



TURNINGS

Central Illinois Chapter

Newsletter for Central Illinois Woodturners

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Opening notes & comments by Roger Alexander

New members:

Ron Ghighi
Bill Parkee

Visitor:

John Katzke

Old Business

Our club needs to sponsor two educational demonstrations a year. Roger will contact Dick Gerard for an April 28/29th possibility. The tentative schedule would be demonstrations Saturday and a hands-on session Sunday. Costs for members still needs to be worked out. It was added that the Club will not pay additional expense for wife though.

Roger has added our club page on Wood Magazine's web site. Included on our page is Roger's mistake eraser with is environmentally friendly and produces a recycled material used in pencils (carbon :). Take a look at our page at Woodmagazine.com

There are T-shirts available for \$10 that are left over from the fall. They have the CIW logo on them. Contact Dave Kraft if you are interested in one.

New Business

Pictures of officers should be on the web site to help guest identify contact people when they visit our club. Member pictures are part of show & tell.

Roger was given a "Powermatic" banner at the St Louis tool show that we might be able to modify for a club banner. There were some reservations that we might be unofficially endorsing Powermatic tools. Roger will continue researching into using and/or buying a club banner for shows.

National events:

- AAW Green wood turning contest: entry deadline is February 20th.
- AAW Youth contest entries due by February 15th
- Visit the national web site for details

Jim Meizelis presented a community service opportunity for the Club.

Boy Scout Troop 19, Normal Illinois is in need of sets of wood bowls (7"-8" diameter) with a cup or "noggin" (3-4" diameter, 2-3" tall).



Troop 19 is a high adventure Scout troop that spends 80 to 100 nights a year camping (REALLY, it is true!). They like to project an early fur trading rendezvous theme when they camp. Having wooden bowls and cups adds to the theme.

The finish needs to be food safe, so beeswax or salad oils are probably best. This is a good destination for practice items that don't need to be show quality and just clutter your work area.

Information about the troop can be found at [Troop 19](#)

Contact Jim Meizelis for further information and/or contributions at meizelis@frontiernet.net

The Illinois Walnut Council

John Katzke from the Illinois Walnut Council provided information on the group

The Walnut council is dedicated to forest regeneration: if you are 30 today and you plant a seedling, the tree will be ready for harvest by your grandchildren when they are 30. They work with many local parks and private landowners to plant, prune, groom and harvest black walnut stands.

Membership is open to the public: \$10 local and \$25 national membership, both are required. Participation benefits include demonstrations, tool discounts, news and information literature and access to leftovers from harvested areas. There are no formal monthly meetings but the board meets regularly. The 2007 show is being sponsored by John Deere and will be held in the Dubuque, Iowa area at a monastery that makes caskets. Click [here](#) for more information on the Walnut Council

Treasurer's Report (Terry Quiram)

- Club dues for 2007 are being collected. (This is separate from the AAW dues: don't forget to pay them too.)
- Club approved purchase of Turn It Up by Jimmy Clews
- CD's: have been received:
 - Finishing Secrets - Russ Fairfield
 - Turn it On - Volume 2 - Jimmy Clews

President's Challenge is now the Member's Challenge

Terry Quiram announced earlier this year that The President's challenge is being changed to the Member's Challenge. Roger will draw a name from the active membership and that member will have 2 months to prepare a project to challenge the group. This is a great opportunity for the membership to select something they would like to demonstrate or get ideas on or explore new methods or just have fun!

This month Phil Korem has set the first challenge of our members as a cup with a captive ring on the stem. Member's should bring there creations to the March meeting. Here is the sample that Phil showed:



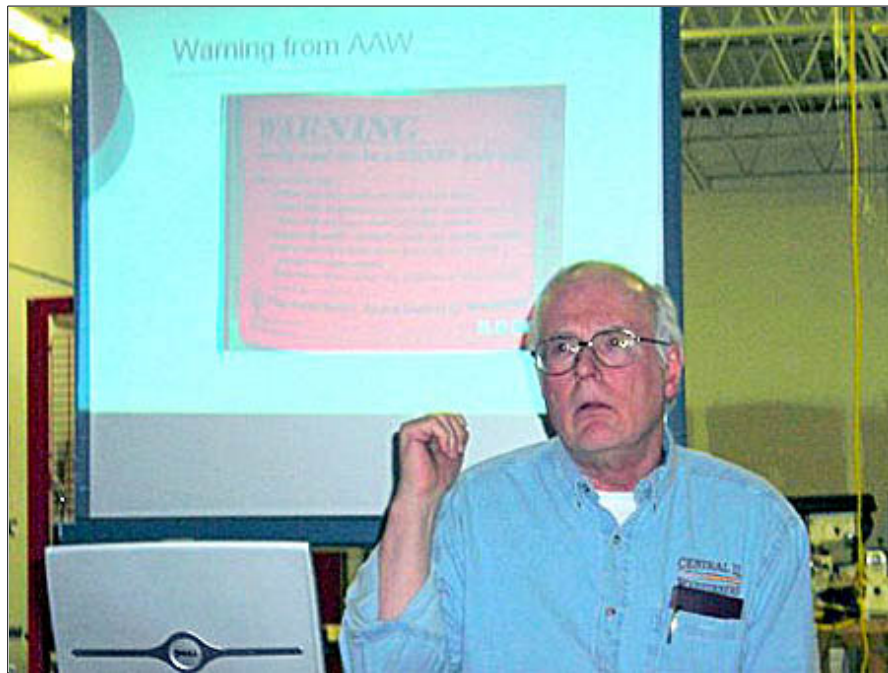
Show and Tell:

Jim Meizelis
Dave Kraft
Keith Zimmerman
Dennis Belcher
Harold Levin
Ron Ghighi
Pete Fassino

[Click here](#) to se some photos of this month's Show-n-tell.

Presentations & Discussions:

Dennis Belcher gave an excellent presentation on shop safety.



BE CAREFUL because it CAN happen to YOU! THINK twice and act once!

Click [here](#) to see Dennis's slide show

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