.

There were two demos for the night. First up was Jim Stottlemeyer discussing the installation of a safety switch, followed by Bob Robinson turning a glass stem.

Demos

Jim discussed reasons for adding a switch, mostly it is a safety item. With many lathes, you need to reach through a zone that most debris would go if your part exploded or came loose from the chuck. I want to be able to turn the lathe off at the first sign of trouble without putting my arm or, worse yet, my neck in danger. We had a brief overview of switches and wiring. Several working switches were displayed starting with the factory switch. The simplest addition is a foot switch. This was added and demonstrated. Next, an additional switch was added to the circuit. It was a locking push-button switch that could be mounted anywhere. This push-button switch is very similar to the one added to the club lathe. Finally we discussed magnetic switches. This is by far the best option for most machinery. Cost can be an issue, but used ones are available to club members at a very reasonable price, \$600-\$800 dollars less than if purchased new.

This type of switch has thermal protection sized to your machine, easy remote additions and requires a restart anytime the power fails. All the variations were demonstrated, and finally a shop made leg switch was shown. This switch extends along the length of the lathe and only requires a bump to stop it. We had some good questions afterwards and favorable comments. I am not sure how many members went home and modified their lathes but some probably did.

Bob demonstrated making stems for wine glasses. He gets his glass from Craft Supply. Turning is fairly straight forward, drilling the hole early allows additional support from the tail stock. One critical area is the fit between the wood and the flare of the glass. This should be seamless. It is best to do the final cuts in this area last, so as to leave adequate support for the tail stock center. A tight fit will look good and keep water from getting to the wood. A water-proof and taste free finish is critical. The stems are attached to the glass with a RTV type adhesive. You should see adhesive pushed out at the wood to

Please don't forget to check-out the club's web site.

<http://www.cumberlandvalleywoodturners.com/>

***The club's website** has a lot of good information for your viewing pleasure. Please take time to check it out. If you have something you would like to post on the site, send your request to Ruth Niles. ruthniles@gmail.com

***The library** is for your use, please take advantage of it. If you're not sure what we have to offer, you can check our website, or talk to Joe Wertner. If you have some videos, or other material that you would like to loan or donate to the library, that would be appreciated as well.

"Tool Sign Out" is available for our members. This is a way to try out some tools that you don't have.

***The newsletter** is here for you. If you would like to post something to share with others, please send your information to: bmconthego@comcast.net

***Wood Sale** - Members have the opportunity to purchase wood at the club meetings. See Rod Stabler.

***Hats and Shirts** - Hats and shirts are still available. The cost is \$12.00 for a hat, and \$30.00 for a shirt. See Jim Stottlemeyer.

glass joint. Clean this up later with a razor blade. This was a popular demo with good interaction between Bob and the audience.

Demos article courtesy of Jim Stottlemeyer

Show and Tell

Our challenges are geared to take our members out of their comfort zone by having them turn a designated item, or perform a certain task. ***The challenge for August was to bring a CA finished item.***

We also enjoy projects that members are willing to share with the club. This gives other members ideas on what they may want to turn.

Turnings are photographed at the club meetings, and are usually posted on the club's website for all to see. ***To see these and other great turnings please [click here](#).***

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Raffle Tickets

The club will be selling raffle tickets. The main prize will be a \$450.00 gift certificate. The tickets will be sold for \$5.00 a piece, or five for \$20.00. The drawing will be held at the annual Christmas party.

Toys

Once again we would like to collect toys for underprivileged children in the area so they will have a Christmas gift this year. Lloyd Benedict is once again heading up the collection, and delivery of the toys. Your challenge is to make some toys for him to deliver.

Shop Tour

There was a shop tour on August 15, 2015 at Fred Eklund's shop located at 4230 Basford Rd., Frederick MD 21701. Fred is the Vice President of the Mid-Maryland Woodturners Club in Frederick MD. This was a combined tour with members of the Mid-Maryland Woodturners Club, and members from the Cumberland Valley Woodturners Club.

Tips

Joe Wertner will be sharing tips and techniques at our September meeting. Joe has done this in past, and a lot of great ideas had come from Joe, as well as other club members. If you have some tips to share, please let Joe Wertner know.

Safety

Important safety tip. If you use the flexible extension tips for super glue (the ones John sells), be careful how you clean them. They will last longer if you purge the glue after use. Just remember NOT to pull them off and blow through them with your mouth. At least if you plan to eat or talk in the near future.

Courtesy of Jim Stottlemeyer

Road Trip

We have another road trip coming up on September 22, 2015 to Grizzly Industrial in Muncy, PA. If you have never been to the store, plan to be amazed at all the tools and equipment. Jim Stottlemeyer will be heading up the trip, so if you're interested please contact him as soon as possible. Once Jim knows how many folks are going, he will contact you with the car pool information. Jim can be reached at 717-762-8488.

Officer's Meeting

The next officer's meeting will be September 21, 2015 at 1200. The location will be at Bollinger's Restaurant, 210 North Church Street, Thurmont, Maryland 21788. All are encouraged to attend.

Next Club Meeting

- September 3, 2015
- Challenge is to turn a glass stem.
- Demo – Shop and Turning Tips by Joe Wertner