



# Newsletter September 2016

We are a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW)

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## **August's Club Meeting**

The club met on August 4, 2016 at 1773 Warm Spring Rd. Chambersburg, PA, 17202. The social began at 6:30pm., and the meeting started at 7:00pm.

The president opened the meeting with a few announcements that have been incorporated throughout the newsletter.

In place of a demonstration for the night, we had a club auction and sale. Some members had purchased a table to sell their goods, offering members the opportunity to purchase items at a fair price.

“Big Thanks” for the folks that donated items for the auction, and for those who purchased items at the auction and sale.

## **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. ***There was not a challenge for the meeting in August.***

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.](#)***

**The challenge for September is turning with embellishment.**

## **Upcoming Events**

Lancaster- 24-25 September – [www.mawts.com/about-page/](http://www.mawts.com/about-page/)

## **Shop Tour**

There was a shop tour at Bob Robinson's shop on August 13, 2016. Smaller crowd than normal, but those in attendance had a good morning exploring Bob's shop.

## **Officer's Meeting**

The next officer's meeting will be September 26, 2016 at 1200. The location will be at Brothers Pizza restaurant in Greencastle, PA. All members are welcome, and encouraged to attend.

## Win-one, Turn-one

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

<http://www.cumberlandvalleywoodturners.com>

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**\*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 <mailto:secretary@cumberlandvalleywoodturners.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"** - We still have hats at \$12.00 ea. and shirts at \$30.00 ea. See Jim Stottlemeyer if you're interested.



Carson Benedict was the big winner of the Win-one, Turn-one for the night. Nelson Zullinger presented him with a bowl that he turned, and a blank for Carson to be creative with while turning something for next month's Win-one, Turn-one.

## Club Picnic

The date for our annual picnic is Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 12pm. Bob and Esther Robinson will be hosting the event at their home, located at 585 Friends Creek Trail, Fairfield PA 17320. (Please note that you will be driving through a creek to get to their house.) They will provide the meat, and will ask members to bring a dish to share. Please give Bob a call at 717-642-6131 to confirm whether you will be able to make it or not, and in return he'll let you know what type of dish to bring. Please notify him as soon as possible, the deadline is September 10<sup>th</sup>. This gives time to prepare for the event.

## Raffle Donations

The raffle that is held at each meeting helps the club maintain the funds needed to purchase refreshments for club meetings. This year we have had a lot of items to raffle, mainly due to the large amount of items that Rod Stabler had donated to the club. Rod's stock of goodies are running out, so we are reaching out to the club for raffle donations. If you can donate items please bring them to the meeting.

## **Christmas Toys** – *courtesy of Jim Stottlemyer*

Yes, Christmas is fast approaching. Once again Lloyd Benedict has graciously agreed to head up our Christmas toy project. This year Rod Stabler has also volunteered to help. I am sure these two will guarantee that this year is another successful one. The toys our members make and donate are distributed to underprivileged children in the Fayetteville PA area. Some of these kids have little else to look forward to at Christmastime so our efforts are greatly appreciated.

One of the joys of woodworking, and in our case woodturning, is seeing the smile on the face of someone who receives a piece we made. When that person is a child it is even better. Although I have not personally seen the reaction of these children I am certain that those who get a toy from our club are genuinely grateful.

This year we have been asked by the organizers to try to provide more toys for girls. Lloyd and Rod have come up with some great ideas. Some specifically targeted towards girls, some for either boys or girls, and some that probably appeal more to boys. Some of their ideas are cradles, toolboxes, mirrors, bracelets etc. As always anything we provide finds a good home so use your imagination.

As far as I know there are few requirements for the toys we make. Finishes should be food safe. They can be turned but that is not necessary. Avoid any sharp edges that could cut someone. The target age is from 5 to 11.

Just remember that these are toys! I am not advocating sloppy work by any means but the kids will not appreciate the finish sanded to 6000 grit and 10 coats of lacquer (yes it is food safe). This might be hard for some of us. Keep in mind that these toy will be dropped, thrown, chewed on, kicked, etc. So save the time spent on the hand cut dovetails and perfect friction fit lids and use it to make another toy.

September's meeting will have more details and the demo is making a tic-tac-toe box. So please come to the meeting. Learn how to make a tic-tac-toe box and get ideas for other toys. Making and giving a toy gives you as much joy as the person that gets it.

## **When Accuracy Counts** – *courtesy of Jim Stottlemyer*

Most of our turnings, although they might be beautiful, do not require extreme accuracy. There are exceptions to this rule. If you have ever made split turnings, inside-out tunings or segmented work you soon realize how important it is to accurately center your turning. The Tic-Tac-Toe boxes we are making at the next meeting also fall into this category.

This is one case where it is helpful to use tools normally associated with another woodworking discipline, namely cabinet making. The tool I am referring to is a marking knife. Marking knives normally have only one side of the blade beveled. The flat side can easily follow a straight edge without wandering. This tool allows you to make very precise lines free from the width of a pencil mark. The incised line also provides a good register for your punch or awl to locate a center point.

These tools can be bought or easily made. The one pictured was made from a damaged pair of scissors.



## Next Club Meeting

- September 1, 2016
- Demonstration, Tic-Tac-Toe box, presented by Rod Stabler and Jim Stottlemeyer
- Challenge is turning with embellishment