



# Shavings

## Hill Country Turners Monthly Newsletter



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## Next Meeting, March 12, 2015 MEETING PLACE

**Hill Country Turners** meet in the basement at the KACC (Kerr Arts & Cultural Center) at 228 Earl Garrett, Kerrville, Texas at 6:00 pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month. The formal meeting starts at 6:30.

**Meeting:** The meeting was called to order by John Stegall just about the time that George Taylor came limping in on his new knee to take over. George looked real good in spite of his medical problems. That's not to say John didn't look real good, but he hadn't had any parts replaced lately.

We Welcome new members **Greg Walton** and **Windell White**

Treasurer's Report – Will Aymond (for Roger Arnold due to a death in Roger's extended family) said:  
Checking account balance at meeting time: \$3133  
Petty Cash: \$205

**MARCH CHALLENGE!!!** Long stem goblets. Ken Says: "Here are the rules for the March Challenge along with a definition of a goblet for Vern. I would also like to clarify the "supported or unsupported" prizes that I talked about. You can do it either way supported or unsupported it is up to you. You should at least start out unsupported just to see how your tool handling technique is. What I stated was that if you **won** either the thin or long stem category and you swore to me that you did it completely unsupported, after it was mounted in the check and preliminary rounding was done, that I would give you an extra \$20."

**Also in March!!** Raffle time is here bring your money. Paid up members only remember. Ha! That's funny re-member. Ha again.

**Demo** – Paul Judkins of San Antonio gave us a very good session on maintaining a chuck. Paul is the owner of Chucks Plus, ([www.chucksplus.com](http://www.chucksplus.com)) and he gave us what could be described as an infomercial on his product, the Bulldog Chuck. Paul was here in November of 2012 to turn a wooden ball wearing a blindfold, but this time he wanted to talk about taking care of chucks. He took apart his own Bulldog scroll chuck, which to anybody with a few tools (including snap ring pliers) can do. The trick is in putting them back. He emphasized two points, proper lubrication and the difficult job of getting the jaw-slides reinstalled.

Paul does not like petroleum lubricants because they attract dust and dirt and end up prematurely gumming-up the chuck. He is partial to a product for brake lubricating from auto zone that is not petroleum based and also mentioned Dry Moly Lube and other such product. One should always be careful with these products because they are usually in a spray can with a flammable mix and have the additional disadvantage of sticking like paint to every surface they find. In other words, no flames or enclosed spaces and cover everything in range of the spray.



Putting the scroll jaw-slides is not difficult if you will note that they are numbered. The slots where they belong on the chuck body have corresponding numbers. The trick is to be aware of the start of the scroll screw and place it in position just before jaw-slide #1. Slide jaw-slide #1 in and rotate the scroll to engage the first tooth on the jaw-slide. Rotate the scroll to the next numbered slot in the



chuck and repeat the process for all of the jaw-slides **in order**. Tighten the chuck to bring the jaws together in the middle and if they meet, put the rest of the chuck together. Oh, I forgot to mention...You did keep track of all the pieces you removed didn't you?

Paul brought a Robust Sweet 16 lathe with all sorts of great ideas and flexibility (except in the price). It has a height adjustment, removable center section to change the swing from a 16 to a 32. You can then use the removed center section as a tool rest for the oversized bowl section or to extend the

tool bed. The banjo is long enough to extend the tool rest over the gap when using the center section to extend the bed.

**Show-and-Tell:** Will Aymond went into a flurry of studying square bowls. He got some purpleheart from Roger Felps and turned a square bowl and a little saucer. He also showed us an earlier bowl of mesquite. He had a lot of trouble and learned a lot, but he is intrepid and will rule the day. Speaking of rule, Rolf Grimstvedt showed a dandy adjustable reading lamp with built in shelf that had several turned parts incorporated in a very nice whole. From tall and thin to small and thin, Bob Franke brought what will be his entry in next months thin goblet challenge, a goblet of mahogany.



Tom Canfield showed an interesting square practice bowl from a piece of 2'X6' pine to show the value of practicing on cheap wood. On a finer piece of spalted sycamore Tom showed a remarkable natural edged bowl of striking grain. Finally he brought an interesting natural edged piece of pecan that he finished on a vacuum chuck he got at SWAT. It was so full of holes that nobody would believe the vacuum chuck story until he explained that the holes were so full of bug debris that they stayed whole long enough to finish the piece.



### Drinks/Snacks List 2015

	Drinks	Snacks
January	Roger Arnold	John Stegall
February	Anna Rachinsky	Darrell Korman
March.	Jim Whisnand	Tom Canfield
April	Debbie Walker	George Taylor
May.	Rolf Grimstedt	Wendell White
June	Liz Felton	Loy Arbaugh
July.	Uel Clanton	Harold Dykes
August	John Stegall	Kathy Roberts
September	Joe Johnson	Will Aymond
October	J. Williams	Curtis Herbert
November	-----	Ralph Hausman
December	ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY	

### Set-up/Take-down List 2015

March.	Tom Canfield/Joe Johnson	
April.	Rolf Grimstedt/Harold Dykes	
May.	Wendell White/_____	
June.	Kathy Roberts/Loy Arbaugh	
July.	_____/_____	
August.	_____/_____	
September	_____/_____	
October.	_____/_____	
November.	_____/_____	

Set up begins ~ 5:15 p.m. The back doors will open then

### **HCT Mentoring Program**

It has always been a practice to encourage new members to visit in the shops of other members to help them get oriented to turning. Now we are offering for new turners a special list of members eager to help along with their area of interest. Even some less-than-new members who would like to talk to someone in a special area might take advantage of the help with special interests

The following members have volunteered to serve as Club Mentors. If you have a woodturning or tool/equipment question, call one of these individuals. They would be happy to help.

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