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New MAWt President introduced

During the January club meeting Max Schoenberger, Vice President, introduced Jon Behnke as new club president. Jon's term will run through 2013. Sandy Sheahan, and Jerry Tackes were introduced as newly elected members of board of directors. We congratulate Jon, Sandy, and Jerry for their willingness to serve the membership for the next three years.

Shavings from the President's Shop

I'd like to start out my newly elected tenure by saying thanks to all that had enough confidence in me to elect me as president. My hope is that I can do as well as our past two presidents, Scott and Jason. I have big shoes to fill and a good solid base to build upon. The club has grown and expanded under their leadership and I hope to continue that growth.

We have a number of things on the short list to work on and I'm sure more will come up later. Highest on the list is to re-write the bylaws. There are a few areas that I think can be improved upon and I'm sure that in a few months we should have a draft that the membership can vote on.

One item that should be on all our agendas is the AAW national symposium in Minnesota. This year is the 25th anniversary for the AAW and I'm sure this symposium will be memorable. I, myself, have never been to a national symposium so I'm very excited to go to this one. It will be quite a few years before they have another one this close to home so every one should try to work this into their calendars. I've looked at the demo lineup and it's very impressive. I have seen on some of the wood turning forums that the nearby hotel rooms are filling fast so if you have plans to go, you may want to check into that soon.

Duane Bauer, who is taking care of our website, has informed me that he has purchased the domain name and built a new website that looks

fantastic. He has also graciously gifted this domain name to the club so be sure to take a look and thank him for all his hard work. You can view the site here: <http://www.mawturners.com>

In closing, I'd like to remind every one to not be shy and bring in a piece for the gallery. I know that there are some of you that I've never seen any of your work. We have a broad range of turners in our club and seeing the different levels is a good learning experience for all. Be safe and keep the chips flying.
Jon

MAWt and AAW Membership Renew Time

MAWt members are required to renew their club membership and AAW membership in December and January. Upon renewing their club membership, members are required to bring in a copy of their AAW membership renewal. Accepted forms may be a copy of the on-line membership renewal, membership card, or AAW magazine address label with member expiration.

MAWt Meeting Information

MAWT club meetings are held the first Monday of each month, starting at 6:30 P.M., at Woodcraft / Rhino LLC, 14115 W. Greenfield Ave. New Berlin, WI 53151 Phone: 262-785-6770, Fax: 262-785-6771 milwaukee-retail@woodcraft.com

Board meetings start at 5:00 P.M., the day of club meetings, at Culvers on Hwy 100, across from the former Woodcraft location.

Upcoming Club Meeting Dates / First Half 2011

February 7, 2011

March 7, 2011

April 4, 2011

May 2, 2011
June 6, 2011

Spotlight Turner

Q & A with Jon Behnke

How young are you?

48

Where is home?

West Bend

Family information?

Wife Stacey, Daughter Christen, Step sons Nathan and Nicholas, Grand daughters Taylor and Kyleigh.

Vocation?

Print estimator for RR Donnelley, West Bend plant.

Shop overview:

As some of you know, we purchased this house last April. It has a large garage, the third bay is walled off and insulated for a shop. The shop is 17 x 27 with an additional 3 x 17 room for storage. I installed a gas heater last fall which keeps my shop a nice temperature in the winter. I have a Jet cabinet saw, Delta band saw, Ryobi drum sander, Dewalt planer, Rigid drill press and a bunch of power and hand tools. I'm a bit of a tool junky, like to get the latest gizmos.

How many lathes do you own?

Two, my first lathe is a Jet 12-20 and I bought a Powermatic 3520 last summer. Both lathes have their place, wouldn't part with either one.

If you could upgrade to another lathe, what would it be and why?

I'm very happy with my Powermatic and can't see the need to upgrade anytime soon, but if I did it would have to be an American Beauty. Plenty of horse power, stainless steel ways, just a really nice lathe.

How long have you been turning and what got you started?

I've been turning about 4-1/2 years. I was looking at turnings on the Sawmill Creek forum and was just fascinated by the segmented pieces. Bought the Jet and started turning pens. Took a pen class at Rockwell, which is when I met Carl Brust who was also taking the class. He told me about a turning club that met at WoodCraft and the rest is history.

What do you enjoy most about turning?

I like the fact that I can spend a couple hours in the shop and come out with a finished piece. There are so many aspects to turning as far as type of pieces, pens, bowls, hollow forms, etc.. There's always something new to try.

What do you enjoy least about turning?

That would have to be clean up, I like a clean shop but with turning there are always chips around.

What was your first completed turned project?

My first piece was a Euro style pen, still have it, very ugly. Sometimes I take a look at it to see where I started.

What is your favorite individual piece that you have turned and why?

This is tough for me because I try so many different things. My favorite pen is a segmented Cigar pen with 112 pieces, my favorite bowl is a 9" birch bowl that the form came out just right, my favorite platter is a 9-1/2" honey locust...you get the point.

What is your favorite form that you turn?

I'm just starting to turn hollow forms, I think this will hold my interest for a while. As you can see from the answer above, I'll try anything.

What do you not turn now that you want to, or plan to in the future?

From the very beginning my goal has been to turn segmented pieces. I've tried some small pieces, ornaments and pens, but I'd like to get into bigger pieces.

What is your favorite piece some one else has turned and why?

I don't have a particular favorite piece, I peruse the turning forums quite often and am always impressed with the pieces that are posted. I think I draw mostly to the hollow forms.

Are there any turners, well known or not, that have influenced your turning?

I've watched lots of videos by the "Pro's" and am fascinated by Malcolm Tibbetts' work. He makes it seem so easy. My favorite demo that I've seen was done by Jimmy Clews, not just the content but the way he communicates with the group.

What is your favorite wood to work with and why?

That would have to be cherry. Nice tight grain, turns beautifully and finishes with a really nice color.

Got any nicknames? How did you get it?

I've been called plenty of names but nothing ever stuck.

Any words of wisdom for your fellow turners?

If you see a piece or form that you'd like to try, just grab a chunk of wood and try it. Usually when I try something new the first piece turns out to be firewood but it's a great learning experience. If you run into problems, don't be afraid to ask questions. The club is loaded with talent and I've yet to run into anyone that wouldn't go out of their way to help.



Embroidered Club Logo Available

The club now has a source to embroider shirts with the club's logo. Members need to bring their own shirt(s) to have embroidered. Shirts will be sent when there is enough to ship. Cost will be \$12 per shirt. If interested, please contact Carl Brust at cjbrust@wi.rr.com

Member Gallery

You are invited to bring up to two pieces that you have recently turned. This is a great opportunity to share the "lessons learned" during your turning sessions with other members. Your participation inspires and challenges others to grow in their knowledge and skill.

Wood Raffle

You are encouraged to donate wood and buy raffle tickets as often as you are able. Please bring wood that you would like to turn yourself. Your participation helps support the financial well-being of our club and is greatly appreciated.

Membership Process and Dues

Club membership is from January through December. New members that join after October 1 will not need to renew their membership until the end of the following year's membership period. Dues are as follows (this can change without notice): MAWt annual dues: \$20.00 and AAW annual dues: \$48.00 minimum (see AAW website (www.woodturner.org) for member options). All prospective MAWt club members must be a current AAW in order to join. A copy of a current AAW membership card, or copy of the front cover of your AAW magazine that displays membership information, or copy of your on-line AAW membership application payment is required at the time of joining the club.

AAW membership benefits are:

- * AAW Journal: American Woodturner
 - Published quarterly
 - High quality full-color publication
- * Large circulation
 - Variety of articles
 - Current trends
 - Techniques
 - Critiques
 - Galleries
 - Upcoming events
- * Local AAW Chapters - Parent organization of more than 300 local chapters in North America and around the world
- * AAW Resource Directory
- * AAW Symposium – discounted fees for members
- * AAW Website (www.woodturner.org)
- * AAW Forum (www.aawforum.org/vbforum/)
- * Educational Opportunity Grants
- * Liability Insurance for Chapters – U.S. and Canada
- * Business insurance available for U.S. members

Questions about MAWt and AAW membership? Please contact Carl Brust at: cjbrust@wi.rr.com

Club Library

We offer our members a growing list of topical resources that can be checked out and returned at the following month's meeting. Our library includes DVD's, books, and magazines that address many aspects of woodturning. This is a popular member benefit and the lending rules should be respected and honored. For the benefit and enjoyment of all club members, it is important that you return all MAWt videos and other educational materials at the following month's club meeting. For video

selections and to check availability, please see our club librarian, Sandy Sheahan.

Note from Sandy Sheahan

If you have an over due club video you are strongly encouraged to return it at the next meeting. Please remember that other members are interested in checking out these videos too!

Demonstrator Scheduling

We are seeking demonstrators that have an interesting theme or approach to turning, and have demonstrated sound technique and skill level. Please forward your suggestions to Jason Swanson at wiwoodguy@gmail.com

Club Mission

Our membership consists of both novice and experienced woodturners. We place a high priority on teaching and expanding each member's turning skills and knowledge of the craft. We encourage each member to freely share ideas, insights, and lessons learned as a result of their experience. Having fun and good fellowship is required at all club functions.

Member Services

Name tag or membership card requests or Contact information changes, such as: address, phone, email address, please send an email with your request to Carl Brust at cjbrust@wi.rr.com

For Sale

Robert Sorby Tools--Only used twice--include original packages and instructions--Will Take any reasonable offer or will to trade for an equal amount of bowl blanks
Sorby P55H Swan Neck Hollowing tool List \$35
Sorby 821H Hardwood Scraper List \$54
Norton 3X Sandpaper 1 box 20 count each grit--60-100--120-List \$17 at Rockler--Make me an offer!

For more information, please contact Mark Trenier at mrtrenier@sbcglobal.net

If you have equipment or tools for sale, please submit a detailed description and prices by the 15th of each month and we will include it in the following month's eNewsletter. Please email your information to Scott Kosteretz at skoz@wi.rr.com

Member Supplier Discount Program

We are continually researching new woodturning resources that may offer our club members special discounts. If you have any suggestions, please contact Jason Swanson at wiwoodguy@wi.rr.com

Current Supplier Discounts:

- Woodcraft (Requires AAW or MAWt membership card to receive 10% discount)
- Rockler (Requires AAW or MAWt membership card to receive 10% discount)
- Klingspor's Woodworking Shop (Club members receive 10% discount on all non-powered merchandise)
- Craft Supplies (Club members receive 10% discount when mentioning Promotional Code- Clubmem)

Suppliers and Resources

We are looking to add new woodturning websites to our "Member Resources" news letter section. If you have discovered interesting and informative websites related to woodturning, please send an email to: Scott Kosteretz (skoz@wi.rr.com)
Note: The editor has the right to include or exclude suggested websites based on space, relevancy, and club standards.

Manzanita Turning Burls

www.nativemanzanitaburl.com

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Contact: Clay Johnson at 2801 Floyd Street, Louisville, KY 40209, 502-587-0777, 888/895-7779, www.choice-woods.com

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Lathe Talk will offer tips and tricks to make your woodturning easier and more productive. I'll also show you ways to save money in your studio, so you can stretch your hard earned money. In addition, we will periodically offer subscribers only specials on our videos and e-books. To subscribe:

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American Association of Woodturners (AAW)

International, non-profit society dedicated to the advancement of woodturning by providing education, information, and organization. www.woodturner.org

Woodturners Resource

This site includes: message boards, woodturning galleries, on-line video's, featured artists, websites, tutorials, projects and tips, event calendar, vendors and resources, and chat. www.woodturnersresource.com

Woodcentral

Woodworking information, discussions, chats, articles and sources for everything the woodworker needs. www.woodcentral.com

Woodturning Online

Woodturning Online offers turning projects, plans and articles for *woodturners* including information on bowl, pen and segmented turning using the lathe and more. www.woodturningonline.com

Around the Woods

Wood turning lathe instruction, tips and techniques for the beginner or experienced turner. Wood turning lathe tips, techniques and projects to add to your joy in turning. www.aroundthewoods.com

Woodturns

The Online *Woodturning* Community *Woodturning* articles, *woodturning* directory, *woodturning* artists, *woodturning* projects, *woodturning* tools, etc. www.woodturns.com

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Exotic Blanks

Ed Brown from is now carrying Jason Swanson's segmented pen blanks under the brand name "Stripe Tease". For anybody who has admired Jason's segmented pens and would like to turn one of their own, please check out Ed's website www.exoticblanks.com.

Woodcraft Classes

If you are interested in developing or expanding your woodworking skills, including woodturning, Woodcraft has classes for all skill levels. Please refer to your monthly Woodcraft flyer or request a class schedule during your next visit to Woodcraft.

MAWt Committees

If you aren't on a committee, you are encouraged to volunteer.

- **Member / Guest Registration:** Tom Palaubecki and Jim Swank
- **Meeting Set-up / Clean-up:** Char Dee, Dennis Dee, Jason Swanson, and Sandy Sheahan
- **Library:** Sandy Sheahan
- **Photography:** Don Boeck
- **Demonstrator Scheduling:** Jason Swanson and Ron Nelson
- **Member Gallery Facilitator:** Jason Swanson
- **Wood Raffle Ticket Sales:** Char Dee
- **E-Newsletter Editor:** Scott Kosteretz
- **Membership:** Carl Brust
- **Audio/Video:** Dennis Dee

MAWt Board members (3 Year Term)

Jon Behnke, President (2011-2013)

Max Schoenberger, Vice President (2009-2011)

David Drickhamer, Secretary (2009-2011)

Don Boeck, Treasurer (2009-2011)

Earl Elwell (2009-2011)

Sandy Sheahan (2011-2013)

Jerry Tackes (2011-2013)

Past Presidents / Board Member Advisory

Jason Swanson, Past President (2008-2010)

Scott Kosteretz, Past President (2005-2007)