



THE CHIP PILE

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NOVEMBER MEETING

Tuesday, November 15, 2005
7:00 - 9:00 PM
American YouthWorks - Austin, Texas
1901 East SH 71
(about 1/4 mile east of I-35 on south side of SH 71)

FIRST SATURDAY TURNOUT

There will be no First Saturday in December. Instead, the CTWA Christmas Party will be held at the Kay's on Saturday, December 10, from 9:00 AM until we're done. Details in this Newsletter.

CHECK WEB SITE FOR ANY UPDATES!

Sorry, but I have not done a newsletter item for you. Use the space for the Christmas party article.

Fred

Thanks to Fred for his service and for faithfully getting his column to me early every month until this one. Guess we won't hold this one against him. We wish him and Jan well in their new home (and shop).

Meanwhile, look for the new tenant, incoming President Len Brissette, in this space in the January

issue.

cuss and show off things and ideas that they have invented, bought or stolen to make things easier for them in the shop.

Getting things off to a good start was the ever inventive **Johnny Tolly**.



Johnny showed off his centering tool, his tail-stock centering adaptor, a tiny drill bit holder and a cutting gauge for small segmented pieces.

Next up was **Len Brissette**. Len brought along an inside/outside go/no-go gauge for his Stronghold chuck made from a cheap HDPE cutting board, spring calipers, a bowl depth



gauge, a drill extension for sanding hollow vessels and a multi-head scraper.

Jim Spano had the deepest box, filled with many highly creative solutions to problems he has run into. Most interesting, was the way that he has used the most unlikely and readily available materials to put his ideas to work. Included in his gizmo box were:

From the President's Shop

This Space for Lease - Inquire Within

Outgoing President Fred Stidman is on the move and offers the following in lieu of a column for this month:

Just got hooked up to dial-up service, but I have the same e-mail address. Dial-up is slower than molasses and is intended only to tide me over until I can get DSL or cable installed.

We have completed our move and are now waltzing around boxes. The shop is, of course, non-functional. There is no 220 volt service and that means nothing works, as you well can chuckle.

October Demo

Makin' it Easier

For our November meeting, Program Chairman **Dave Dick** came up with a different program to take the place of the usual demonstration.

He arranged for a number of CTWA members to dis-

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Editorial Information

This newsletter is by and for members. The Editor welcomes any written materials and will provide assistance with getting your information into publishable form if you want. **DEADLINE IS THE FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH.** Contact me with your ideas and drafts by phone at 512.295.2144, by E-mail at ckay@austin.rr.com or mail them to:

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a magnet on his grinder to capture iron filings
a temporary fence for his bandsaw
a door latch for his Jet Mini belt door



a screw stop on his Jet Mini tail stock handle
auxilliary handles on the tailstock drive and lockdown for his Jet Mini air tool chisel ground to turn with, fixed into a handle with a set screw
a bowl steady rest
a PVC tool rest stop
sharpened pipe sandpaper cutters
a home-made vacuum chuck
a device with 45 degree mirror to reflect his locating laser beam

Jimmy Tolly demonstrated his versions of a bowl depth gauge and a go/



no-go chuck gauge, his "vase drive," and his "bow" wire burner.

Stacey Hager shared lots of ideas:

boiling saw blades in a solution of dishwasher detergent to remove resin build-up
using pieces of plastic banding (salvaged from the Home Depot garbage can) to make flexible glue strips



using an aluminum plate for cooling chisels rather than dipping them in water
using of a washer to scribe a curve to

fit sheet goods
using a file to test for hardened steel
using of grinder sparks to identify different kinds of steel

Al Gaskell brought along a resawing jig he has built to allow him to cut planks on his bandsaw.



Finally, **Dave Dick** and **Larry Walrath** gave their different views on using skewers and spindle gouges in spindle turning.



This was an interesting change of pace for our monthly program.

Bring Back Raffle

Jimmy Tolly was the winner of an Exacto knife with a handle turned from walnut by **Frank Miller**. **Frank Miller** didn't get off the hook, however, taking home a spalted maple bowl turned by **Ed Roberts**. **Gary Roberts** had the lucky ticket for a candlestick turned from rosewood by **H. O. Evans**. **Bill Hammack** took home a set of three wine corks turned by **Charlie Kay**.

All of the winners will bring back a turned item to the next meeting. These items should be representative of each person's best work.

It should be noted that the Bring Back Raffle is meant to be a fun event. No



one is grading you on the quality of your work. Just bring a piece that represents the best that YOU can do. If you don't have a lathe or feel like you have enough experience, contact one of our Volunteer Instructors to help you prepare a Bring Back piece. So buy a ticket and get involved and have fun.

Show and Tell

Jimmy Tolly brought three



pieces, a mesquite flower vase with PVC watertight insert, an air turning of "mystery wood and a dyed cottonwood bowl, all finished with spray lacquer.

Stacey Hager also showed three

pieces, a lidded box of maple and walnut, a tool handle and an O-ring turned from walnut and finished with CA glue.

Larry Walrath surprised us by sharing a small weed pot turned from pecan and finished with tung oil and designated as 1/500. The mystery of the petite piece, rather than Larry's usual large pots, and the series numbers was explained by a shoulder injury that needs time to heal

Bill Hammack also went against form by bringing a piece labeled "Potty Platter." Since the piece was large and the laminated stock wasn't exactly



beautiful (although finished with Mylands and buffed), we were perplexed. The explanation made everything clear. The hinge on his toilet seat lid had broken and Bill, being frugal, hadn't wanted to waste the wood.

Drew Shelton brought two beautifully done platters, one of an unknown wood and the other a square platter



turned from birds eye maple. Both pieces were finished with walnut oil and wax.

CTWA Master Turner **Gary Roberts** shared two pieces, a chip-carved sphere turned from tupelo gum and stap dispenser turned from mesquite and Texas ebony.



Jack Besperka again impressed us with his creativity with two beautiful pieces, a textured vase turned from

pear and an Indian pot turned from cedar elm, both embellished with black.

Roger Gardner showed a nice chip and dip



bowl turned from a live oak burl.

H. O. Evans brought along a segmented urn suspended in a cradle and the



cup and saucer that wife Mary won at the SWAT Two-for-One Raffle.

Photos for this month were provided by **Drew Shelton**.



Business Meeting

There were 39 attendees at our October 19, 2005, meeting.

Gary Roberts advised us that he had been invited to participate in the invitational gallery show at the 2006 AAW National Symposium in Louisville, Kentucky. Needless to say, his piece will be a music box. Congratulations, Gary.

Jim Brinkman announced that he is putting together orders for CA glue and drill rod for making hook tools.

Johnny Tolly will put together another order for Anchor Seal if there is enough interest. If you have the heavy duty plastic jug he sold the last batch in, he would like you to reuse it.

President Fred Stidman took the bull by the horns and decided while he had live candidates for most offices to not just nominate them, but also to have them elected before they changed their minds. Accordingly, the following have been elected as officers for 2006:

President - Len Brissette
President-Elect - Drew Shelton
Membership Chairman - John Cole

Treasurer Ed Roberts, Audio-Visual Coordinator Frank Miller, Webmaster Larry Walrath and Secretary/Newsletter Editor Charlie Kay have agreed to serve for another year, but we are still looking for volunteers to serve as Librarian and Program Chairman.

Johnny Tolly reported that Webmaster Larry Walrath has instituted a new, accessible gallery system for the CTWA website, making it easy for you to update your own gallery. Check it out.

November Program

There will be a quiz ...

CTWA's own Mad Professor, **Stacey Hager**, will be our demonstrator for our November meeting. Stacey has agreed to fill in at the last minute, and will spend some time discussing the use of the Golden Mean in design, then move on to discuss how he uses his Hamlet shielded hollowing tool. Rather than using a captured tool rig as demonstrated by David Reeks, Stacey is now hollowing using the Hamlet tool

free-hand using a shop made holder of his own design. The holder, which fits in the tool post banjo, is a U-shaped with edges to keep the tool from popping out. The holder both swivels and move back forth, with a double pin stop.

This should be an interesting evening, but be sure to bring paper and two sharp number two pencils.

CTWA Stars

Louisville Slugger!

A bit of news. I received a call from the AAW with an official invitation to have a piece in the 2006 AAW show titled "Step Up to the Plate." This is a juried and invitational show with a baseball theme. It will be assembled for the AAW 2006 Symposium in Louisville, Kentucky, and will be a featured exhibit there. After the symposium the show will become a traveling exhibit and appear at several venues around the country.

This is a nice honor and I have already designed the piece and started turning the pieces. Here is a hint: it **might** be an animated music box.

If there are other turners who would like to submit a piece for the show, the information for the juried process is available on the AAW website, www.woodturner.org.

S. Gary Roberts

Details at 10:00 ...

Talented CTWA turner **Craig Timmerman** made his television debut on Home and Garden Television (HGTV) show called "That's Clever", on November 1 at 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM. They filmed Craig making one of his "Treble Clef" vases. It took five hours of filming time, all which was cut down to a 6-10 minute show.

Clearly Craig's segment was the highlight of the show, and they showed him last with teasers at commercial breaks. We particularly liked the umbrella, Craig.

HGTV (Time-Warner cable channel 31) typically replays such shows numerous times, but there are undoubtedly videotaped versions available in the club, probably from Craig.

Announcements

Christmas Ornament Class

Gary Roberts will be demonstrating how to turn a hollow bulb Christmas ornament at Woodcraft. Classes are scheduled for November 5, with a repeat on November 25th. Tuition is \$85.00 per class and each class is limited to eight participants. Wood blanks of curly maple for the bulb and black walnut for the icicle will be furnished as a part of the tuition. Classes are from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Call Woodcraft at 512.407.8787 for further details

Freedom Pen Project

On November 11 and 12, there will be another Freedom Pen Turning event at Woodcraft, from 9:00 AM to closing. Woodcraft is supplying all the pen kits. Bring any wood that can be used as well as your turning tools if you have any. Some pen blanks have been prepared.

If you've never turned a pen before, don't worry. There will be people on hand to show you how. Those interested should call Woodcraft at 512.407.8787.

Holly Day Emporium

Larry Walrath will be showing his wood products at an arts and crafts show in Round Rock, November 10, 11 and 12, 2005. Click on www.hollydayemporium.com for more information. Larry invites you to stop by if you are in the area.

Mini-Max Specials

Mini-Max will be coming to the Dallas Woodworking Show (www.thewoodworkingshows.com) on December 9-11. There will be special prices at the show. If you are interested in a big band saw or in saving even more (anywhere from \$1,000 to \$2,500), now is the time to lock up one of the demo units to take with you after the show! Call Sam Blasco at Mini Max USA (866.975.9663, ext 204) for

Web Site

You may want to check out the CTWA Web Site at www.CTWA.org. If you have comments, suggestions or something for the gallery, get in touch with **Webmaster Larry Walrath** at larry@larrywalrath.com.

*I know that all of us get more internet trash daily than we want to see, so some of you may already have seen this piece. As workers in wood and frustrated computer operators, you may find it amusing. As the owner of a non-Microsoft compatible table saw, I leave the rest of you to your well-deserved fates. Thanks to **Jim Spano** for sending this along to me. Ed.*

You may not be aware of it but there are two basic types of table saws, the Microsoft compatible and the non-Microsoft compatible table saw. The Microsoft compatible saw is by far the most predominate type. However, the non-Microsoft compatible table saw is a technically superior machine.

The non-Microsoft compatible table saw possesses intuitive controls, smoothly operating accessories, a highly polished table surface, and an extremely powerful motor. The reason that you may have never heard of the non-Microsoft compatible table saw is because the manufacturer is extremely inept at marketing their product. **WARNING!** Do not make any disparaging remarks about non-Microsoft compatible saws or the company that produces them within earshot of their owners; the owners are rabidly loyal to their tool.

The Microsoft saw always exhibits some major technical flaw. For example, you cannot move the rip fence more than 8.3" away from the blade. Because of this fundamental flaw, you must become extremely ingenious at ripping boards to widths larger than 8.3". However, it is very easy to forget where you put these boards.

To start the Microsoft compatible saw, you must push the green start button; the saw blade will slowly come up to speed and be ready for use approximately one to two minutes after start-up. This time is somewhat dependent on the number of jigs you have in your shop. This condition is marketed as the "Very Soft Start" feature and has become the accepted norm in the industry.

With each new version of the Microsoft saw, the woodworking magazines praise it's new features ignoring the fact that the non-Microsoft compatible saw has had these same features for several years. New technical features are introduced such as being able to raise and tilt the saw blade and move the rip fence all with power applied! (as if you would want to do that any-

way). Current magazine articles would also have you believe that the requirement to switch your electrical outlets to a different plug type is an enhancement. At this point, you may start to wonder if all of the woodworking magazines are secretly owned by the Microsoft table saw company.

You can purchase numerous jigs for the Microsoft saw. They are expertly marketed and beautifully packaged and the woodworking magazines always write glowing reviews of these products. After you have purchased several of these jigs you notice that the initial versions never work as advertised. Also, the jigs have adjustments or features that are disabled or fail to work at all and often are missing key components. The jig manufacturers are fiercely competitive and vie with one another to provide you with jig features that you will never use, (even if they did work). You must purchase several upgrades for these jigs to get them to perform adequately, each iteration costs you \$50 to \$150.

The Microsoft compatible table saw company produces two versions of table saws; the Contractor-9X and Cabinet-NT versions. The Contractor-9X model is designed primarily for consumers who are willing to put up with electrical and motor seizure problems. The Cabinet-NT version is more robust and intended for commercial applications. It is much less likely to trip a circuit breaker when cutting ordinary lumber than the Contractor-9X version. It should be noted that not all jigs will run on both versions of these saws.

The Microsoft saw has other problems as well. Periodically, the jig using the miter gauge slot seizes up for no apparent reason, this ruins the wood being cut and can possibly damage the blade. After several unsuccessful attempts, and even though the motor has nothing to do with the miter gauge slot, you must take the motor out of the saw, then reinstall it into the saw. Afterwards, the jig using the miter gauge slot will work properly, -- until it happens again. Also, the longer you use the Microsoft compatible saw, the slower it will become. The rate of this decline is directly proportional to the number of jigs you have used with the saw and the amount of lumber cut with it.

To turn the saw off, you must push the start button, before power is removed from the motor, a large light will begin flashing prompting you to push the start button again if you wish to turn the saw off. It takes about one minute for the saw blade to stop rotating. If you have neglected to lower the blade

before turning the saw off, you will not be able to retract it at this point.

Every six years you will need to buy a completely new Microsoft compatible saw. The main reason you need to purchase a new saw is because your present saw will not cut any of the NEW wood. Incidentally, you may not be able to cut any OLD wood with the new saw. Even though the new saw is advertised to be 100% compatible with all of your old jigs, this will not be true; you will be forced to buy or make ALL new jigs for the new saw. Furthermore, even though the new saw motor rpm is ten times the speed of the previous saw, you will not be able to cut wood any faster nor will it make you any more productive, in fact, it may be a little slower. The woodworking magazines will seem completely oblivious to this phenomenon.

One year after buying your Microsoft compatible saw, you will be able to sell it for about 50% of what you paid for it originally. In two years, you would be lucky to get 25% of the original price. Three years after you bought the machine, you probably won't be able to even give it away.

Membership in CTWA

New members are welcome to join CTWA at any time. All you need is an interest in woodturning. CTWA membership also requires membership in the American Association of Woodturners (AAW). Local dues are \$25.00 per year, or \$2.10 per month prorated for new members joining during the year. AAW dues are \$40.00 per year for individuals and \$45.00 for families. For that you get a first class quarterly magazine, **American Woodturner**, with excellent articles on woodturning and woodturners, amply illustrated with photographs.

If you are interested in learning more about membership or want to join CTWA, contact our Membership Chairman:

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Volunteer Instructors

The following turners have generously offered to open their shops and give their time to any member who wants to learn how to sharpen their tools, sharpen their skills, learn how to make a bowl or "test" the newest tool. Check out the people who bring items to Show and Tell. One trait common to all woodturners is that we all like to share, so just ask!

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Bill Hammack 512.282.0832
Stacey Hager 512.282.1036
Johnny Tolly 512.858.4471
Jimmy Tolly 512.894.0686

NOTE: The Tolly brothers work strange shifts, so they may be available on times other than weekends.

H. O. Evans 512.282.2830

NOTE: Ho would like to confine his assistance to his specialty, segmented turnings.

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Judy Williams 512.836.7897

ROUND ROCK

Larry Walrath 512.255.5379

LOCKHART/SAN MARCOS

David Dick 512.357.6517

Christmas Party

As is customary, there will be no regular meeting in December, nor will there be a First Saturday. The CTWA Christmas Party will be held on December 10 at the Kay's home. As usual, the club will provide the meat, the drinks and the utensils, etc. You will need to plan to bring a covered dish to go with turkey and ham. A sign-up sheet will be provided at the November meeting.

The Kays are located at 100 Matzig Cove, west of Buda on RR 967. The Ruby Ranch subdivision is located about half-way between Buda and the Salt Lick Barbecue on RR 1826. You can get to RR 967 from I-35 by taking the Buda Main Street exit and turning west on RR 967 at the traffic light. Alternatively, you can get there from FM 1626 by following either Brodie Lane or Manchaca Road to their southern ends, then following FM 1626 south until it intersects RR 967. From the RR 967/FM 1626 intersection at a 4-way stop, proceed west for 2.5 miles and turn left on Ruby Ranch Road. From RR 1826, turn east on RR 967 just before the Salt Lick and go about six miles and turn right on Ruby Ranch Road. You will go 0.5 miles on Ruby Ranch Road and take the second left on Matzig Cove. It will be the first house on the right. If you are hopelessly lost, call 512.295.2144.

Bring your lathe and some wood if you would like. At this point I still have three lathes, but there should be room for several more if you want to bring your own. We have a circular drive. If you are bringing a lathe, go to the second drive and follow the "rut road" around to the shop. If you aren't bringing a lathe, plan to turn in the first drive and park.

2006 CTWA Officers

With some reluctance, we got volunteers at the last meeting to serve as officers for the next year. The following volunteers were promptly elected before they could change their minds:

Len Brissette - President
Drew Shelton - President Elect
John Cole - Membership Chairman

In addition, the following officers have volunteered to serve for another year:
 Treasurer **Ed Roberts**,
 Audio-Visual Coordinator

Frank Miller, Webmaster **Larry Walrath** and Secretary/Newsletter Editor **Charlie Kay**. We will need to vote on these folks at the November meeting, as well as candidates for Librarian and Program Chairman. My sources tell me that **Gene Stokes** has volunteered to serve as Membership Chairman, and we still need a Librarian candidate. These folks will need to be voted on in November as well.

Thanks to all who have agreed to serve.

CTWA Supporters

We don't recognize often enough those businesses that support our club. If you don't already do so, be sure to support those folks that support us, either through discounts or gift certificates.

Hogan Hardwoods
Woodcraft
Craft Supplies USA
The Cutting Edge
Woodline USA

Photos

Photographs for this month's **CHIP PILE** were provided by **Drew Shelton**. If you have digital photos that you would like to have considered for use in the newsletter. Send them to the Editor at ckay@austin.rr.com.

Calendar

The calendar listings are an attempt to keep you up to date on upcoming CTWA events, as well as other events of particular interest to woodturners.

November 15 - 7:00 to 9:00 AM

CTWA Meeting - American YouthWorks

December 10, - 9:00 AM until ?

CTWA Christmas Party at The Kays - includes noon meal

Jan 7, 2006 - 9:00 AM to Noon

First Saturday - Location to be Announced

Jan 17, 2006 - 7:00 to 9:00 PM

CTWA Meeting - American YouthWorks

Feb 4, 2006 - 9:00 AM to Noon

First Saturday - Location to be Announced

Feb 14, 2006 - 7:00 to 9:00 AM

CTWA Meeting - American YouthWorks

First Saturday

First Saturday's first road-show was a mixed success. The weather was terrific and Orlando's shop is a wonder, but attendance was way down (10 or 12 folks), as most of the usual northern regulars apparently decided to skip the trip south and west. Those of you who didn't make it missed a real treat.



over again. We had two visitors, but your scribe failed to get their names written down. **Drew Shelton** was on his Jet Mini showing one of the visitors how to launch a bowl. Oh sorry, he said turn a bowl. Drew blamed

the launch on wood worms. The other visitor brought a bunch of bowls to try to get the woods identified. Most of us weren't much help and the expert,

side. Most of the volunteers we have live on the south side of Austin.

As there will be no **CHIP PILE** in December, you will need to check the web site to find out details and the location for the January First Saturday.



If the old saw that "he who dies with the most (and biggest?) toys wins" is true, then Orlando must be on the short list. His shop is gigantic, and if you think you have big tools, you haven't seen nuthin' yet. Huge old woodworking and metal working tools, including a five ton sheet metal brake.



Stacey Hager, was busy turning a candlestick out of cherry and never got over to look at the bowls. As soon as he could shoo Drew off his lathe, **Bill Hammack** tested his skills on a big bowl.

When the morning was over, most of the crew repaired to the deck at Nutty Brown Cafe for lunch and lies. Thanks to **Orlando Banos** for opening his shop for us.



Frank Miller was holding forth on a Jet Mini, turning toothpick cases out of walnut. His first lid was so short that it would have required custom toothpicks, so he had to do it



We will be resuming our regular First Saturday events in January. If you want to host one of these events, let Len Brissette or Drew Shelton know. We particularly need shops on the north

Sick Call
Jimmy Tolly advises that **Bob Littlepage** has been suffering some severe health setbacks, and recently spent time in the ICU at Scott & White Hospital in Temple with a blood infection in his foot and knee as well as erratic heart rhythm and had been on dialysis. As of October 23, he was stabilized and out of ICU, although no time had been set for his release from the hospital. You may want to keep Bob and his family in your thoughts as he goes through these difficult times.

E-mail
It is your responsibility to see that Membership Chairman **Drew Shelton** has your correct E-mail address. You can contact him at drew.shelton@sematech.org. We regularly use E-mail to advise members of important announcements on short notice. If Drew doesn't have your current E-mail address, we can't contact you.

YouthWorks Auction

The American YouthWorks fall fund raising auction was a success. Here is the rundown on the items contributed by CTWA members. The turned elm bowl went for \$115, and the other bowl went for \$200. The smaller bowl with eggs went for \$145. The dream keeper went for \$200. The bluebonnets painting went for \$35. The tulip centerpiece went for \$70.

Thanks to CTWA for their assistance and thanks to all who contributed, whether individually or as part of a collaborative project. Your contributions to the success of YouthWorks is greatly appreciated

Johnny Perales

Random Thoughts

*Thanks to Kayte Hammack for sending along this bit of wisdom, which she thinks particularly to woodturners. The quote comes from Charles Hubbard's **Scrapbook** published in 1923, and comes complete with period spellings of the contractions.*

"You do not have to preach honesty to men with a creative purpose. Let a human being throw the energies of his soul into the making of something and the instinct of workmanship will take care of his honesty. A genuine craftsman will not adulterate his product. The reason is n't because duty says he should n't, but because passion says he could n't."

2006 Dues

If you haven't already paid your CTWA dues for 2006, now is the time to do so. We need your help to keep providing you with a newsletter, our website, to finish paying for our demonstration lathe and to pay for demonstrators from outside our club. Your dues also help subsidize to a limited extent the world class turners who come to demonstrate for us from time to time, as Lyle Jamieson did last year.

By now, you have received your ballot and 2006 dues notice from the AAW. You have also received a renewal registration form for your CTWA dues by E-mail from Membership Chairman Drew Shelton. **DO NOT SEND YOUR AAW DUES TO AAW.** We are a 100 per cent AAW affiliate, and your AAW dues will be collected along with your 2006 CTWA dues and the club will send a check and list of members to the AAW.

Please fill out the CTWA renewal registration form and either send it to Drew or bring it to the meeting, along with your check made out to CTWA for either \$65 (single) or \$70 (family). Filling out the registration form will assure that we have up-to-date information on your mailing and E-mail addresses as well as the best phone number to contact you. The continued vitality and success of CTWA depends on your participation and your financial support. Thanks for your help.



Somehow, despite my best intentions, the date for getting the newsletter out seems to slip later and later in the month. I think I'll take a month off and not do another until January. Seriously, as in past years, the **CHIP PILE** will be on vacation in December, as the Tappet Brothers like to say about their Puzzler.

It is the time of year when we need to remember to thank the folks who have done yeoman work for the last year in keeping our club running and vital during this last year.

First up, thanks to all of the Officers, most especially those who are going off duty, Fred Stidman, Marcia Tolly, Drew Shelton and Dave Dick. Thanks also to those who are stepping up to pick up the load for next year, Len Brissette, Drew Shelton, John Cole and Gene Stokes. Drew deserves special thanks in moving from one job to another. We should also thank those folks who are staying on to do their job for another year, including Ed Roberts, Larry Walrath and Frank Miller. Frank has done a terrific job with his camera work at our meetings and in constantly upgrading our audio-visual equipment.

We also need to thank the folks who did more than their share in making CTWA a major force in the success of the annual SWAT Symposium. These include Steve Gottlieb for serving as the SWAT Treasurer, Stacey Hager for serving as our SWAT Board member and on the SWAT Nominating Committee, Frank Miller for ramrodding the best camera crew at the Symposium and Betty Hager for organizing and supervising the SWAT Registration Desk. Thanks as well to all of the folks who helped with the Registration Desk, helped man our demonstration room or did any other chore they were asked to do to make the Symposium a success.

Our monthly meetings are successful largely because of the demonstrations that are their centerpieces. Thanks are certainly due the folks who put on those demonstrations each month, often on short notice.

Special thanks are due to Stacey and Betty Hager for making all of the arrangements for the Lyle Jamieson demonstrations and Hands-On sessions this year. These activities add substantially to the value of CTWA to its members.

I also need to thank all of the folks who have made my job easier this year. Thanks to Fred for getting his column to me on time each month and to Dave for pulling together the write-ups for the monthly program. There are many others who help from time to time with timely articles to use as filters. Most times, just when I think that I won't have enough to put together a complete newsletter, I get something from an unexpected source. Gary Roberts frequently contributes something I can use, and this month, Jim Spano provided a long piece, just when I needed it. The Tollys all provide me with timely information on their travels and other items. Finally, thanks to those folks who provide me with photographs. I could take them myself, and occasionally do, but then I neglect something else. Drew Shelton, Jimmy Tolly, Frank Miller and Johnny Tolly have been of great help to me. I know that I haven't named everyone who contributes to making the **CHIP PILE** a success. Thanks to all of you anyway; you know who you are.

I think the fall foliage this year has been the best in our nine years in Central Texas. I know that to Easterners, it doesn't amount to much, but the golds of the cedar elms, western soapberry and China berry and the reds of the sumac and Chinese pistache have really been nice contrasting against the green of the live oaks and the Ashe juniper. I know, from living nine years in New England where they really have fall color, that the best color comes when you have rain early in the year, with a dry fall, an early cold snap when it doesn't freeze and no early heavy rain to knock the colored leaves off the trees. We had exactly those conditions this year, and the results show. Now if we could just get some rain and some cooler weather instead of these unseasonable mid-80s temperatures in mid-November!

The best of the holiday season to all of you, as we all look forward to a new and exciting 2006.

Keep on turning,

Charlie

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FOR SALE: Powermatic Model 45. Old, but in good working order. Variable speed, one HP, 12x36, heavy (about 400 lb.). Comes with faceplates, drive center, live center, etc. Will help you deliver. \$700.

Call Len Brissette at 512.423.3625, or E-mail at mesquite@austin.rr.net.

FOR SALE: TURN BIG STUFF! Tripod style outboard stand for Powermatic lathe. Really heavy duty, tool rest adjusts to work with most large lathes. (I have turned a 6-1/2 foot diameter table top with this stand.) Probably weighs 150 pounds. Like new. First \$250.00 at my shop.

Call S. Gary Roberts at 512-345-1521 or by E-mail at Sgicr71@cs.com.

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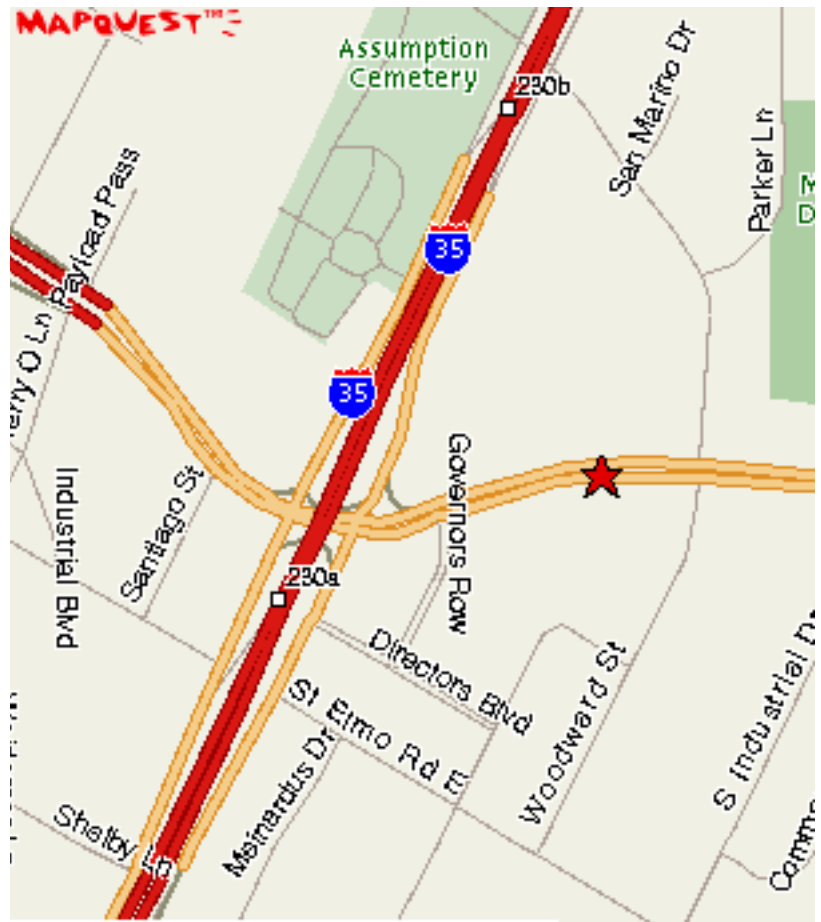
with reverse. Includes face plate, wrenches, tool rest, spur drive, live center. This lathe is in excellent condition and both motor and controller are brand new. Listed at \$3,400 in last year's Craft Supplies catalog. Will sell for \$1,650 and help you deliver.

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FOR SALE: Charlie Collins has moved out of his shop, but has lots of prime turning wood available for pick-up at the old shop site. Those of you who have been to the shop have seen it under the various work tables. The wood, which includes a lot of live oak, is outside on the south end of the building, to the left as you face the front. Feel free to help yourself to whatever you want.

Meeting Location

The CTWA meets at American Youth-Works, 1901 East Ben White Boulevard (Texas 71) in south Austin. The building is on the south side of Ben White, just east of Interstate 35. The best entry is off Woodward Street, just south of a little strip center. You enter an alleyway into a lighted parking lot. We will enter through the back door. As you drive in, you will see a truck dock in the back of the building with a big roll-up white door. The entryway is just to the right of the truck dock. Because of the construction at Ben White and I-35, folks from the north may want to exit I-35 at Woodward and proceed south on Woodward across Ben White. Folks from the south might do better to go east on St. Elmo, then north on Woodward. Those coming from the west on Ben White will just have to fight their way through until the construction is finished. See you at the meeting.



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