



# Space Coast Woodturners

## Newsletter of Space Coast Woodturners – October 13, 2021

Submitted by Randy Hardy – Secretary

Paul Jackson opened the October meeting of the Space Coast Woodturners at ~7:10 PM. It was late due to technical issues. There was a “perfect storm” of problems – Russ Bremmer, who normally runs the meeting, was out of town & Read Johnson was going substitute for him. At the last minute, Read got a pinched nerve in his back, so Paul Jackson stepped in for him. Read had some of the A/V equipment at his house in Vero Beach, so I went down there & got the equipment & quick verbal instructions on how to hook it up, picked up the projector from Makerspace, got the key to Community House from the Melbourne Village town office, & picked up a key to the shipping container from Bob Winburn. If that wasn't enough, Scott Lucas (who does the audio/visual with Read) wasn't available because of an international trip based on work. We tried to start the Zoom, but didn't have access to the Zoom account because it's in Russ's name. We also didn't have internet access, but Paul used his cell phone to provide a wifi hot spot. We dialed in with my cell phone to get audio (because we hadn't connected the speakers yet), & we then limped along – until Paul's cell phone battery died. Read suggested running Zoom from my cell phone & using that camera, so the comedy of errors continued with a handheld camera. It's too bad there were so many problems – Paul's demo was one of the better ones this year.

### Old Business

#### Florida Woodturning Symposium

There will not be a symposium for 2021 but a symposium is scheduled for 2022 – see the website:

<http://floridawoodturningsymposium.com/>

Symposium will be February 18-20, 2022 at the R. P. Funding Center in Lakeland, Florida. Everyone is responsible for their own lodging & meals. There are no workshops planned & demonstrations will begin on Friday at 8 A.M. Here is a list of the featured speakers:

#### National Demonstrators

David Ellsworth  
Mark Gardner  
Carol Hall  
Avelino Samuel

#### Regional Demonstrators

Kent Harriss  
Keith Larrett  
Jack Roberts  
Kent Weakley

There are 8 rotations on Friday, 8 rotations on Saturday, & 4 rotations on Sunday. Concession stands will provide breakfast, lunch, & dinner. There is a cash bar Friday night & Saturday night. Friday night is instant gallery critique & Saturday night is the auction. The Symposium has reserved blocks of hotel rooms at two nearby hotels. Go through the Florida Symposium website. Parking is free. Raffle tickets are available. Registration for the 2022 Florida Symposium is now open. Use entrance #6 for parking & entrance #2 for the Symposium (follow the signs).

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## **Relocation**

The major issue with moving to Makerspace is storage of our 10 small lathes. Initially we hoped the lathes could be stored inside the Makerspace facility, but that wasn't available. Our next approach was to move our shipping container to the Makerspace parking lot. The landlord that Makerspace rents the facility from would not allow that. The current option is to build an enclosed box on top of a 8' x 16' trailer that Makerspace is donating to us. We can store the trailer at a 1.5 acre lot in Palm Bay. We're trying to look at the trailer to make sure it's road worthy & to estimate the cost to convert it from an open trailer to an enclosed one. Another option is to find an enclosed trailer that is available. We are looking for a used trailer – Read Johnson will contact Harvey Driver to see if his trailer is still available. If any club members know of a trailer that is available, notify any of the SCWT Board members.

At the Malabar Market, we were offered a building where we could have our meetings & store our lathes. Although it's an option, the fact that it has no AC & is a long distance away is a definite disadvantage. Another option is to re-negotiate with Melbourne Village.

## **Malabar Market**

The town of Malabar held a market last Saturday & Paul Jackson, Russ Bremmer, & Bob Cusamano spent the better part of Saturday setting up, demonstrating, & then tearing it all down & transporting back to our shipping container. Special thanks to Read Johnson & John Cannon for the use of the generator. The Market went well & ~5 people expressed interest in joining SCWT.

## **Longworth Chucks**

4 of 9 Longworth Chucks have been delivered to members – if you're interested in a Longworth Chuck, contact Randy Hardy with the diameter of the chuck (10", 12", 16", & or other) & the headstock threads (1" or 1-1/4"). Material cost is \$20.

## **Christmas Party**

There will not be a SCWT Christmas Party or meeting this year due to close proximity of members & the chance of exposure to COVID-19.

## **New Business**

### **Election of Officers**

All of the current officers have agreed to serve another term, but if anyone is interested in any position, please let an SCWT Board member know – an election of officers will be conducted at the next meeting

## **Craft Supply Order**

The way it works is that once the club has collected \$1,000 worth of orders, it is submitted to Craft Supply & we get 10% off the price of the order, no tax, & free shipping. Ric DeTorre collected over \$1,200 worth of orders, but ~\$1,000 worth of the ordered material was not in stock or back ordered at Craft Supply. Ric worked with the folks that ordered things that were back ordered & found substitutes to bring the total order back up to ~\$820. Craft Supply agreed to provide free shipping but would not give us the 10% discount until the value of the order reached \$1,000. The decision is to continue to collect orders until we again reach \$1,000. Please submit new orders to Ric – he can submit the new order once he receives ~\$180 of new orders. That should be easy if members order penkits, pizza cutters, ice cream scoops, & all of the other kits & supplies needed to make Christmas gifts.

## **Ric's Tools**

Ric DeTorre is helping a member of our club sell all his woodturning equipment. To see what is available, go to Craig's List – Space Coast, go to tools, & type "Ric" in search box to see what tools are available.

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## **Gary Christensen Sale**

Big turner's yard sale

Gary Christensen is holding a sale on his back porch Saturday October 16 from 9 AM to 1 PM. See the website for a list of many items for sale and free.

## **Woodturning Fundamentals LIVE! 2021 (from AAW)**

Saturday & Sunday, November 6 & 7, 2021

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Join us for AAW's two-day online workshop tailored to beginner woodturners who want to learn the basics -- and intermediate turners who want to brush up on fundamental skills. AAW's veteran instructors have worked with many beginner and intermediate students. They will teach the basics and present intriguing projects suitable for all skill levels.

\$29 for AAW members, \$49 all others

Registration includes access to extended video replay of the sessions for three months. You'll be able to join live and view/review every session. That's 24 hours of live and recorded instruction!

This event is tailored to beginner and intermediate turners who want to build and refine their foundational woodturning skills, but all experience levels are welcome!

Registration is open through Friday, November 5, 2021, at noon Eastern Time.

## **Dues**

Annual dues for 2022 (\$40 for individuals & \$45 for families) are now being accepted. If you haven't paid dues for 2021 yet, please submit them to:

Read Johnson  
3236 1st St. SW  
Vero Beach, Florida 32968

Make the check out to Space Coast Woodturners. Another option is to wait - SCWT plans to send out a letter to all existing members – included in this package will be a stamped envelope addressed to Read for dues.

## **Officer's Report**

### **Vice Presidents – John Conway & Paul Jackson**

Paul Jackson will discuss Tools that Suck tonight. The demonstration schedule follows:

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|---------------|--------------|--|
| November 2021 | Russ Bremmer | Little vase (hollow form) & tools to make it |
| ? 2022        | Kevin Nowak  | Segmented Turning                            |
| ? 2022        | Russ Bolton  |  |

### **Treasurer – Read Johnson**

We have \$2,867.98 in our bank account – all bills are paid (insurance, meeting place rental, & storage). The only new expenses would be for demonstrators & name tags.

### **Secretary – Randy Hardy**

Nothing.

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## Show & Tell

Paul McDaniel

Bandsaw Tool

12" Longworth Chuck

Bob Cusamano

Ring bowl

Electronic Submissions to Show & Tell/ Instant Gallery.

Please submit items by 6 PM Tuesday prior to the Wednesday meeting. The link for the submission is on the SCWT website under "Show & Tell Projects". Select link on page - don't forget to upload picture.

Demonstration – Paul Jackson

Tools that Suck

Paul presented his demonstration in three parts. The first discussed drill bits from Harbor Freight. The bits were plated with titanium-nitride & worked fine for wood & plastic, but when he tried to drill soft metal, the bits bent. The plating was fine, but they just plated some soft metal for the core of the drill bit.

The second item was a remote control for his dust collector. He has a dust collector for his whole shop & wanted to turn it on at different workstations (like the table saw & cut-off saw). He looked at the Long Ranger, but a unit with only one remote would cost \$80. Instead, he bought the Electop Wireless Remote Control Switch with two remotes (<http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B07WV72DFR> for \$21.98. He wired it up and placed one remote at his saw & the 2nd at the radial arm saw.

He then discussed the 3rd item – Vacuum Chucks and Pumps

He used a clever way allow the rotary connector to be used with a variety of lathes – he used a long piece of lamp rod (a hollow piece of rigid tube with threads on the outside). One end of the rod connected to the vacuum source & the other end could be adjusted by threading the nut with an O-ring against the cup that holds the project. Since the threads on the headstock are square cut rather than tapered like pipe threads, vacuum could be lost through the threads. Paul solved this by putting the O-ring nut inside the cup with a large padded phenolic washer rather than directly on the headstock shaft. Another approach from the audience suggested using plumber's tape on the headstock threads. This vacuum could also be used as clamp to hold items in place during carving or sanding. Another use is vacuum bagging when attaching veneers to wood.

Check out these resources:

<https://www.veneersupplies.com/products/Projeect-V4-Auto-Cycling-Venturi-Vacuum-Press-Kit.html>

<https://www.frugalvacuumchuck.com/>

Next Meeting: November 10, 2021 at the Melbourne Village Community House

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The Chapter's Purposes, in addition to supporting the general purposes of the AMERICAN ASSOCIATION of WOODTURNERS, Inc., are to:

1. Provide a meeting place for local woodturners
2. Share ideas and techniques regarding this craft
3. Trade woods
4. Exchange ideas about tools
5. Exhibit finished projects

## Officers:

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