

# One Good Turn

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*Coulee Region Woodturners Chapter of American Association of Woodturners*

Next Meeting—Saturday, 21 August 2004, 9:00 AM — at the Mueller Hideaway in Alma, WI

## IT'S AN ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT AVIATION & WOOD-TURNING MEETING!

This meeting features, first and foremost, some of Shorty Mueller's cuisine. We eat well in them thar hills, and to work up an appetite the program features Ken Grunke on Trumpet—Trumpet Vase, that is [no valves in these, so the fingering is easy]. Then there is the UFO competition, judged by Mulder and Scully. Closest flight to the Buffalo River wins a special prize.

Please bring your Robber Sorbet tools. We'll get them tuned up and working, even if they don't have handles (or come and make a handle). We want to get an "after" picture.

Also, Bring your latest woodwork—Aaron will be doing an Instant Gallery review.

Oh, and finally—in case I forgot—we will also have lunch, right there in the woods.

### **The Prez Sez, from Duane Hill**

I can't believe it is August already. Where has the summer gone? I hope you have had a productive and enjoyable summer, so far. We had a great tool day meeting last month. From the feedback I have gotten, everyone seems to have had a great time. I have a request for those of you who were at Tool Day. Bring your completed tools to the next meeting at Shorty's. We will want to get a photograph of some of those completed tools.

We have received the Arizona Wood and have parceled it out. We had 16 people participate in this little adventure. We sent the folks in Arizona 1150 pounds of walnut, cherry and box elder. We received 1150 pounds of eucalyptus, desert ironwood, mesquite and olive root burl. The officers got together and cut up the pieces so that every participating member would receive at least one piece of each species. Let me know if you would like to do this again with another club.

We have made the final arrangements for the Bob

Rosand demo in September. We will be getting an additional treat with his demo. His wife, Susan, will be coming along. If you have seen any of Bob's pieces you will have noticed that he sells a lot of Christmas ornaments with painted scenes on them. Susan is the one who paints them. She has graciously agreed to give a small demo, after the main demo, of how she paints these ornaments. This will all happen on Saturday, September 11. On Sunday, September 12, Bob will be giving a hands on demo. This hands on demo will involve two specific projects, Christmas ornaments and oil lamps. We will have a sign up sheet at the meeting. If you can't make the meeting, let one of the officers know about your desire to attend.

An additional two reminders. We will be having another Presidential Challenge this meeting, our Area 51 Fly In. Remember to bring your flying objects and have some fun. Also remember that Rich Egan and his fiancée have asked for some bowls to be

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## The News

**Future Meetings** Here is a list of what is planned for the regular monthly meetings. If you have any comments or questions, please air them at the next regular meeting or at the Board Meeting, which you are free to attend. We always need your input.

**September 11, 12** Bob Rosand, a big name turner from Bloomsburg, PA will be here for two days, September 11 & 12, at B&B Studios. Note that this is not the regular 3rd weekend. Like Dick Sing, Bob is a big guy who makes small stuff, but makes it very well. Plus, he can help those of you who need to improve your ambidexterity, because Bob is left-handed and has a lot of insight into the unique problems lefties encounter when using conventional lathes. Pricing will probably be \$20 for Saturday [open to all] and \$50 for Sunday [limited attendance]. NOTE: We need a commitment from members regarding attendance, in advance, to be sure we'll cover our costs. Please contact an officer if you plan to attend.

**September 18** This will be the regular meeting, location TBD. Aaron will show us how he makes pens. We'll learn everything from drilling the blanks to what he does with those sliced potatoes. Really.

**October 16** Ed Holz will be hosting at his shop in Sparta near the scenic shores of Perch Lake. Dave Dapkus will be discussing cutting, carving, chipping, burning—anything but turning.

**November 20** Gary Friemann will again be hosting at his shop in Spring Grove, MN and Duane Hill will be explaining some of his mistakes and how he fixed them. So if you want to learn more about "design opportunities" be sure to drive down to our southern quadrant for this interesting and offbeat session.

**December 18** In Winona at Falch Studios, we'll have a demonstration of coring systems.

**Next Year** We need your ideas. What would you like on the program?

**Woodworking School** [from our shameless Commerce Division] Prairie River Woodworking, in Merrill, WI [actually just south of Merrill, WI at Exit 205—the Hwy Q Exit of I-39] is open for business. Mark Duginske and his staff [names like Toshio Odate, Linda Surowiec, Wayne Barton and others] are holding classes in this brand new facility with students learning everything from the bandsaw to the lathe with a few dovetails and workbenches thrown in with the carving. For information pick up a brochure at the next meeting, or surf to <http://www.prairieriverwoodworking.com>

**Nonprofit Status** This is going forward. There'll be more news on this after Amy moves to Sparta. We will need volunteers for a working and monitoring subcommittee, who will help Aaron after some training by Amy [of the volunteers—Aaron is already trained]. It's anticipated that we'll need these volunteers at about the end of this calendar year.

**Treasurer Report** Our cash balance is ~\$1900. We need your suggestions for items to add to the library.

## Auction

Prairie River Woodworking is having a big auction of surplus and consignment woodworking equipment on Sunday, August 15. Details can be found at <http://www.prairieriverwoodworking.com/ProductDetail.asp?optionsid=316>

The bidding starts at noon. It's a 3-hour drive from La Crosse to I-39 Exit 205.

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turned to be used at their wedding reception in October. Contact Rich or myself for details.

Jim Hamilton has moved to Fox Lake. Here is his new address:

Jim Hamilton  
10569 Meadow Lane  
Fox Lake, WI 53933  
920-928-2192

Jim says he still would like to attend meetings when he is in the neighborhood.

At the last meeting, we discussed turning pens to donate to the Freedom Pens Project ([www.freedompens.org](http://www.freedompens.org)). To this end, Aaron will be demonstrating the week of September 18 (our regular meeting date) on how to turn pens. We are in the process of setting up a pen turning day. Date and location are still being developed.

Remember to bring your appetites to the next meeting, as Shorty always has a great feed at his place. Hope to see you there. Until then, safe turning.

**Meeting Review** The last meeting was held 17 July 04, at B&B Studio in Onalaska. 31 of us had a really productive day making tools for our own use as well as a good Instant Gallery. Here are just a few pictures from the meeting. About a hundred more can be found on our website, [www.cwoodturner.com](http://www.cwoodturner.com) thanks to Art Ustby.



Lee Goehring goblet



Two Grunke Boxes



Tim McCaleb Vessel



**News from Craft Supply:**

The August discount program is for Tapes and DVD's. All are 10% off.

The Club is planning a group buy and some Library additions from this opportunity, so make your preferences know as soon as possible.

Contact Duane Hill for details.

**News from Neighbors:**

**Minnesota Woodturners** are having tow future open demonstrations.

The first is Trent Bosch on September 18 and the second is Andi Wolfe on October 30. Both are being held at the Minneapolis College of Art & Design auditorium; 2501 Stevens Ave, Minneapolis. Both run from 9-4, The cost for each session is \$35 and can be paid at the door. If you interested or have any questions, contact Jim Jacobs, Program Director, at 651-437-2302 or email to woodmanmn@aol.com

**Electricity Tutorial**

I think its time for me to explain about 220 current and why it is so different from 110 volt service. First of all, it's twice as big. Secondly, it'll shock you more. Outside of that, 220 is really two 110 volt lines coming to your house from different parts of the globe. The up and down 110 comes from the northern hemisphere, and the down and up version comes from below the equator. Without trying to get technical, it all boils down to the direction water flows when it goes down the drain. In the top of the earth, it goes clockwise, while on the bottom of the earth it goes counter clockwise. Since most electricity is made from hydro dams, the clockwise flow gives you an up and down sine wave, while the counterclockwise version gives you a down and up sine wave. Between the two, you have 220 volts, while either individual side only gives you 110 volts.

This is particularly important to know when buying power tools- which side of the globe did they come from? If you get an Australian saw, for instance, it will turn backwards if connected to a US generated 110 volt source. Sure, you can buy backwards blades for it, but that is an unnecessary burden. Other appliances, like toasters cannot be converted from Australian electricity to American electricity, without horrible results. I knew one person who bought an Australian toaster by mistake and it froze the slices of bread she put in it.

If you wire your shop with 220 and accidentally get two US-generated 110 volt lines run in by accident, you can get 220 by using a trick I learned from an old electrician. Just put each source into its own fuse box and then turn one of the boxes upside down. That'll invert one of the two up and down sine waves to down and up, giving you 220. DO NOT just turn the box sideways, since that'll give you 165 volts and you'll be limited to just using Canadian tools with it.

...the Cranky Turner

**“Area 51” Challenge**

Takes place at the secret rendezvous location in the Alma Hills on the secret date, August 21, 2004.

**Rules**

- All entries must be turned from wood (more than 50% of the entry has to be turned from wood)
- Entries must be at least 4” in diameter and 1” thick. Entries can be any shape. Basically, anything that can fly.

**Three categories:**

- Best use of turning
- Best artistic
- Longest flight.

CRW members will vote on the best use of turning and best artistic categories. A “fly off” will be held for the longest flight. Pieces that are to be flown may only be powered by human force. This means that anything which be thrown, pulled, or tossed by human muscle. Pull strings (like with a top) may be used. Windup devices incorporating a propeller and/or rubber band may also be used. Motors of any sort may NOT be used. Compressed air may not be used.

No one person may win more than one category.

Each category winner will receive a \$25 prize.

**Door Prizes**

Meetings now have Door Prizes. Yes! You can win valuable prizes by attending a Coulee Region Woodturners meeting. Simply sign in before the start of the meeting and you're eligible.

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**"A Turn For the Better"**

**Next Meeting is a road trip— see the Map at right.**

Here's a map to help those who aren't sure where we meet this time—at the Shorty Miller Retreat, northeast of Alma.

Address is:

Fire number 1470

County Highway S

Alma, WI 54610

It's the log cabin at the end of the dirt road at the top of the hill almost 5 miles from where the White School House used to be on old Highway 37.

Look for the sign at the top of the hill on County Road S.

If you get lost, God help you. There is no phone at this location. We suggest calling BR-549, and asking for Junior, or call Aaron at 608-343-1538..

