



NORTHERN WOODTURNERS CLUB INC. NEWSLETTER

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The May meeting will be held on the Saturday the 18th of
May
at 9:00 am

The monthly project will be a special Pen. We are seeing a great variety of pens made by the members. Please bring them along to show the other members.

After morning tea we will be having a presentation by Neville Young about using a CNC machine

President's Report

As we head into the colder months we will find it a little harder to venture into our workshops and tackle our latest creation. Why not make the effort to visit the club, enjoy the warmth of our heating and share a little company with like-minded people?

In April we had our annual sales weekend at the Kilmore Art Expo which proved to be quite successful again. Overall sales were \$713.00 less \$60.00 for the table hire. Many thanks to those who assisted – Gordon Watt, Graham Evely, Mario Fenech, Graeme Matthews, Neville Young and Joe van Koeverden. Your efforts are certainly appreciated. The sales days conducted at a few different venues now total \$14,333.00 back into the pockets of those who submitted items.

Our monthly meeting was poorly attended but those who weren't there missed a talk by Gordon Watt on some history of tools. It brought back memories of early companies trading in Melbourne. This brought about some healthy discussion on the development of equipment over the years.

It was good to see Keith Binch and Beryl Watling back at the club after a few health problems and to find John Wheeler back on deck after a short stay in hospital. Tod Raliceski hopes to return soon following a problem with his leg.

Entries close on May 13th for the annual AWTEX competition so please submit your entries, sit back and await the results. We have some excellent turners who can assist with information.

In a few weeks we will have our Annual General Meeting. Please consider accepting nomination for any position.

If you have any ideas for a monthly speaker/demonstrator please approach any committee member where your idea can be discussed.

Just a friendly reminder – workshop equipment/tools are not to be removed from the premises or taken on loan. We have three workshop sessions each week and it is imperative that members have access each session and not have to wait until the items are returned.

Many thanks to those who are assisting our newer members in their woodturning pursuits. It is great to see the progress and enthusiasm of our newcomers and trust they go on to become teachers in their own right in years to come.

Regards.

Alan

Woodturning Magazine

The April Issue has some interesting articles on various topics.

Making a Solitaire Board.

Using leather work to make the best of a crack in a timber blank.

A different take on making and Owl with the plans in the magazine.

There are articles on both bowls and various box designs.

SAFETY TIP

To ensure all members can come into a safe clubroom please check the machine you are using before you start and again when finished so that it is safe for the next person who uses it some other time of the week.

Check that the guards, tool rests, the knock out bar, Chuck keys, spindle locks, the bandsaw is adjusted correctly and all are safe.

The speed setting of the machine should be checked before switch anything on!

Black and Decker Workmate

How many of us have a genuine Black & Decker workmate? I was repairing mine recently. I probably have had it about 35 years. I was looking on YouTube and Google. Some people collect them. One collector has recorded 34 different designs.

The inventor, Ron Hickman came up with the idea after a bad experience cutting timber on a piece of furniture that he damaged. He came up with the design in wood and steel. He tried to convince companies to market it under license. They were not interested.

The Stanley tool company told him the device would sell in dozens rather than hundreds. Other companies told him the design would not sell at a reasonable price. It has since sold 30 million units around the world. After these rejections he started selling them at trade shows and other venues himself. In 1973 Black and Decker expressed an interest in the workmate and they went on sale the following year. Ron Hickman received a royalty of about 50 pence for each item sold.

Ron Hickman was born in South Africa and moved to England and worked as a music publisher. From 1954 he worked for Ford at Dagenham, first as a clay modeler and later helped style the 105E Ford Anglia.

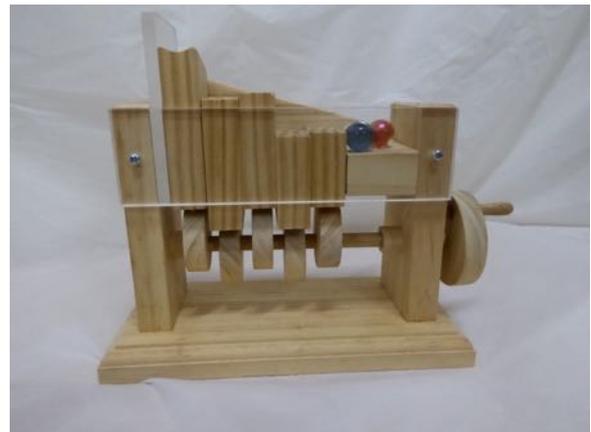
In the 1960's he became the director of Lotus engineering and designing the Lotus Europa, Lotus Élan and the Lotus plus 2 and part of the Lotus GT40 bid. He left Lotus Engineering in 1967. Lotus cars have appeared in James Bond movies.
researched from various sources



Show N Tell



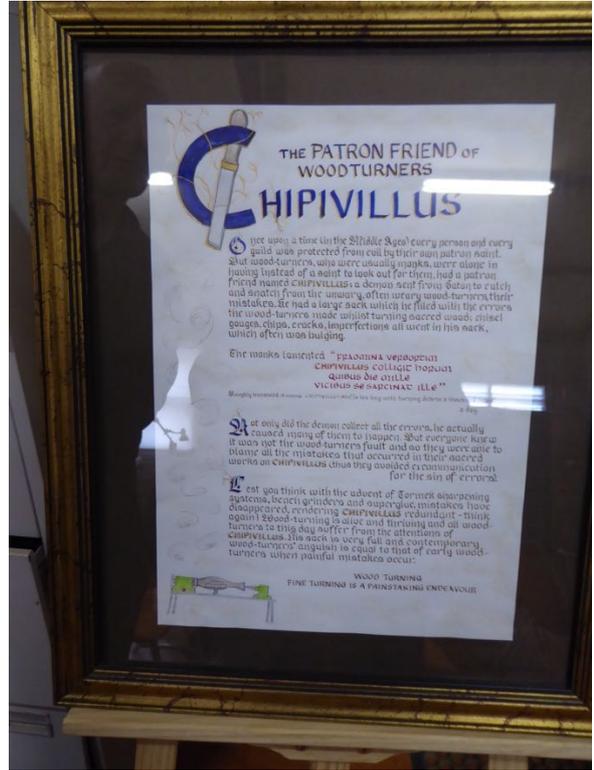
Alan Arnup has made this solar calculator using Camphor Laurel and he has finished it with Shellawax.



Lionel Hart has made this marble lifter from Pine. It kept many members amused for some time.



Chris Robinson has made this shallow bowl from American Oak and he has finished it with Shellawax.



Peter Lucas has adapted an old legend and created a new Patron Friend of Woodturners, Chipivilus.





Joe Van Koeverde. n has made the 7 items above. The first is a lidded box from various timbers and finished with Livos Oil. The next 2 plates are made using Tiger Myrtle and finished with Glow.

The next 3 bowls are Oak and finished with Glow.

The last is a platter/shallow bowl made from Fiddleback Red Gum and finished with Livos Oil. It was turned outboard and required some ingenuity to reverse the mounting accurately.

Calendar for 2018-2019

- 14th – 16th June - The Australian Woodturning Exhibition. Kingston Town Hall.
- 19th – 21st July - Forest Edge. Fully catered, booking essential.
- 23rd -25th August - Timber, Tools & Artisan Show. At Melbourne Show Grounds, Ascot Vale.
- 13th – 15th September - Phillip Island weekend. Fully catered, booking essential.
- 21st – 22nd September - Ballarat Woodworkers show.
- 26th – 27th October - Goulburn Valley woodworkers show. This year will be held at the Macintosh Pavilion, Shepparton Showgrounds.
- 9th, 10th November - Eltham Woodworkers Exhibition.

The calendar is subject to change as needed.

Session Times

Our weekly hands on session times are:

Tuesday, 7:00 - 10:00 pm
Wednesday, 8:00 am – Noon
Thursday, 7:00 – 10:00 pm

Monthly Meeting on the third Saturday of the Month, 9:00 am, Except December

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