

TURNERS ANONYMOUS

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NEXT MEETING: Saturday **September 16th**

Where? Max Peterson's shop

When? 9.30 for a 10-o-clock start

Topic ? Bowl Turning

Tim Janeway will be demonstrating how he sets about choosing wood for a bowl and describing the processes he uses to determine the best orientation. He will show you how to use AL STIRT'S grain Matching Tool as shown in the sketch below. And show you how to make one of these useful gadgets for yourself. An introduction to fluting will also be given. (Max and others should note that this is not connected with the musical instrument)

A loose sheet is included with this Newsletter marked on one side with 48 divisions and the other 36; Please bring this with you to the meeting

INSTANT GALLERY

The **September** Instant Gallery theme will be "Summertime Turnings". Please bring your Favourite item turned this summer for display. Also, we may ask a few of the turners to briefly discuss their pieces.

The Instant Gallery theme for the **October** meeting will be "mistakes". So, save the remains of any of your problem turnings for display in October. We will be interested in learning the cause of the mistakes and steps taken to avoid repeats.

(Contributed by Nick Bodnar)

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The Summer Picnic

Our thanks goes out to all those involved in making the summer picnic a success. Craig Smith was responsible for organizing this event and he did fine job. Blake and Ruth Ann McCully who did most of the work, hosted the event and graciously opened their home to all of us. We had a wonderful turn-out from our club. The weather was perfect, nothing but blue sky and not too hot. Jack Brown made tops for all the kids and he demonstrated a top turning jig for those who don't own a set of small jaws. I got a chance to sit back meet a lot of spouses and turners from the Indiania club, sip on some suds and enjoy, as Blake put it, a fine piece of Colonel Wally's fried chicken. Dr. Robb Bartholomew brought with him a number of pieces of wood. He described this wood as Apple. What made this wood unusual was the long thorns that covered large sections of the bark. As with most picnics the food was plentiful and plenty good. If you missed it shame on you till next year.

(Contributed by Dave Beringer)

Totally Turning 2006

This exciting annual event will take place on Friday, Saturday and Sunday the 13th, 14th and 15th October in Albany New York. Registration fee is \$150 for no fewer than 48 interesting presentations. Contact Eric Mead for further details 518 275 0431 or emead@nycap.it.com Instant Gallery, Trade Shows, Lunches and Banquet, everything you would expect to find, and more. We expect that there will be a car pooling group from Turners Anonymous

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Editorial:

Every year that you continue your subscription to the Association you get a red card reminding you that Turning can be dangerous. Maybe some of you have retreated to an Air conditioned shop to turn wood during the hot summer days. Congratulations. Others may have taken a rest from the shop and enjoyed various outside activities. In either case it will do no harm to remind you to be careful and check safety drills BEFORE you turn that switch and check safety drills AFTER you have turned that switch.

Loose Clothing

Tool Rest not tightened sufficiently

Something going to touch the chuck or rotating wood.

Carrying on a conversation about the Steelers with a friend who dropped in.

These and many others are points you should take into consideration especially if you have been away from the lathe for some time.

Nearly Bowled over ?

Bill Groll has a daughter who loves the bowls that Bill turns. So, for the past two years she has kept an eye on an Oak Burl growing on a tree in North Park. When this tree blew down in a wind storm this summer she approached the Park Authorities and obtained permission to cut out this

(I nearly called it a monster) burl.

The problems started when we found that the trunk of the tree was resting on the bole at one end and branches at the other so that the piece we wanted was 10 feet off the ground. With help from Bill's family and friends we managed to cross cut each side and get the piece we wanted on to the ground. With the aid of a winch and old fan belts we dragged it on to a trailer and transported it to John's Sawmill. This can accommodate up to 30" diameter, so slabs had to be cut off the

3 foot x 4 foot burl with a chain saw in order to get it to a suitable size to make the first cut.

By this time Bill was beginning to think naughty thoughts towards his daughter, but when we started slicing the burl and found it solid with no voids full of ants and an interesting figure he became excited at the prospect of turning all those large, to be beautiful bowls, one of which is

obviously going to add to the daughter's collection

Art in the Park

Yes we have been invited to this event which takes place on **OCT 7-8**. That is a Saturday and a Sunday. The event is from morning till dusk each day. I will provide more info as it becomes available. We need to staff our booth for both these days and I would be willing to handle Saturday or Sunday. We need someone else to step forward and handle the other day. Please contact ASAP to let me know whether you would be willing to manage either Saturday or Sunday or just help out on one of those days I would appreciate it.

Contributed by Dave Berringer 412 655 8524

More Help Wanted

. We have been asked by the Society for Contemporary Crafts to help them with an event on Friday **OCT 6** from 10am to 2PM. It will be aiding kids in turning tops. So far Jack Brown and Ted Owen have volunteered. It would be good if we could get 1 or 2 more volunteers for this event. Please consider it and contact Dave, as above.

For Sale:

Kiln Dried Hard and Soft woods from **Steve Morovich** before or after the meeting or call him at **724 341 1980**.

Cherry, Oak, Sassafras and Walnut Boards or Turning blanks. Logs sawn to your dimensions. I have several 3" thick Walnut crotches left; air dried for three years

FREE: My Y2K Lathe. Treadle operated with laminated bow return. No electricity required, merely much energy resulting in a crowd pleasing event for any show. I think I have run out of OOOMPH for this?

Offers invited for a 1 1/2" saw shaft with bearings suitable for making a heavy bowl lathe.

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