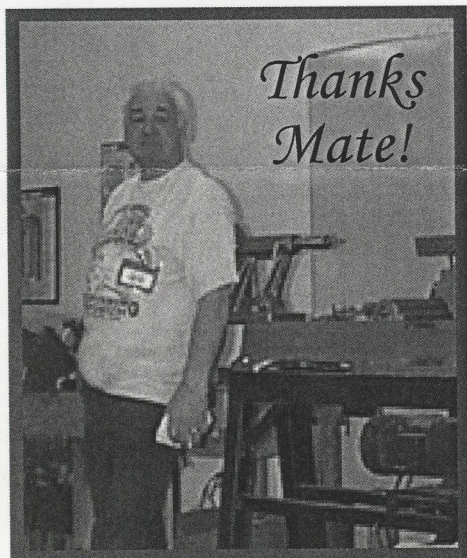


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Alan Batty at the July Demo

Alan Batty, turner extraordinaire from England, gave us much more than an example of his great turning abilities. His teaching method and explanations made a number of difficult turning situations and elements more understandable. In reviewing the dual sessions, there seems to be an analogy to the game of golf. One can play the game or even shoot an occasional 80 with an unconventional swing or style. However, if he wants to shoot consistent par, he must learn the proven basics. He must practice the time tested and proven methods in order to have the consistent results to become a professional. Many excellent turners have said there is no "right way... whatever works for you is good enough," which is, of course, is up to the individual. However, it seems there is a right and wrong way if you want to be a Tiger Woods. There is a reason when things go wrong, big catches happen, tools don't work etc. etc. Boy, did I get carried away describing this super demo. It is a treat to watch a real pro with over 60 years of experience. As soon as they are shipped we will have both his videos on spindle and thread chasing in the library. Thanks again Alan!!!

UP COMING DEMOS

AUGUST

The August 7th demo will feature our long time member Phil Houck. Phil plans to review and demonstrate "back hollowing" technique and plans to make some items including a scoop or two. (See Phil's comments and some of his background later in the news letter).

SEPTEMBER

The September 4th demonstration will feature Keith Gotschall from Boulder. His will be doing an exciting demo using unique materials and some pointers on selling your work. More on Keith in the next news letter. Plan on and save this date, you don't want to miss this one!

AUGUST 9th-FORT COLLINS The Rky Mtn Woodturners is presenting a dual session with **Linda VanGehuchten** from **Sarver, PA** She will be doing her well known candlesticks. 2:00-4:30PM and 7:00-9:30PM at the Best Western Coach House, SW corner I-25 & Hwy 34 Ft. C

AUGUST 30th-LOVELAND-Fort Collin's Rocky Mtn Woodturners will be hosting an evening demo with the renowned **David Ellsworth** from Quakertown, PA on **AUGUST 30th** There will be a \$10.00 charge at the door. The demo will be at the Chilson Center located at **700 E. 4th St. Loveland...** due to the anticipated attendance. This program is open to all turners, he is only doing 1 demo while in the area, so all clubs are invited.

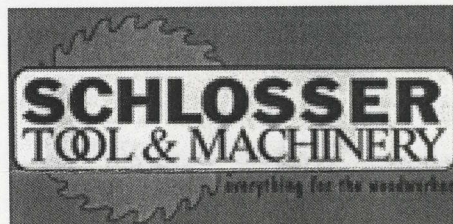
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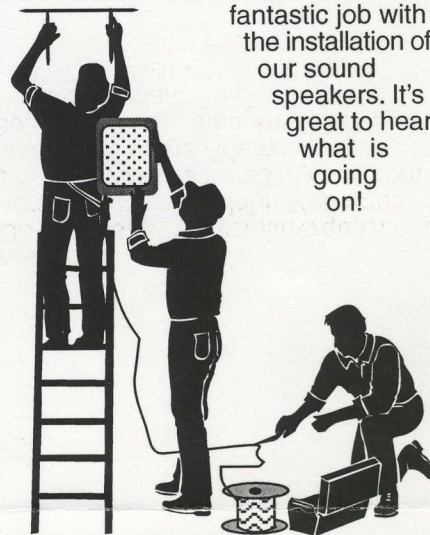
ALSO...a company in Broomfield has donated a number of sheets of plywood, particle board, MDF and other sheets to the program Jerry Smith is involved in. They are selling them f\$5.00 @sheet while they last. For information an availability call Jerry 303-466-7912

And, the custom smocks are now available at \$35(+6.00 for xxl & xxxl) ordering details at the next meeting.



Some more special words of gratitude to the sound team who installed the speakers for the sound system at Schlossers. Cy Carpenter, Tom Algra and Phil Link from Schlossers did a

fantastic job with the installation of our sound speakers. It's great to hear what is going on!



Again, thanks to Rick Peil and Phil Link for their extra involvement with our organization.

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AUGUST DEMO

COMMENTS AND BACKGROUND FROM PHIL HOUCK

"I worked at the sheet metal trade for 44 years and most of those 44 years involved shop fabrication and welding in the commercial and industrial segment of the trade. Since retirement two years ago, I find myself wondering how I ever had time to work.

My first experience to wood turning was sometime back in the late 80's, about 1987 or '88. I happened to be over at Woodcraft Supply one Saturday and Lee Carter was there doing a woodturning demonstration. I got so captivated and enthralled in watching him, I knew I had to try this. Needless to say I got hooked in short order.

I've always had a love affair with wood, like building cabinets and things of this nature, but there's just something about the sight of shavings coming off a piece of rotating wood and the feel of the tool in your hand making those shavings come off that nothing else compares to. Another thing about turning that appeals to me is being able to use wood that other wood workers such as cabinet makers and carpenters can't use. What they regard as trash is often our treasure.

The Front Range Woodturners has been a great source of inspiration and help to me. Prior to any formal instruction or training in lathe work, I benefited from our monthly demonstrations like proficient turners such as Pete Holtus and others through the 13 or 14 years that I've been a member of F.R.W.

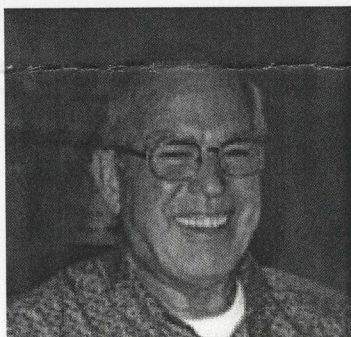
Another source of help to me is our library of first rate books and videos on the subject of turning. Watching a video, in my opinion, is one of the best learning mediums we have, outside of a one on one hands on session with a proficient turner. The nice thing about a video is being able to stop the VCR, back it up and keep reviewing a technique that's a bit more difficult to comprehend. Having a library such as ours, you can check out the books and videos and review them and then decide about buying one for your own personal library.

My first experience at any formal training in turning was in April of 2000 when I went to Arrowmont school of Arts and Crafts in Gatlinburg, Tenn., where I had a 5-day course in turning with Lyle Jamison. Then this last March, I did a 3-day work shop with Lee Carter.

Needless to say, the time went entirely too fast. Lee is not only a top notch instructor, he's just a prince of an individual that you enjoy being associated with.

I think it's a combination of all these turning experiences that I've mentioned that keeps my appetite for turning whetted and the creative juices flowing. I know it certainly continues to be a challenge and inspiration for me."

*I regret to inform you that we
have lost two of our members.*

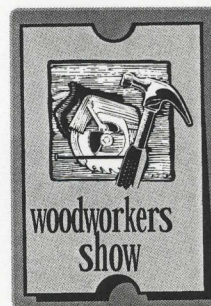


Our good friend, past club officer and long time 12 year member John Perkins passed away on July 28th. John had been battling pancreatic cancer since before Christmas. His enthusiasm for turning and "always up" personality will be greatly missed. John was able to attend one of his most favorite events, the Provo Turning Symposium in June and was turning a week or so prior to his last days. Our sincere feelings to his wife Barbara and family. We wish him long shavings and no catches as he turns with the woodworker upstairs. Funeral services will be held at Christ Episcopal Church, 2950 So. University Blvd at 11:00 AM Saturday. August 4, 2001

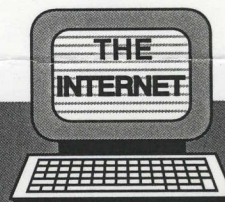
In addition, one of our newest members, Dale E. Calkins, who joined us in April, died on May 12th. Even though we didn't get the opportunity to know him Dale better, we will miss him. Our sympathy goes out to his wife Maxine and his family.



WOODWORKERS SHOW



Long time member and woodworking show coordinator Ron Embry has informed me the date for the show this fall will be December 7th, 8 & 9 Ron will have a sign up sheet at the next meeting. If you are interested in participating.. that's participating not just getting a pass to the show, sign up for a slot on the sheet or e-mail Ron Embry at: carverron2535@aol.com (by the way, it is a lot of fun)



**HAVE YOU SEEN
OUR WEB SITE YET?**

www.harrispress.com/frw

Dane Harris, our website guru has the web site for Front Range Woodturners up and running.

Other sites of interest:

(Rky Mtn Woodturners, Ft Collins)
www.verinet.com/~drmeli/rmwt.html
www.lathes.co.uk
www.woodworkingbasics.com
www.treelineusa.com
www.woodturnerscatalog.com
[www.Kestrel Creek Gallery](http://www.KestrelCreekGallery.com)
[www.Choice Woods.com](http://www.ChoiceWoods.com)

FOR SALE

Delta Unisaw w/ 52" Unifence 3hp for sale \$1000.00. Also, I have a Delta drill press, floor model, for \$200.00. Also some Mesquite wood. For more info call: cell 303-638-7262 or home 303-805-5249. I am relocating back to Texas to a smaller workshop. Jeff Freelove

FOR SALE: Alltrade scroll saw, perfect, \$100, with quick blade & access \$125 Call Chuck Kubin 303-733-0254

We are redoing the library for inventory and fitting for the new cabinet, please be sure to return all items you have checked out...THANK YOU.

Don't forget your items for...

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