

# TURNERS ANONYMOUS

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**Alert!** This special summer newsletter has been published to let everyone know about our upcoming summer picnic.

**Meeting Date:** August 5, 2006

**Meeting Location:** Blake McCully's country estate

**Meeting Time:** 2:00 PM for socializing, dinner is at 5:00 PM

**Meeting Topic:** Just visiting and eating and possibly having a beer

As a way to continue the synergistic relationship between the Indiana and Pittsburgh chapters of the AAW turning clubs, we will be holding a picnic. The picnic will be held at the home of recent Turners Anonymous member and Indiana chapter President, Blake and Ruth Ann McCully. Their home is just outside of Indiana, probably about an hour or so from downtown Pittsburgh.

Activities are currently planned to include socializing (wives and families are welcome), happy hour (responsible consumption only please), turning on two Jet mini lathes and other activities. Blake has room at his place, so other outdoor activities can be included.

Dinner will be at 5:00 PM. The main course will be roast chicken, and potato salad and baked beans will be provided, along with chips and dips. Also, beer will be on tap as will soda and water. While it is not necessary, please feel free to bring some sort of a dish to add to the feast, and dessert items are welcome. Please bring your own specialty if you wish, or if you have any dietary considerations.

If you have suggestions for additional activities, feel free to contact Craig Smith at 412-996-5666 or Blake and Ruth Ann McCully at 724-349-4394. Also, to help estimate the number of attendees,

please contact one of the folks above if you are planning to attend.

Directions to the McCully estate:

*Take 22 west to Blairsville. Continue on 22 W to the Indiana, 119N exit. Take 119 north to Indiana. Do not take the Wayne Avenue exit. Continue north to the 422 W to Kittanning exit. Follow that to the Philadelphia Street exit, the exit after the Oakland Avenue exit. At the bottom of the ramp, you can only go right. Go up the hill, as you near the top the left lane will merge into the right lane. As soon as you get to the top, make sure you are in the yellow stripes that will become a center turn lane. There will be Smith's furniture store on the right. The road to the left is Lions Health Camp Rd. It is nearly 180 degree turn. Once you are on the Health Camp Rd, take the very first driveway to the right. Follow it up until you can't go further, that's us.*

**Future Meetings:** Just a reminder, this September's program will be put on by Tim Janeway and will deal with mounting and orienting blanks for maximum control of the finished piece. Also, don't forget the man, the mountain, the legend... Bill Grumbine will be coming in November. Bill will be conducting an all day demo at our meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup>. This event will be no charge to our members. 6 members will also have the opportunity to spend Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup> with Bill for a hands-on demo. The cost for this event is \$100 and it includes lunch. Your spot can be reserved by mailing Rich Evans a deposit of at least \$50:

Rich Evans  
1903 Strawbridge Drive  
South Park, PA 15129

Next March we will be hosting David Ellsworth.

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### **AAW Symposium Report:**

Believe it or not, another National Symposium has come and gone. June's event was held in Louisville, KY. Many TA members and wives attended. We were able to sit together for the banquet and occupied the better part of three large round tables that each sat 10 people. It was a very nice showing from our club.

This year's event was packed with attendees, maybe a little over packed, but all in all was a good time. I believe at least three of our members may be turning on a shiny new Powermatic 3520b lathe as a result of their visit to the trade show. And no, not one of our group won one of the five Oneway 2436 lathes or the Packard Woodworks \$50.00 gift certificates. But congratulations do go out to Bob Wilson's son, whose name I believe is Sam, who won a Jet mini lathe package. Congratulations! All of our vehicles came back a lot heavier than when we started. It was so hard to stay out of the trade show! So much interesting wood, tools and equipment.

The demonstrations were all quite interesting. I enjoyed Stuart Mortimer, Mike Holsulak and especially Mike Mahoney. Mike even did a couple of sessions with Stuart Batty. I sat next to an editor from Fine Woodworking for that session.

Many of you may be wondering about the introduction of Stuart Batty's negative rake scraper from his new company, CET. In talking to CET's president and Stuart at the trade show, while CET will soon be introducing its new line of tools through distributors, the negative rake scraper is still a couple months away.

The trade show, at least at the AAW symposium, is also always filled with turning talent. I was able to talk to Bill Grumbine, Jimmy Clewes, Stuart Batty, Lyle Jamieson and a few others. You can actually catch the guys demo'ing and stand right next to them, and if they are not too busy ask a number of questions and carry on a conversation. I spent 20 minutes talking to Jimmy Clewes and then watched while he was turning his famous winged box. The wooden 5" x 12" rectangle sounds like an airplane propeller as it spins at probably over 1800 RPMs.

All in all I recommend attending the National Symposium at least once. Next year's is in Oregon but the 2008 symposium will be relatively close in Richmond, VA.

Dave Beringer

### **The LAMBTON WORM:**

I would like to thank everyone involved with the collaborative. No, we didn't win any awards. The completion was stiff. Take a look at the photos on the AAW web site at [www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2006/Walkabouts/ChapterChallenge/](http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2006/Walkabouts/ChapterChallenge/) Tim Janeway and I delivered the worm and spent the better part of 3.5 hours reassembling it on Wednesday afternoon before the Symposium officially opened Thursday morning. It was quite a complex puzzle we ended up with. In fact they were closing the room down and we were still assembling. Luckily we got it completed.

I was happy with our entry. Our goal was to have an entry. Our concept was simple and we had loads of participation by our members. We also had fun. The project enabled us to get to know other members in the club and hopefully spawn a few more friendships.

I would like to call to your attention a few guys who seemed to go the extra mile to help with the collaborative. Jack Brown allowed us to store the worm in his shop for over a month on a couple 8 foot tables and also graciously hosted several meetings at his shop. Bill Hayes - who seemed to be at every meeting in the north and south. Bill Groll - who aided in developing the corner pieces that were used and also had several sessions at his shop. And lastly John Bridges for the initial idea and getting the ball rolling. Please don't be offended if I didn't mention your name here. It took a great many people to create the Lambton worm and I congratulate you all.

Dave Beringer

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### **Iron Wood Anyone?**

Many of you may be familiar with Martin Stolpe who is a member of our club. Martin is in the process of a move to the Lancaster area and was

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trying to find a home for some of his wood collection. While the long and short of it is a few of us made a few trips to Martin's to get a couple loads of Iron wood. I now have several 6' to 8 foot lengths that can be sawed into more manageable lengths. The average diameter is 5-6 inches. Great wood for boxes and maybe a few small bowls. Bob Zentner also has some. You can contact me by phone :

Dave Beringer  
412-414-9694 (cell)

to set up a time and see what remains. We brought the wood back for our members' use and are asking for a donation for the wood you take. The donation will be placed in the club treasury and you can donate whatever you think your pieces are worth to you. Please get a piece while the supply lasts.

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### **A Note of Thanks:**

On behalf of the Lake Arthur Regatta committee I would like to thank all members who gave time and effort to cutting out parts for the Motor Boat kits that will be assembled by kids at Moraine State Park on Sunday August 6<sup>th</sup>, and invite any members, whether they cut out parts or not, to help supervise and watch the kids' enjoyment at the swimming area on the North Shore from 10 am to 5 pm.

John Bridges

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