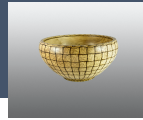
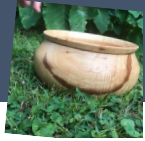


# TURNING POINT

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Life is just wonderful:

If I asked you if you remember a great movie from the 60's where one of the main characters ends the show bouncing a ball off the wall of his solitary cell, would you know?

That's how I feel after two months of confinement. My wife got hurt and my doctors pointed out that I could not have shop time or drive.

I have spent my time cleaning and polishing my display work, looking at tools and jigs I have created and ways I've figured out to get the best and pay the least.

I've been spending lots of time keeping busy in solitary but I have great company real close, my wife.

I wonder if that guy has an extra ball for bouncing.

*Until next time, this is Cap'n Eddie Castelin, Makin' Shavin's*

## Coming Up...

WorldWideWoodturners are working on a newsletter specifically designed to cover segmented pieces. From design to planning, color layouts, accent rings, assembly of piece and, of course, cutting and finishing your work of art.

I got started woodturning with segmented work. I could not find good turning wood, but could shop the dumpster outside of high-end mill shop. All I could find was rips, but there were some great exotics in that blue open storage container.

I'd stop by nightly to see what my next project would be. All seasoned wood, not much shrinkage, and dry as can be.

I read a Woodworking article on how to create segments and I was off to the races.

We'll cover some of the rigs and jigs you need, along with adhesives, curing time and cutting a multi-faceted work piece.

*Coming your way soon*

**Zoom, Zoom, Zoom**

WorldWideWoodturners are going to experiment with a virtual meeting concept. We will hold an open meeting via Zoom in the near future.

This will advertised via Facebook.

More details are available on Page 6.

### A Note From A Member

*"After I bought a Robust Tool Rest on your recommendation, my shavin's and cuts improved 100% Thank You Sir!"*

We had referred him to Robust since he was seeking a replacement for his mini lathe. Robust has tool rests with a hardened top edge, no more dings and nicks.

If you have a comment, suggestion or criticism useful to the woodturning world, please send it to us. We'll use it.

## ***Ready to hold on, Let Charles do it...***

I know that I have discussed this in the past, but if you want music, you have to beat the drum. The drum I'm speaking of is Charles, or Chuck as you may know him.

When you began your trip down the woodturner trail, you knew you wanted a chuck for holding your work. Chucks come in many sizes, operations and price. When you decide what you want, look the entire package over before making that commitment. This is like getting married, once you do it, it may be hard to undo. Packages are normally kits, lots of parts for a low cost. What's wrong with that picture? More for less, that's not the Great American Way. Do you need all those jaws, pins, clips, rods, adapters and such? If you go with a quality chuck to begin with, your choice of attachments is much larger and normally of better quality.

I have bought, or been given some, of the lower-cost, lever type chucks. They are on my bench, but the last ones I go to. Lever chucks often need a third hand to load the material. The scroll type chucks are easier to operate and I find them to hold and release with ease.

I have scroll chucks in at least 3 sizes and abilities. You can't turn large wood with a small chuck. And please don't ever remove the safeties. They are there for a reason. I know of a very seasoned turner who by-passed the safety pins to grab a piece little bigger than the safe grab. Okay, let's just leave it at the fact that got his bell rung.

Then we move on to the jaws. Most chucks in a kit are supplied with jaws which have ridges or called Profile Jaws. They are excellent at holding irregular shaped pieces with those ridges. But if you can cut a tenon or depression of the right size, you will go better with the smooth type jaws. These make constant contact with the bearing tenon or depression. When properly sized, you won't leave a mark on the surface being gripped. This significant in some cases, but not all. I have found that the jaws need to be clean of dust, dirt, glue, paint and other crap in order to grab or grip in the designed manner. You can't grab anything with a rusty and corroded pair of pliers.



Shown on left are smooth jaws from OneWay Lathe Co. Note that the jaws do not have ridges. Fitted to the properly sized tenon or depression, they will not leave a mark.



The lower set are called Profile Jaws from OneWay Lathe Co. The ridges help hold irregular work and will leave marks.

The catch phrase is "properly sized". This is where the tenon is  $\frac{1}{4}$ " larger than the smallest it can hold. Whereas the depression is only  $\frac{1}{4}$ " larger than the minimum it can hold. Too big no good, to small no good.

I started this referring to a clean chuck, but I wandered. A clean chuck works smoothly and holds better. Don't ever believe that some liquid spray for corrosion or displacement of water won't leave a dust attracting surface. My daddy always told us, "if it needs oiling then oil it. But if just needs to be clean, clean it". This was from the man who saved his old motor oil for lubricating just about everything. But he also had a bucket of Mineral Spirits just for cleaning. Then a wipe down with a detergent and you were done. Get this, the mineral spirits were never changed. The crap settled to the bottom of the can and you didn't mix it up. Cleaning a chuck is simple. Break it down as far as it will go, maybe take a photo or two for reference. Use a set of snap ring pliers to remove the rings. Don't try this with an awl or center punch. Then wash the entire unit in the Mineral Spirits bath until it's clean. Sometimes I rig up a cordless drill for turning the key to accelerate the process. Be sure to wipe dry before assembly. If you think it needs lubricant, look into an almost dry lubricant, which not attract dust and dirt.

Never oil that chuck, it doesn't need oil.

***Cap'n Eddie Castelin***

## Help Wanted

WorldWideWoodturners are in the search of a webmaster.

We are in need of a webpage for information, contacts, newsletters, articles by members, and a continuing photo

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I can arrange

Please

### Great News

Job has been filled. A member stepped up and a sample will be available in the near future.

construction.

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You could become the vice-president of IT, really.

## *I've seen a UFO and I am concerned...*

It was early in the morning; a light fog had settled over the area and it was quite still and ghostly quiet.

I was at a woodturning buddies shop to look at some work he had under way. Then I saw it out of the corner of my eye, a little blurry, and hardly recognizable. It was definitely a UFO.

Being in my 70's, I have heard lots of stories about UFOs in my lifetime. My Dad hated them and did all he could to eliminate them. Sometimes doing all you can do is not enough.

Now, don't think of Area 51 or anything like that, this is here, in your shop, in plain view.

A UFO is an Un Finished Object, and they haunt woodturners. Check around you shop and see if there are any which can be eliminated, erased, or even completed.

It's up to all of us to prevent UFOs.

It is what we have to do as woodturners.

## Blast Off!

When the going gets tough, the tough reach for their sandblaster. A fairly simple device designed for much heavier work. But you can save a few \$\$\$ by looking at the portable rigs and sand available from Harbor Freight (used to be at Sears, but that ship has sailed).

The blaster is a very useful item in your shop. You can clean parts, remove paint or even etch wood for a surface texture.



The rig from Harbor Freight is nice and simple. It holds enough blasting sand to go for about 10 minutes. It's light, compact and virtually maintenance free. Just add an adapter to hook it to your air hose, crank the pressure to about 75 PSI, put on your protective gear and go to sandblasting.

Please keep in mind that this is not a toy. You will need a shield, a dust mask and, above all else, gloves. Keep it moving and watch this baby clean up your stuff.

If you turn something with a mix of hard and soft woods, like 2x4 or pine, then you can do some surface embossing by blasting away the soft wood between the hard ribs. You may have to reduce the pressure so you don't eat away the hard grain.

Sand Blasters don't work well with sand used for concrete. Most of that is harvested by dredging and pumping. This rounds out the grains of sand. You need mined sand with sharp corners.

Harbor Freight also sells some blasting sand, you want the finest, a #1 works great.

Cap'n Eddie Castelin

# WOODTURNERS SHOWCASE



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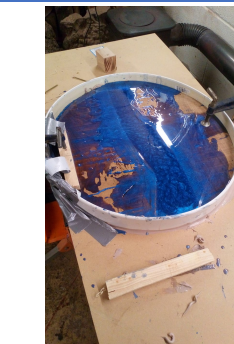
ROBERT CLARK



GARY IRWIN



BYRON PATTERSON



BYRON PETERSON

## ZOOM, ZOOM, ZOOM

**YOU MAY HAVE OR SEEN SOMETHING ABOUT A ZOOM CLUB MEETING. WORLDWIDEWOODTURNERS ARE GOING TO ATTEMPT THIS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.**

**MORE DETAILS ARE ON THEIR WAY. CHECK LAST PAGE...**

## Got a photo of your work?

Turning Point wants to show off some of the finest woodturning in the world, yours.

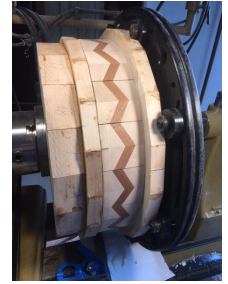
Send me an e-mail, with your photos and I'll add them to a newsletter. And when we crank up the videos again, they will be there too.

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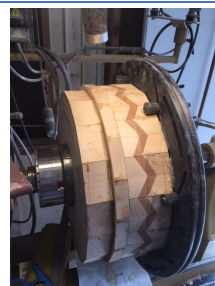
[worldwidewoodturners@gmail.com](mailto:worldwidewoodturners@gmail.com)

Please be sure to include your real name, and if you can, a description of the piece or tool. If you send us a photo of your shop, we only refer to your first name in the presentation, for security reasons.





RONNIE BONNETTE TAKES US THROUGH CREATING A SEGMENTED BOWL WITH ACCENT RING



IN A FUTURE EDITION WE WILL COVER SEGMENTS, FROM PLANNING TO LAYOUT TO TURNING.

**NEVER IN MY WILDEST  
DREAMS DID I IMAGINE I'D  
GO UP TO A BANK TELLER,  
WITH A MASK ON, ASKING  
FOR MONEY.**

**GOT TIME ON YOUR HANDS?  
CONSIDER CLEANING YOUR SHOP TOP TO  
BOTTOM. NAH, THAT IS SILLY.**

## **FREEDOM PENS**

I've been beating this drum for over 15 years. I'm still collecting pens made of wood, or other materials, to send to our troops. These men and women are volunteers, working for less than minimum wage, to defend our rights and privileges. They also came forward to help in national disasters, such as the virus impact, helping to save lives.

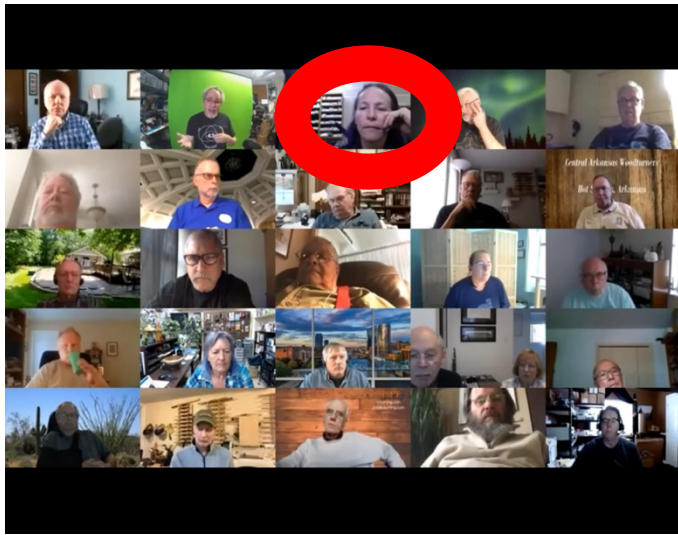
If you wish to be part of this program, send me your pens and I will get them distributed to active troops. This is not a contraband item, I will take them now and forever

Send to: Cap'n Eddie Castelin

330 Highway Drive  
Jefferson, LA 70121

Please add a note of encouragement for your protectors.

*Your veterans say "Thank You".*



This image is from a recent Lucid Woodturning Club's meeting.

Top center you will see Cindy Drozda, the guest host of the meeting. During these trying times, more and more clubs have resorted to using programs such as Zoom to communicate. It is also a great way to host a turner from far away.

Want to help your club, or be a TV star? Give Zoom a try, it's a fantastic way to use available technology.

### *Is it sharp?*

In order that we not to lose our minds, we should find projects which will expand our turning abilities. How about sharpening your tools? Or even doing preventative maintenance on your lathe, table saw, band saw or drill press?

From my military days, which I thank God that I experienced them, I have learned and come to appreciate PM. From cleaning and oiling shovel blades to picking up scrap metal, screws, nails, etc. We called it FOD, Foreign Object Damage, and it wasn't just on the flight line, it was in the bomb dump too.

I have several tools which need a touch-up or sharpening, if I was permitted to go into the shop, that's what I'd be doing. Very little expense with a great payback. You also know that sharp tools not only cut better, but safer to work with.

And, how expensive will it be to clean up the shop equipment? From cleaning the working surface, to removing dust and grime from bearing surfaces. I know this sounds like cleaning, but it pays off in the long run. I'm all for a clean & tidy shop, but for the life of me, I can't get my wife out there to do it. And she'd probably want me to by something like a broom.

Can't do that, there would be an expense involved.

## ZOOMING

If you are interested in joining us at our virtual meeting on Zoom, this is what you have to do.

1. Open the program on your computer.
  - a. [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us)
  - b. "Sign up for free" button.
  - c. Create your username and password.
2. Go to the meetings list and look for the worldwidewoodturners listing for the day you wish to attend.
3. Be sure to provide a proper e-mail address when asked. This will get your meeting notice in the system; you will be notified of the meeting. It will also provide a meeting code and password for that meeting.
4. Then, at the proper time, please note the time zone, you can join the meeting. You can enter early, stand by for the start, or join at any time.
5. The image from your camera will appear on the screen. If you want to chat, press the "raise my hand" button. If you wish to remain silent, or invisible, you can put your screen or program on "mute".
6. In this program I will have to acknowledge you for me to activate your microphone and everybody hears what you have to say.

The photo in the upper left is how your screen should appear when the meeting starts. If you have a gallery item to show, have it near your computer. This entire thing can happen on your computer, pad or smart phone.

It's what we're doing to keep this club alive.

*Cap'n Eddie Castelin*