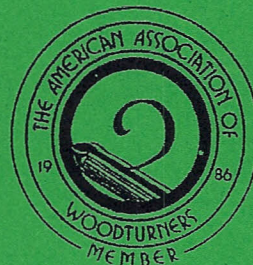


**SOUTH PLAINS
WOODTURNERS**



LUBBOCK, TEXAS



South Plains Woodturners

Chartered by the American Association of Woodturners (AAW)

Affiliated with Southwest Association of Turners (SWAT)

SPW MEETING

Dec 1, 2007

TIME 10:00 am –12:00 noon

WOOD SHOP AT TARGET SHEETMETAL

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From the President

Here it is already the holiday season at the end of the year. Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving Day and I want to remind our members that the Christmas party is coming up the 13th of Dec. If you have not already done so, plan to purchase your tickets(\$20 each) at the Dec. meeting. We must complete ticket sales at that meeting so we can have a count to give to those preparing the food. Also, if you haven't completed your turned gift, continue to work on that. We are expecting a great sharing opportunity at the party.

We had a great demonstration on segmented bowl turning at the Nov. meeting. Mike, your presentation was just full of good information, very clearly presented. You encouraged all of us to go home and put those techniques into practice. Thank you very much for the time and effort spent on the demonstration.

At the close of this 2007 year, I would like to comment concerning the leadership of the Board of Directors of the South Plains Woodturners. I am confident you all appreciate them as much as I do, however, it is appropriate to express our appreciation in our newsletter. Since the very founding, they have worked tirelessly to perpetuate the success of the club. If you are not aware most of the responsibilities of the Board members are enumerated in the officers list. The Board is continually striving to upgrade our monthly meetings by making things more comfortable for the membership. They are continually discussing ways to accommodate your needs. Well done Board, the membership appreciates you. Keep up the good work.

In closing, keep the chips flying, and we will see you at the Dec. meeting. Larry



MERRY CHRISTMAS



Demo Info

Our demo this month will be: "Goblet with Loose Captured Rings". Our demonstrator is one of our own masterturners, Tom Farrell. He always does a fantastic job and he definitely will have **HANDOUTS!** This object would make a cool holiday gift, I'm sure.

Raffle

Winners of the previous raffle are expected to bring something for the next one, but we encourage anyone, winner or not, to bring a turning to the raffle. This insures it's success and makes for a more interesting raffle. Also, more people have a chance to win something.

Why does Father Christmas go down the chimney?
Because it soots him!

Club Shirts

We are seeing more and more of you wearing club shirts and it really looks great. Charles is still taking orders for club shirts. The price for the shirt with club logo is \$30.00. Men's sizes from Xsmall to 6XL, either short or long sleeve (Tall also available). Women's sizes from small to 4XL. If you want your name on it, the name is \$8.00. See Charles to order.

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Other club meetings

Our sister club, COMANCHE TRAIL WOODTURNERS, meets the second Saturday of each month in Midland, Texas from 10:00am to 12:00 Noon. Normally they meet at George Hancock's shop at 1709 Clark Street.

The Amarillo club, PANHANDLE AREA TURNERS SOCIETY Meets The second Saturday of each month in Amarillo, Texas at 9:00am, normally At Bob Corn's shop at 7100 E. Willow Creek Road.

Parking and Entering

Please park and enter the building in the back of West side of Target Sheet Metal. Because of Liability and Insurance reasons, use of front doors other than for business reasons is prohibited. See map at end of newsletter. Signs will be outside and inside building.

What do you have in December that you don't have in any other month?
The letter "D"!

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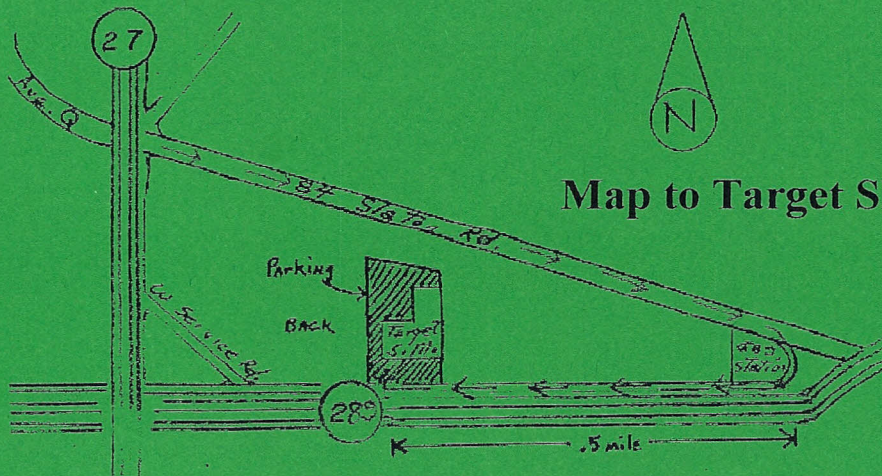
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WOODTURNING SAFETY RULES

- Wear a full-face shield at all times for protection.
- Make sure tool is on the tool rest before starting a cut.
- Always keep tool support as close to the work as possible.
- Make sure lathe is set at a safe speed before starting lathe.
- Always sharpen a new tool prior to use to ensure it performs properly.

WARNING: Failure to follow these basic rules can result in serious injury or death.

GUIDELINES FOR USING GOUGES:

Today's gouges feature long shafts and extended flutes for longer wear. However, this does not mean these gouges are designed to reach a significant distance beyond the tool rest! Reaching too far beyond the tool rest results in vibration, increases the likelihood of a serious "catch" and in some cases may result in the tool shaft or handle breaking causing serious injury. The chart on the reverse side lists gouge sizes and the recommended distance that a gouge can safely reach beyond the tool rest. Not working within these recommended distances can result in serious injury or death. "Max. Reach" indicates the maximum distance that the tool can safely reach beyond the tool rest.

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SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR USING GOUGES

"Max. Reach" indicates the maximum distance that the tool can safely reach beyond the tool rest.

BOWL GOUGES:

Gouge	Shaft Dia.	Max. Reach
1/4"	3/8"	1 1/2"
3/8"	1/2"	2 1/2"
1/2"	5/8"	3 1/2"
5/8"	3/4" or larger	4"

ROUGHING GOUGES:

Gouge Size	Max. Reach
3/4"	1 3/4"
1 1/4" or larger	1 3/4"

Roughing Gouges are for spindle use only, **NEVER** use for bowl turning as the tool may break resulting in serious injury!



SPINDLE/DETAIL GOUGES:

Gouge	Shaft Dia.	Max. Reach
1/4"	1/4"	3/4"
3/8"	3/8"	1"
1/2"	1/2"	1 3/4"
9/16"	9/16"	1 3/4"

HANDLE SIZE:

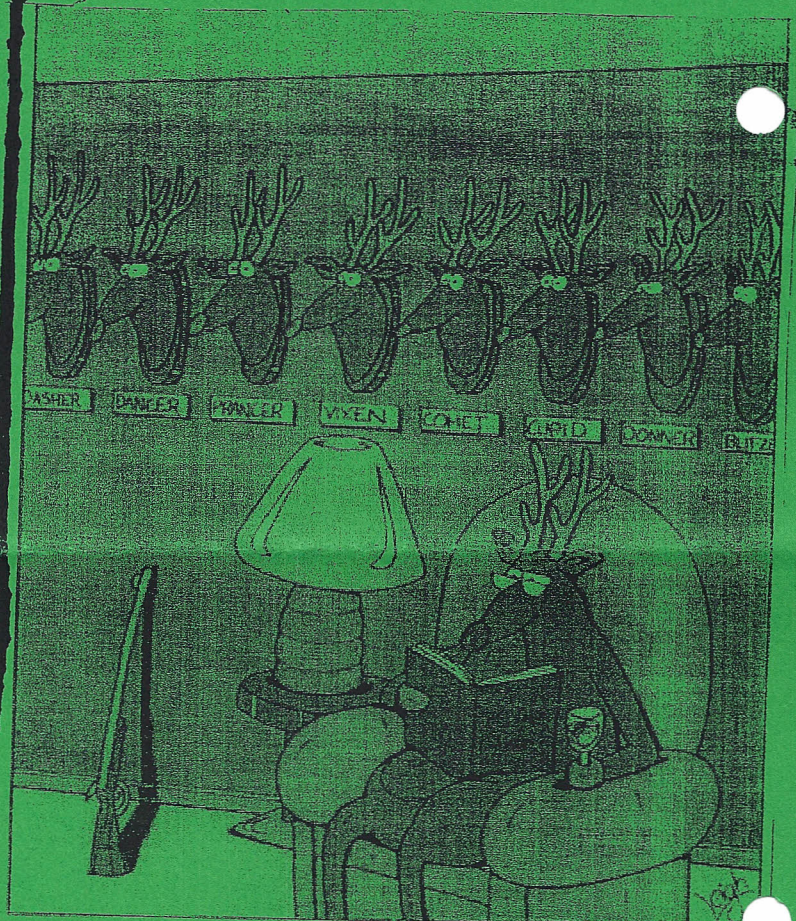
Tool handle length should be at least 5 times the maximum distance you intend to reach beyond the tool rest in order to provide the needed leverage for proper tool control. Example: For a maximum reach of 3" over the tool rest; your handle must be a minimum of 15" in length.

HOLIDAY TIP #37



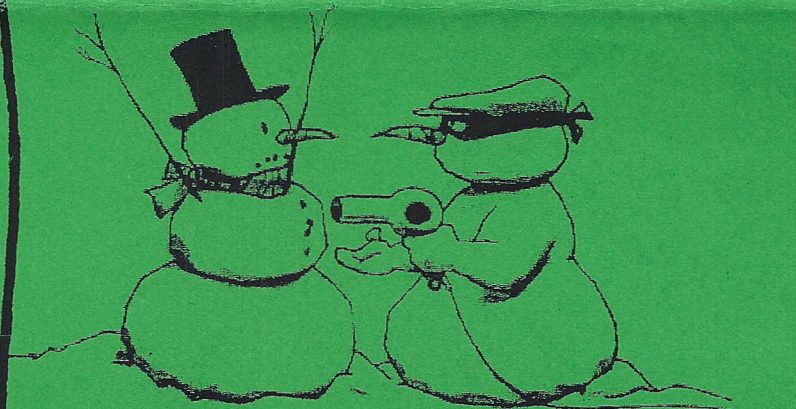
NEVER CATCH SNOWFLAKES
WITH YOUR TONGUE
UNTIL ALL THE BIRDS
HAVE GONE SOUTH
FOR THE WINTER.

I Wonder if He's Insured for This...



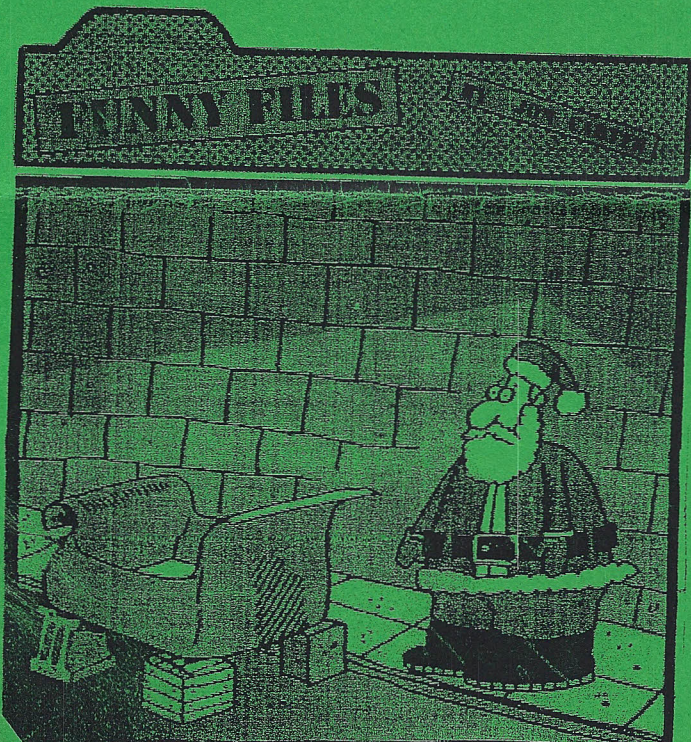
All of the other reindeer *used* to laugh
and call him names.

Give me the Scarf, and Nobody Gets Hurt...



How many chimney does Father Christmas go down ?
Stacks !

What did Adam say on the day before Christmas ?
It's Christmas, Eve !



SANTA PARKS HIS SLEIGH ON
THE ROUGH SIDE OF TOWN.

-WARNING-

Woodturning is a potentially dangerous activity. Improper use of tools and/or equipment, products or materials as well as not following recommended safety guidelines can result in serious injury or death. It is your responsibility to make sure you are properly educated in all aspects of woodturning and to follow safety guidelines and manufacturers recommendations regarding the proper use of product to ensure your safety. If you have questions regarding proper lathe operation, tool use or safety guidelines, please consult an expert.

Woodturning Safety Guidelines-

1. Safe and effective use of a wood lathe requires study and knowledge of proper machine operation, tool use and correct turning techniques. It is your responsibility to read and follow all warning labels and owners/operators manuals supplied on or with machinery, chucks, tools and other products. It is your responsibility to become properly educated in all aspects of woodturning prior to turning wood.

2. Always wear a full-face shield at all times. Shop/Safety glasses alone are not sufficient protection from flying debris.

3. Exposure to wood dust can be harmful to your respiratory system. Always use a proper dust mask or air filtration helmet in addition to adequate ventilation.

4. Always wear adequate hearing protection. Long-term exposure to noise can damage hearing.

5. Do not wear loose clothing, gloves, jewelry or any objects that may dangle as they may become entangled in the lathe. Always tie back long hair. Check your person and your surroundings for any other items that may be accidentally entangled.

6. Check your owner/operators manual for proper speed recommendations. If you cannot find recommended speeds, please seek the advice of a professional prior to operating the lathe. Use slower speeds for larger diameter or out of balance work. **NEVER** start the lathe before checking to make sure the lathe speed setting is correct for the size of work to be turned. If excess vibration or shaking occurs, stop the lathe and determine the cause before proceeding.

7. Prior to starting the lathe, rotate the work piece by hand to make sure that it clears the tool rest support and lathe bed. Also, make certain that all clamping devices are locked and that the tailstock is proper seated against the work.

8. Be sure the work piece is securely mounted and is free of imperfections or substandard glue joints that may result in the work piece separating or flying apart.

9. Make certain that the belt guard and/or control and motor covers are in place. Check to make sure all tightening handles are properly tightened.

10. Make sure that the tool is resting on the tool rest before beginning the cut. Always run the lathe at slow speeds while making roughing cuts and **NEVER** use a roughing gouge on a bowl.

11. Prior to running the lathe in reverse, make sure that necessary steps are taken to prevent the work piece and/or chuck from unscrewing itself from the lathe.

12. Always know your capabilities work within your limits. Many techniques and procedures used by professional woodturners may be beyond your abilities or skill level and can prove to be dangerous if attempted.

13. Utilize the tailstock whenever possible. This provides an added level of safety as it often times prevents the work from coming off the lathe during a mishap.

14. Always remove the tool rest before sanding and finishing. Failing to do so can result in serious injury to your hand and fingers.

15. Do not overreach! Although many of today's tools have long blades, this does not mean that they are designed to reach long distances over the rest. Overreaching can cause the blade and/or handle to break causing serious injury.

16. Keep your tools sharp and properly ground. Dull tools are dangerous as they require excessive pressure to make them cut. If you have difficulty in sharpening, seek the advice of an expert for proper training. Keep tools out of the reach of children.

17. Do not use tools for purposes for which they are not designed or intended for. Using a tool, chuck or lathe component for purposes other than what they were designed to do will likely result in an accident.

18. Properly dispose of finishing rags and unused finishes.

19. Do not leave finish containers open and keep them away from open flame.

20. Keep your work area clean and free of clutter and debris.

21. Use caution when finishing with cloth rags, they may become entangled and cause injury.

22. Inspect your lathe and equipment frequently. Check power cords, connections and do not use extension cords for providing power to your lathe.

23. Stay alert, take frequent breaks and never operate the lathe or other shop equipment when under the influence of drugs, medication or alcohol.

24. Never leave the lathe running unattended. Be certain to turn off power to the lathe when not in use.

25. Use a well-balanced stance when turning while maintaining a firm, comfortable grip on the tool.

26. Use common sense, if you're unsure, see the advice of an expert. Always take necessary safety precautions to prevent serious injury.

Safe turning practices are not limited to the recommendations listed above. It is your responsibility to become properly trained and educated prior to attempting woodturning.

