



# Between Turns

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## Turning a Crotch

The MAW monthly July meeting gave members some needed good information on how to do crotch turning.

Tom Mogford graciously took the helm as the monthly demonstrator to show the members some of the things that crotch turning encompassed.

Tom began his setup with a nice piece of Walnut that Gary Smith provided. Setting up be-

tween centers was advised to gain the best



Tom explaining his Walnut crotch turning at the clubs July meeting.

advantage of bringing out the best part of the grain

or "Flame".

Tom used a Ellsworth tool to do most of the cutting and described the process as he went.

As the bowl was taking shape from the inside, members could easily see the nice grain (Flame) that was developing as the turning progressed.

Hope to see some nice crotch turnings from our members at the August picnic.

## August Annual Club Picnic

It's that time again for the MAW annual club picnic.

Picnic will be held at our meeting site in Holly.

The club will provide the

meat, setups, and condiments.

Roby Jarczewski is coordinating a list of salads, deserts, casseroles, etc for members to bring.

A signup list was passed around for members to indicate what they would like to bring. If you were not at the July meeting and plan to

attend the August picnic, please give Roby a call to let her know what you will be bringing. Roby is coordinating this so we do not wind up with several of the same dishes. This will definitely make for a better food selection. Roby's phone number is: 734-953-4053 or email Roby at: [mrsjcmc@twmi.rr.com](mailto:mrsjcmc@twmi.rr.com)

Your cooperation on this will be appreciated. Thanks to all.

## MAW Library

Several new items have been obtained for the MAW library. The club now owns Patrick Spielman's book on Segmented Turning plus a manufactures DVD on the "Easy Rougher". These can be checked out at the September meeting.

NO CHECKOUTS will be done at the August picnic.

Members though are encouraged to **please return** any club library materials you may have presently checked out at the August Picnic.

Un-returned items are building up thus denying members a chance to view these materials. Please make arrangements to return your checked out library materials.



Assortment of "Show & Tell" turnings by Time Lelight.

## Guest Demonstrator

Choosing a guest demonstrator was discussed at this months meeting. Bill Magee brought some interesting information back on demonstrators from the National Symposium in Richmond.

A list with web site was passed around for members to voice their vote on who they would like to see demonstrate for us this fall.

If you were not at the July meeting, please cut out the voting list that is printed in this newsletter and return it by the September meeting.

A web site is on the list so members can see all the people that are available to give demonstrations. Please turn this list in to Tom when finished so that we can see where interest lies in choosing a demonstrator for our club.

## Get Well goes out to Bob Shepard

Bob Shepard has been hospitalized for some surgery. Our best wishes go out to Bob in getting well soon.

## Photo's

Photographs for this months "Between-Turns" were provided by Bob Roehrig. If you have digital photo's that you would like to have considered for use in the newsletter, please send them to the editor: [rroehrig@charter.net](mailto:rroehrig@charter.net)

## Air Compressor

A workday was spent in June to hookup the large air compressor the club will now have access to. Thanks to all who helped out. The new air compressor runs on 220 volt power and is large enough for all our needs. Running air tools on this machine will be a breeze. This will definitely be a plus for all our future air needs.

## AAW Star Chapter Plaque

Bill Magee graciously received our AAW Star Chapter plaque at the national symposium in Richmond Virginia last month.

The plaque was shown off at the July meeting.

The club is undecided where this will be mounted. If you have any suggestions, please let Tom know.

## Calendar

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

- **MAW PICNIC ...August 3, 2008**
- **Turn-On Chicago symposium. July 25-27**
- **John Jordan demo. November 15, 2008 Cincinnati, Ohio**
- **September MAW meeting...End Grain Hollowing**

# “Roll yer Own” Tool Rests

Dissatisfied with your current tool rest? Wish you had a longer or shorter one? Help is on the way with a limited bit of foresight, ingenuity and money you can make all the tool rests that you'll ever need. Not a welder? No problem, just take the pieces to a welding or muffler shop and they'll help you out very inexpensively.

One of the secrets to these new tool rests is a clever concept now being marketed by the Robust Lathe company [http://www.turnrobust.com/Comfort\\_Tool\\_Rests.html](http://www.turnrobust.com/Comfort_Tool_Rests.html). Aside from the curved steel shape to support your hand, they epoxy a hardened steel ¼” dia. steel rod to the top edge of the steel to provide a surface that won't ever ding, nick or need to be filed flat.

You can adapt this new “low-tech” solution to your own lathe needs with some 1½ x 1½ steel angle cut to the sizes you need. Also purchase some ¼” drill rod or cold rolled steel to epoxy to the top of the angle iron. You'll also need a length of 1” dia. cold rolled steel rod for the posts. Since these pieces of steel are usually sold in 20' and 10' lengths, this would make an ideal project for your turning club so many others could enjoy the camaraderie of making these tool rests together at a much lower cost.



After welding the posts to the steel angle which had already been cut to size, all that remained was to epoxy the ¼” rod to the top edge and paint them. I wanted a small tool rest for pen turning, a longer than standard tool rest (16”) for reaching into deep bowls and a 90 degree corner tool rest.





Make certain that you use 5 min. epoxy and do one side at a time. Remember, “Less is More” so wait 10 minutes or more before turning the tool rest over and gluing the other side. The epoxy creates a “fillet” between the angle iron and the rod which is more than enough to keep it in place.

- PM tool rests.....not available.
- Robust Tool Rests.....\$50 each
- Doing it myself.....priceless!

<http://www.laymar-crafts.co.uk/linkha.htm>

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Please list the demonstrators you would like to see visit our club in order of your preference. Turn into Tom at the August picnic or September meeting. Visit the online link to get a list of all woodturning demonstrators

## Show & Tell Items July



Square bowl by Joe Agusta

