

KANSAS CITY WOODTURNERS

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THE SECOND MEETING OF THE WOODTURNERS GROUP WAS A GREAT SUCCESS. OUR GROUP IS GROWING AND WE HAD SEVERAL PEOPLE PARTICIPATE IN OUR SHOW AND TELL. I FELT THAT WE HAD A REAL GOOD SHOWING OF THE DIFFERENT

INTERESTS OF OUR MEMBERS. HOPEFULLY WE WILL CONTINUE TO SHARE OUR WORK WITH EACH OTHER AS WELL AT EACH MEETING.

WE ALSO HAD TWO DEMONSTRATIONS THAT EVENING. THE FIRST BY JOHN LARSON ON SHARPENING LATHE TOOLS ON A BELT SANDER. THIS IS A EASY WAY TO START OUT SHARPENING, WITH LITTLE WORRY ABOUT OVER-HEATING YOUR TOOL. IT ALSO AFFORDS GOOD VISIBILITY OF THE EDGE YOU ARE WORKING ON.

NEXT WE HAD ROGER SHEPHERD SHOW US SHARPENING ON A GRINDER. THIS WAS A MORE IN DEPTH TALK IN WHICH ROGER SHARED INFORMATION ABOUT DIFFERENT TYPES OF GRINDS, AND THE TYPES OF GRINDING WHEELS TO USE ON DIFFERENT METALS. HE GAVE US AN EXCELLENT PRESENTATION COMPLETE WITH HAND OUTS TO SHOW THE ANGLES AND TYPES OF GRINDS.

ROGER ALSO SHARED WITH US INFORMATION HE GOT ON HIS TRIP TO THE ANNUAL WOODTURNERS SYMPOSIUM. THIS YEARLY CONFERENCE PUT ON BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS IS A BIG EVENT WITH A LOT OF NATIONALLY KNOWN TURNERS WHO PUT ON DEMONSTRATIONS FOR SEVERAL DAYS.

WOODCRAFT SUPPLY HAD WAYNE KNUDSON OF "ONE GOOD TURN" PUT ON FOUR LECTURES OVER THE WEEKEND OF JULY 15 -17. HE TALKED ABOUT TURNING GREEN WOOD, WHICH IS WHAT HIS COMPANY SUPPLIES TO WOODCRAFT. THERE WAS A LOT OF GOOD INFORMATION WHICH WAS CAPTURED ON VIDEO TAPE FOR ANYONE WHO WANTS WHO WANTS TO CHECK OUT THE TAPES.

CHALLENGE:

STARTING THIS MONTH WE ARE HAVING A CHALLENGE TO ALL THE MEMBERS. OUR FIRST CHALLENGE IS TO MAKE A PLATE OR PLATTER. ANY VARIATION IS ACCEPTABLE. THE IDEA OF THE CHALLENGE IS TO SEE HOW PEOPLE WILL APPROACH A SIMILAR IDEA FROM DIFFERENT ANGLES. OUR CHALLENGES WILL NEVER BE SO HARD AS TO PUT OFF NOVICES, BUT WE WILL TRY TO KEEP IT INTERESTING. SO ANY IDEA YOU HAVE IS WELCOME, MAKE IT AS HARD OR AS EASY AS YOU WANT.

NEXT MEETING:

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY AT 7:00 AUGUST 8TH AT WOODCRAFT SUPPLY. OUR DEMONSTRATION THAT NIGHT WILL BE BY BILL HUDSON. HE WILL BE TALKING ABOUT DIFFERENT CHUCKS THAT CAN BE USED ON YOUR LATHE. SEE YOU THEN.