



# Shavings



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## October 8, 2009 MEETING PLACE

This month (and next) the **Hill Country Turners** will meet at Vern Hallmark's workshop on the Pedernales. See time below. Please note that this is one of those early second Thursdays. Vern's place is at 743 Morris Ranch Rd. in Fredericksburg, but that isn't going to do you help you a whole lot. What you have to do is take highway 16 toward Fredericksburg. About four miles from Fredericksburg, the road crosses the Pedernales. Morris Ranch Road is immediately left of the bridge. Go down the road 7/10 of a mile and the first house on the left belongs to Vern. Should you have trouble finding his place, call him at 830-456-2087 for more detailed instructions.

## October Meeting

We will be working on the cars for the Christmas Gifts October and November so be ready to chip-in where you can. **Wear work clothes.**

It looks like Vern has everything well organized to churn out a bunch of toy car Christmas gifts. A lot of car parts have been pre-made. Here are a few suggestions from Vern to make thing go smoothly.

1. The workshop should start about 4:00 PM to give plenty of production time. If someone wants to come earlier, that fine also. We'll break for a short business meeting at 6:30 PM
2. Bring your mini lathe if you have one that's easy to transport.
3. Most lathe work will be between centers (spindle work). Bring a drive center and a tail stock live center. You can bring your four-jaw chuck, but it may not be needed.
4. The only tools you should need are your favorite bowl gouge or spindle gouge and a parting tool.
5. If you would like, bring a small chair to use during the business part of the meeting.

## September Meeting or "Turning from Down Under"

By Roger Arnold  
Pictures By Chuck Felton

This past meeting we were honored to have a guest presenter that came all the way from Australia. With an introduction from Johnny Jones, our guest George Hatfield stepped up to the lathe and began to wow the members with his turning abilities. For the next two hours, George gave us four demonstrations, many jokes, stories and I think maybe a few lies.

His first demo dealt with sharpening tools. George grinds his tools (gouges and skewers) at a 25-degree angle. Showing how he ground the angles free hand on a grinding wheel and then using a slip stone to put a final edge on the tool.

The second demo, George went back to the grinder and reground a speed bit (spade bit, paddle bit, whatever you wish to call them), removing the tip and grinding away each side at a 45-degree angle. He then began relieving the edge of the bit along the angles so the back of the cutting edge will not drag on the hole as your drilling. Finishing with drilling a hole into a 2 x 8", showing that this design doesn't create much tear out when exiting the board and ease of drilling at an angle.

Mr. Hatfield's third demo was turning a Cabriole leg. Explaining how to draw out the design and turning the top of the leg on center. Then showing how to set the stock for the offset turning and turning the lower portion of the leg. Making sure the offset shape marries up with the on-center shape then going back to true center and finishing the foot.

The final demo George showed us was turning a Cheese Slicer handle. This was a simple project, but the cutting angle of his tools showed the ease in which they removed the material at the same time burnishing the wood.

We wish to thank Mr. Hatfield for coming to our meeting and sharing his experience with us. Hope to see him again at some future meeting. We also wish to thank Johnny Jones for being a great host.



**Also, at the October Meeting:** Don't forget dues. Individuals are \$35 and Family \$40.



## Show and Tell

Chuck Felton tells me that S&T was another highlight (his picture, by the way).

Raul Peña had various hollow vessels with rather tiny holes in the top, but all had wire-burned rings on the body that concealed the join-line where they had been separated for the hollowing and drilling process.

Vern brought his car and the turning on which the car is based as well as two other steps in the process.

A magnificent Mulberry platter by Dale Lemons and a beautiful segmented bowl by Harold Dykes topped off the evening in good style.

Bringbacks were put off till next meeting due to a lack of bidders.

### Demonstrators for This Year

<u>Month</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Demonstrator</u>
October	8 <sup>th</sup>	Workshop for Christmas Gifts
November	12 <sup>th</sup>	Workshop for Christmas Gifts

### Refreshments for 2009

<u>Month</u>	<u>Drinks</u>	<u>Cookies</u>
October	Larry Werth	Heather Cassidy
November	Joe Johnson	Nancy Huntley

### BRINGBACKS

Next meeting's bringbacks still are:	Number:
Roger Arnold-----	1
Uel Clanton -----	1
Maurice Collins-----	2
Vern Hallmark-----	2
Ken Morton -----	3
Raul Peña-----	3
Joe Ripkin-----	1
Valerie Shimek-----	1
Dan Tipton-----	1

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