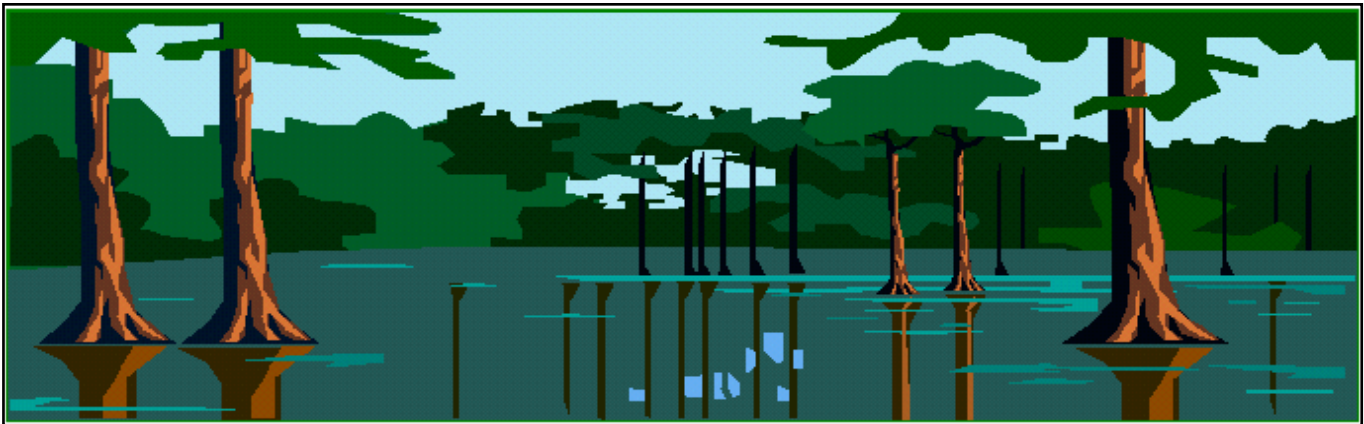


# The Bayou Skew

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## Next Meeting

**July 12, 2008**

**9:00 AM**

**Harahan Senior Center  
100 Elodie St**

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**Main Demo @ 10:00AM**

## FROM THE HEADSTOCK

What a Demo! **Ron LeMaire** not only made a Frisbee on the lathe, he flew it right off the chuck. That's real woodturning at its best. Ron now knows not to use Spanish Cedar between centers for this kind of project. Just another example of what you can learn at one of our demos. Thanks Ron for filling in

for a demo at the last minute.

I showed a project video for the mini-demo which I developed when I didn't have a voice. I turned several coffee mug covers using a kit from Woodcraft or a liner I picked up at K-Mart. We created a challenge, with liner provided, for the picnic in October. In



*Dick Gahn*

fact, we created two challenges for that special day at **Dick Gahn's** Palatial Estate in Upper Covington. (That special day is October 25, 2008)

A good day with a really fine gallery, a big wood raffle, two demos and more. Meetings are really rolling along because we have some great

members working to make things better. I heard from **Joe Kelly** that we are near our goal of 1,000 pens for the year. Of course, that number is helped by the fact that **Joe Kelly** has turned almost 500 of them!!!. You still earn a point per pen you turn in for the program. The Direc-

tors will donate some additional funds to purchase kits for a fall turn-a-thon if you are interested.

**Richard Corley** took over the Special Events Coordinator position from **Joel Blazek**. Joel has to take a back seat for a while to get

some life matters addressed at home and work. Richard has filled in nicely and has S.K.E.W. all planned out for September 13 at the Bush Learning Center (Joel's Place). Richard is also planning a "Beginners Workshop" at the Learning Center. We'll get 4-5 seasoned turners with the same number of beginners for a 4-6 your class on

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## MEETING MINUTES

Our very brief business meeting (we're down to the Cliff Notes version, thanks to the handouts) began at 10:35 a.m. *Richard Corley* has taken over from *Joel Blazek* as events manager. He will be assisted by *Jim Shackelford*.

This year's SKEW will take place in September at Joel Blazek's shop in Bush, Louisiana. More details will be announced later.

We're going to try to put together a couple of Saturday sessions where new

turners can learn one-on-one with more experienced turners. Let us know if you're interested and what techniques you'd like to learn.

These sessions will not take the place of a regular meeting. The business portion of the

meeting concluded at 10:40 a.m.

**Freedom Pen Project** – Couldn't make the Turn-a-thon? Contact *Joe Kelly* at [jhdk@cox.net](mailto:jhdk@cox.net) and arrange for some kits and blanks and turn a few at your home shop. Every pen goes to a member of our military serving our country to insure our freedom. Every pen turned earns you one point in the Member's Rewards Program for 2008. *Sean Sullivan* and *Jim Shackelford* are coordinating these efforts and will record your participation.

**Help Wanted** – Members wanted for set-up assistants and to assist directors in their duties. We are trying to insure

that all positions are covered at each meeting. If you want to be part of the team that makes things happen in and about the club, contact a director today and see how you can become the team that "makes it happen".

**Blockbuster-** Please complete a blockbuster card indicating if you want to in the regular or the mini blockbuster. Blockbusters are rewarded with 15 points for the completed work. You must return

***SKEW IV COMES IN SEPTEMBER; THE EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE AT JOEL BLAZEK'S PLACE IN BUSH, LA. IF YOU WANT TO BE PART OF OR SUGGEST A TOPIC, CONTACT RICHARD CORLEY (RICHCRILY@BELLSOUTH.NET)***

a suitable piece for the next drawing when you present your work in 60 days.

**Wood raffle** – There will be no wood raffle at the July meeting.

We are currently out of the wood sealer.

Upcoming Challenges: July – Bowls, October- candlesticks, Picnic – Jewelry, December – Jars.






Members are required to sign in for the attendance and fill out the slips for the Gallery and Challenges. BWT will not be

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# Upcoming Events



July 2008	August 2008	September 2008
<p>Harahan Senior Center</p> <p><b>Demo: Candlesticks</b> <b>Mini: Tool Handles</b></p> <p><i>Calendar Photos</i> </p> <p><b>Bowl Challenge</b></p>	<p>Harahan Senior Center</p> <p><b>Demo: Twists &amp; Spirals</b></p> 	<p>Joel's Blazek's Shop</p> <p><b>S.K.E.W. IV</b></p>
October 2008	November 2008	December 2008
<p>Harahan Senior Center</p> <p><b>Demo: Lidded Jars</b> <b>Mini: Finials</b></p> <p><i>Calendar Contest Voting</i> </p> <p><b>Candlestick Challenge</b></p> <p><b>Pig Roast – Oct 25</b></p>	<p>Harahan Senior Center</p> <p><b>Demo: Metal Spinning</b> <b>Mini: Metal Inlay</b></p>  <p><i>Elections of Officers</i></p>	<p>Harahan Senior Center</p> <p><b>Member's Reward Program</b></p>
January 2009	February 2009	March 2009
<p><b>TBA</b></p>	 <p><b>Bayou Woodturners turn 10 !!!</b></p>	<p><b>TBA</b></p>

June Demonstration:



Ron LeMaire  
Turns A Frisbee



# Member's Gallery



**Andy Leonard - Maple**



**Paul Robin – Sycamore – 10”x3” - Maple**



**Richard Corley**



**Ralph Rochon –Walnut – 9”**



**Ryan Byl -Acrylic**



**Keith Welsh – Pecan – 16”x6 1/2” w/ Pyrography**



**Sean Sullivan - Hackberry**



**Bill Toups – Cocobolo - Crochet Hooks**



**Dennis Wall – Rosewood –  
Mortar & Pestle**



**Richard Corley - Cedar**



**John Byl – Pen Holder (Mahogany) – Assorted Pens – Ambroyna burl, Cocobolo, Corian, Madrone, Olive wood**



**Paul Burk - Pine**



**Ralph Rochon –Maple Burl**



**Paul Robin – Pecan – 14”x4”**



**Ryan Byl – Acrylic Letter Opener**

# Around the Clubs



This column provides a look into what other clubs around the country are doing; how they are organized, what their demonstrators are showing, and how they are promoting woodturning among their members and the public

## Mid Columbia Woodturners

The Club will have a general discussion on the cutting and treating of wood covering each of the items listed below. The program will be an information exchange on the above topics. Members are to come prepared to discuss their approaches to these topics:

- 1) What brand of chain saw do you use? What features do you like? Any problems?
- 2) What type of bandsaw do you have? What aids do you use when sawing up a log section?
- 3) What is the best way to cut for figure? What ways do you cut up a crotch section? 4) If you use the green wood sealer what surfaces of a log section do you coat? How long do you let it sit around before turning something from it?
- 5) After you have turned a bowl (or any other item) and you coat it, how do you determine when it is ready for final turning? Do you measure the weight loss? Do you use a moisture meter? If so, what brand?
- 6) If you turn a natural edge bowl, how do you let it dry? 7) Do you store wood in a plastic bag? Do you open it occasionally to let out the trapped moisture?
- 8) Do you use paper bags in the drying process?
- 9) If you use a microwave to dry wood what settings and times do you use? 10) Have you used other methods to dry the wood? Use alcohol to replace the water? Use a heavy soap solution?
- 11) Have you used a freezer to store wood?

## Minnesota Woodturning Association

Alan Lacer will demonstrate how to make a bat. The Club's next challenge will be - to make a bat that you can use at the annual MWA Picnic in August. In addition, Alan will give a history with some variety of bats from Louisville Slugger.

Professional Demonstration - Jimmy Clewes will demonstrate and do a workshop for the Club.



## IN THE JOURNALS

**Creative Carving:** WT, May 2007, No.174, pp 16-20  
In the first of two articles on enhancing work with carving, Nick Arnall discusses the necessary tools and techniques.

**Get Set,** WT, June 2007, No.175, pp 30-33  
Reg Sherwin new series for beginners, addressing potential setbacks and offering their solutions.

**How to Handle Green Wood?:** MW, May 2007, Vol 4 pp22

**Solving the Segment Length Calculation Mystery:** MW, May 2007, Vol 4 pp28

**The Vicmarc VOD 300 Oval Turning Chuck:** MW, May 2007, Vol 4 pp10

**Turned Salt & Pepper Mills:** WW, Feb 2007, Issue 103

**Turning Weather Instruments:** WW, Apr 2007, Issue 104

**Turned String-Wound Top:** WW, June 2007, Issue 105

**TOOL TEST: HEAVY-DUTY LATHES:** FWW, May/June, No.191, pp74  
There are two clear winners in this group of smooth operators

**Salt and Pepper Shakers:** AWT, Spring 2007, Vol 22, No.1 pp58-60  
Bob Rosand has reworked a Rus Hurt design

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As a follow up to the announcement at the last meeting we are trying to set up a day where new turners can sign up to do some one on one time with a experienced turner. I had seven people sign up so far and hope we can set this up. Joel has graciously made his shop in Bush, LA available to us again. If you have never been there this a great place to hold such events. He has 6 lathes set up of varying capacities so it can handle a number of turners. If you are interested in doing this please contact me via e-mail at [richcrly@bellsouth.net](mailto:richcrly@bellsouth.net). Also I am looking for turners that would be willing to spend a Saturday afternoon demonstrating and teaching others at this event. This would be 4 to 5 hours on a Saturday sometime in the fall when the weather is more moderate. This would not be a club meeting day. This could be a great day of fun and I hope to get a good turnout for this so we can keep doing something like this in the future. Good turning everyone.

Thanks.

Best regards,

*Richard Corley*

# Bowl Challenge



## Bowl Challenge at the July Meeting Strut Your Stuff

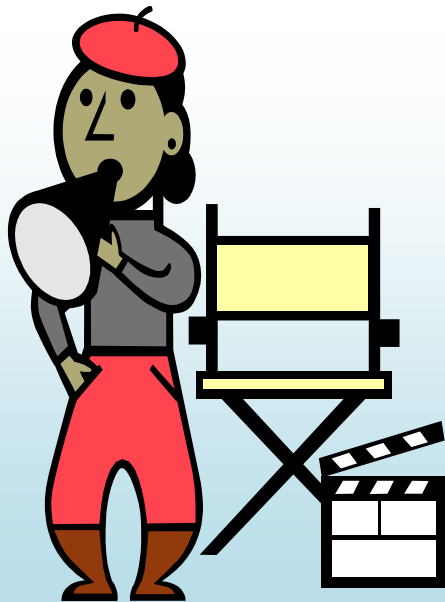
Categories include: Multi-Media, Joint Piece (two or more turners substantially contributing to a piece, best of show and ornamental.

Note: There must be 3 ornamental turners entered for the category to be judged.

## *Last Chance !!!* *2009 Calendar Contest*

Don't miss out on having your work displayed in the Bayou Wood Turners 2009 Calendar  
Please bring your pieces to the *July* meeting to be photographed for the 2009 Calendar Contest.





# Lights, Camera, Action!!!

The Club is looking for some help to produce informational videos for the Club's library. If you are interested in helping with this project see Eddie Castelin. We need help with developing programs (scripts) setting up the shooting (sets) and filming (production). We're even looking for a host. This could be your big chance in Hollywood.

## ANNUAL WOODTURNERS PICNIC - OCTOBER 25, 2008

Mark your calendars and tune up your Belt Sander. Top Prizes for sander drag racing will total 100 Member's Reward Points !!!.

There will be a special Challenge – Wearable Woodturning Art – Pins, Earrings, Broaches, Necklaces, Bracelets, etc. There will also be an auction of the art benefiting the Member's Reward Program.

And don't forget Pit Master Dick Gahn (with help from Julia) will be providing the Cochon du lait.



**You saw the demonstration at the June Meeting  
Now it's your turn**

**A Challenge has been issued to turn a *Travel Mug*  
The Club will provide the insert – You provide the wood.**

**The Challenge will held at the October Picnic**

**If you wish to participate and have the Club provide you with  
the insert please contact**

**Jim Shackelford ([csmp65@hotmail.com](mailto:csmp65@hotmail.com))**

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what they need help on. Sign up if you want to help or attend.

**Dave Beehler** has added some new titles to the library and we implemented a new \$2.00 late fee for DVDs and Tapes. You can mail it back to David for less than \$2.00 and another turner will be able to view it. For new turners we have a new pair of DVDS with more than a dozen projects by Rex and Kip. We're also adding productions by the club to the library for your educational needs.

Coming up in July, I'll be teaching a workshop on making candlesticks and offer up a challenge where the club will provide two candle cups and wood for turners interested. If you don't enter the challenge you owe the club \$10.00 for the accessories. If you do, they're yours free. And **John Byl** will share shop tips on making your own tool handles. The joy of turning while using a tool custom gripped for you.

I'm heading out to the shop to get ready for the spindle class, Standby for Excellence

*Cap'n Eddie.*

*President,  
Bayou Woodturners*

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responsible for the recording you attendance or participation. Points for the Member Rewards Program are awarded on the basis of the documents collected at the end of the meeting.

Ben Sulzer handles the sales of CA glue. We have several different thickness available and accelerator available in two sizes. Be sure to try the thick flexible for the glue blocks.

*Dennis Wall  
Secretary*

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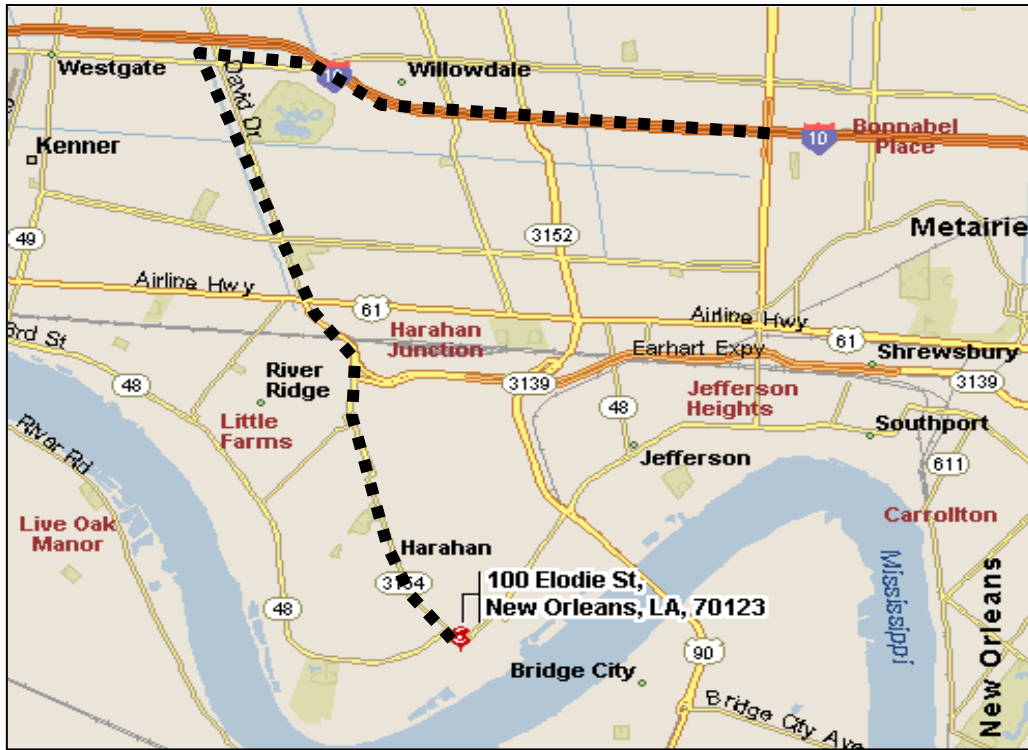
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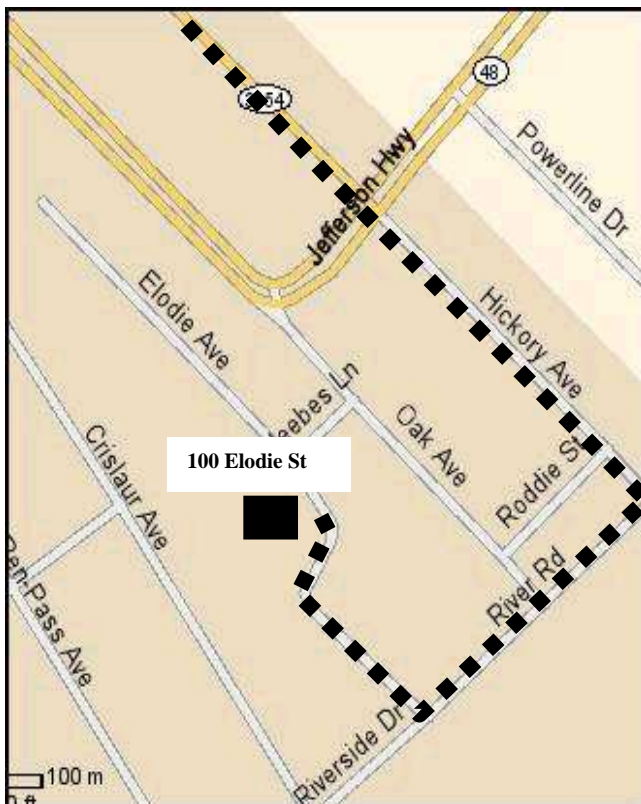
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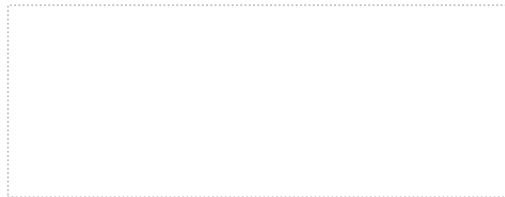


### Directions to Meeting

From New Orleans take I-10 heading west to Veterans Blvd. Turn left onto Veterans and go to David Drive. If you don't see the K-Mart on the corner, you turned the wrong way. Turn left on David Dr. Go South for about 2 1/4 mile. You will cross Airline Hwy and go over a bridge where David Drive turns into Dickory Ave. Be careful not to speed in these areas, police are everywhere! You will pass Dock Av. at the light on your right. Dickory Ave. is only a mile long and at the end, you will first turn right on Gardner then left onto Hickory Ave. Stay on Hickory for two miles. After you cross Jefferson Hwy. at River Road turn right and go two blocks. Turn right on to Elodie Ave. You're just about there! As you go up Elodie about 100 yards, you will see a red brick building. Round the curve and turn left into the Parking lot marked "Enter."



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**Treasurer's Report**  
**By Ray Hoffmann**

<b>Beginning Balance 6/01/08</b>	<b>\$1,531.77</b>
Income:	
Dues	\$30.00
Wood Raffle	\$85.00
Donation	\$40.00
Smocks	\$35.00
Glue Sales	\$213.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$403.00</b>
Disbursements:	
Misc	\$9.72
Hall Rental	\$50.00
CA Glue	\$260.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$319.72</b>
<b>Balance -6/30/08</b>	<b>\$1,615.05</b>