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- **The September 11, 2005 meeting will take place at Dave Gordon's shop in Holly.** See details on pages 6 & 7.
 - **The Michigan Renaissance Festival** will run from on weekends from August 13 – September 25 this year in Holly, Michigan, just down the road from Pete's shop. MAW member John Becker will be turning and schmoozing the ladies at booth 501 (between the bakery and the privies, near Dead Bob). Come and shower him with your warmth.
 - **The Georgia Association of Woodturners (GAW)** will present their Turning Southern Style XI Woodturning Symposium at the Unicoi State Park and Lodge in Helen, Georgia on September 16-18, 2005. For more information please visit our website at www.gawoodturner.org.
 - **The Adirondack Woodturners Association** will present TOTALLY TURNING 2005 on October 15 and 16 in Albany, New York. This symposium, now in its third year will present Stuart Batty, Andi Wolfe, and Nick Cook along with a host of other regional turners in a two day event totally devoted to woodturning.

- **The Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild will present their 4th biennial Symposium** October 21 – 23, 2005 in West Harrison, IN (30 minutes west of Cincinnati, OH). Featured Demonstrators include: Jimmy Clewes, J. Paul Fennell, John Jordan, Ray Key, Richard Raffan, Chris Ramsey, and Chris Stott. More information at www.ovwg.org/turning2005..

2nd Annual MAW Picnic: 'Twas Another Beautiful Day!

Another sultry summer day greeted about 40 MAW members and their families as we again held our August meeting at Hudson Mills Metropark. Pete grilled up some of his homemade Italian sausages, Tim handled the burgers and dogs, and Tom organized the



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Dues:

\$95.00/year, includes A.A.W. Membership. Remit at the December meeting or by mail to:

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Meetings:

will now be held from 1 – 3 p.m. on the first Sunday of the month at the workshop of:

Dave Gordon
10621 Milford Rd.
Holly, Michigan 48442

Note New Location**Next Meeting:**

**September 11,
2005**



Show-and-Tell competition as the rest of us kicked back and enjoyed the day.

First order of business, of course, was to gorge ourselves on the many delectable offerings. Rumors that Lima Beans were lurking in one of the baked bean dishes seriously traumatized at least one member, but I, er *he* bravely munched on, past the (iiiiieeee) crooked-neck squash masquerading as a casserole, through the two, (yes two!), varieties of potato salad (food rules were clearly flaunted here), straight through to the desserts. It was a hard job, but someone...

During a short business meeting, Tom presented fancy clipboards to Vice President Pete Buccellato, Treasurer Tim Morris, Secretary Phil Clevenger, Webmaster Paul Elert, and Librarian Bob Roehrig for their ongoing service to the chapter.

Answering the call, several members brought in their finest turnings for entry into the vaunted People's Choice Awards Competition. This year Tom allowed only one entry into either the Advanced or Beginner categories, dashing the hopes of the hedgers among us. In actuality, the difference in quality between the entries in the two categories amounted to a hair on a



gnat's *behind*, so next year might well see only one category (ladies and gentlemen, sharpen your tools).

After some spirited discussion, the voting began. Winners are shown below.

MAW's 2nd Annual Picnic was a resounding success, making for a high probability that it will be back next year.

Michigan Association of Woodturners 2005 People's Choice Awards

Beginners



First Place
Bob Roehrig



Second Place
Jeff Scott



Third Place
Rick Rickman

Advanced

A very nice picture of Dave Pierce holding his masterpiece would go here...if I had one...stupid photographer...ed.



First Place
Dave Pierce



Second Place
Basil Kelsey



Third Place
Clarence Gordon

We Got Mail

Hi Tom:

Please accept my thanks for the opportunity I had of attending one of your Association meetings. I enjoyed it immensely, especially your demonstration of how to turn a candle holder that has an offset.

You, as President, and the members were very hospitable and made me feel at home.

Kind regards,

Brian Wells, Association of Woodturners of South Africa.



Fellow Turners:

The time is approaching fast when my new shop will be ready to move into. I will have a moving company do the heavy lifting of the big equipment out of the basement to the new shop built next to my old garage across the driveway. But I need loads of help to get all the other stuff moved out of the basement. If you are willing or able to help carry many trips up and down the steps give me a call and we can work out a work bee schedule. I will be in the moving mode from early morning till late evenings for a few days till we get it all moved in and set up. If you can help for even short times it would be great to have your help daytimes or evenings. I am sure people will be coming and going, on and off as their schedules permit.

I will, in return set up a turning class for the helpers as a thank you. The session will be designed as an intermediate and

advanced class to help you folks that have some turning experience under your belts. We can work on hollow forms, or multi axis, or carving techniques etc.

If you are a beginner, don't worry I will work with whatever skill level needed to prevent catches and take the stress out of your turning and work on foundation elements.

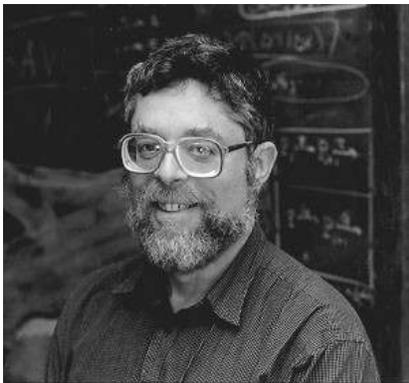
Please give me a call if you can help and I'll fill you in on the shop completion schedule and book some help time.

THANKS AGAIN!!

Regards,

Lyle Jamieson
Sculptor and Instructor of turned objects
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And Then 'Twas a Fair Day...



As a Physics Professor at the University of Michigan, MAW member Bob Savit focuses on preparing young minds to solve the complex problems of tomorrow's world. As a researcher, he focuses on (from his Department bio) "adaptivity and evolution in social and biological systems, nonlinear systems, nonlinear data analysis, [and the] dynamics of epilepsy." One of his current research

projects seeks to understand the nature of the competition that occurs when many people compete for a scarce resource and must develop innovative strategies to succeed. Another project that Bob is involved with may one day help people with epilepsy predict and prepare for a seizure many minutes before it happens. Given such a demanding day job, it's easy to understand why Bob might find respite in the simple pleasure of turning wood.

Bob's work was recently on display at this year's State Street Area Art Fair, part of the annual Ann Arbor Art Fair extravaganza that draws 500,000+ people to our fair city and helps many residents discover the delights of Any Where But Here for the week.



(And no, that's not Bob in drag. The beautiful young lady is Kirsten Dahmer, a budding actress and singer, currently in the Musical Theater Program at Syracuse University).

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His mastery of form and finish is immediately evident when one takes a few moments to appreciate his work. Bob's designs are graceful, his execution is flawless. His understated forms allow the beauty of the material to dominate.

Like many of us, it was the immediacy

of woodturning that drew him away from other forms of woodworking. "It's as if you're having a conversation with the wood, but at the end that conversation is really a conversation with yourself." a recent article in the Ann Arbor News quoted him. "That process appeals to me."

That, and the tools...

Bob lives in Ann Arbor with his wife, a cellist and watercolorist, and the youngest of their four children, Gavriel, a budding actor/singer and a senior at Pioneer High School.

For those who missed the Fair, more of Bob's work is on display in the main lobby of the University of Michigan Hospital until October 12, 2005.

MAW's New Digs

Plans have changed, and now we know we will move into our new home in time for the September 11th meeting.

Clarence Gordon's son Dave has kindly agreed to host us in his pole barn in Holly. The spacious structure will provide us with plenty of space for our monthly meetings as well as abundant room for our upcoming workshops and demos.

Dave's address is 10621 Milford Road outside of Holly. Dave's phone is 248-561-9303.

It's easy enough to find Dave's place: From Ann Arbor, take 23 North to M-59, head east on M-59 to Milford Road. Turn left onto Milford Road. You're getting close when you see the sign for Diehl's Orchard, it will be about a mile past the second railroad crossing, on the left. It'll



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take you about 45 minutes, much less if you drive like <cough> Tom <cough>.

Anyone interested in forming a car-pool/caravan from Ann Arbor, or if you need help getting directions from your own house to Dave's place, please contact Phil Clevenger at 734-761-8737 or philclevenger@comcast.net.

See you there!





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Please Note:

The next meeting of the Michigan Association of Woodturners will be Sunday, September 11, 2005 from 1 – 3 p.m. At the workshop of Dave Gordon, 10621 Milford Road, Holly, MI. See Details on pages 6 & 7. Contact Clarence Gordon at 248-634-4855 or Dave Gordon at 248-561-9303 for more information.