



urning Chatter

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2009 Calendar

Here's what's in store for you over the next 12 months. Some of the stars have yet to be confirmed so changes may be needed as time goes on

- February 7th Ernie Newman—often intricate always entertaining
- March 7th Aaron Erlich—always hilarious and fun (BBQ)
- March 14th Challenge 2009—Blaxland High School**
- April 4th Des Lane—skill from excellence
- May 2nd Ladies Day—always shows the men how to do it right
- June 6th Central Tablelands Club Visit—Western neighbours (BBQ)
- July 4th Western Woodturners Club Visit—Eastern neighbours
- August 1st Brendon Venner—an encore visit by special request
- September 5th AGM & Triton User Group Visit—a specialist group (BBQ)
- October 3rd Mike Hosaluk—overseas visitor, great turner (\$20 entry)
- November 7th Bill Sheen—always entertaining
- December 5th Darrell Smith—one of our local favourites (BBQ and Party)

Other items may be added through the year, these will be notified in future copies of Turning Chatter.

Testing the Grey Matter

(Answers next page)



Does a screw chuck (faceplate with centrally projecting screw) hold end grain more effectively than side grain?

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Woodturning Lessons

At every meeting, and quite often over the phone between meetings, I am asked “How can I get training in woodturning?”. One of the primary aspects of our Club’s activities is the provision of training for all members of any level of expertise. Training days are held on the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Saturdays and every Tuesday at Blaxland. Every Wednesday is Open Day at the Lawson Clubhouse. The costs vary depending on which days you attend but these costs are very, very economical. Anyone wishing to attend the Saturday Training days should contact Allan Game 4739 1028 or Des Lane on 4751 5128

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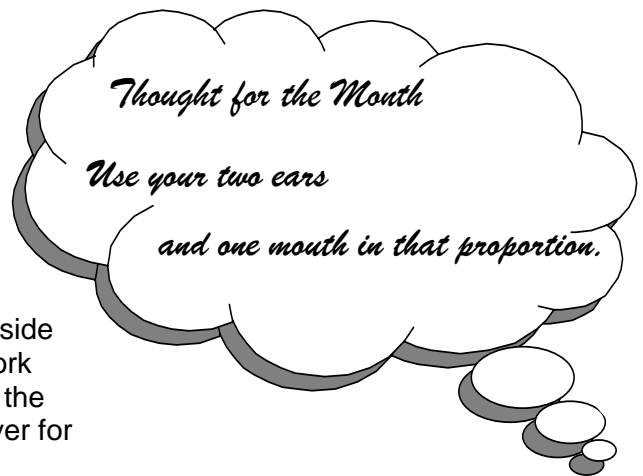
Annual Fee : \$30 p.a.

Joining Fee : \$10

Grey Matter Answers



Screw chucks have great holding power in side grain but far less in end grain. End grain work can be held on a screw chuck, especially if the work is small and the screw is large, however for most end grain projects, a screw chuck is inadequate. Self centering chucks with long spigot jaws have far greater holding power. Other options would be to use a cup chuck or faceplate with several long, deep threaded screws.



Skills Projects—Themes for Show & Tell

February 2009— An item with turned legs

March 2009— An item using two forms of surface decoration

April 2009— An item that is made from 3 separately turned components

Welcome

My name is David Grube.

I am an R/C model boat hobbyist who has always suffered the frustration of not being able to find my hobby items easily on the web.

To help all hobbyist we are starting a new web based hobbies classified market site which we hope will be of assistance to your club or organisation. We encourage you to use this site for FREE promotion and advertising of your goods for sale. As a dedicated hobbyist, your feedback on improvements for our site would be welcome.

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Last Meeting— January 2009

The first meeting of the year and it started the year on a good note. Alan Game demonstrated for us and was his usual professional, precise best. His explanations to questions was very clear and much appreciated by all. Many were amazed at Alan's skill with the skew chisel. he showed us that when it is mastered, it can be used for lots of jobs which we might not consider. We hope we can have another demo of Alan's skill soon.

The other big event in January was the Australia Day display at Glenbrook. As per usual, this event was very well patronised with about 20 members turning to lend a hand. With 3 lathes spinning it wasn't long before our turners gathered crowds to watch in awe as he shavings disappeared to reveal the inner wonders of wood.

We must have been doing something inspiring as sales from the display were excellent as was the purchase of raffle tickets. So good that we actually sold out of tickets and had to close it earlier than expected.

Overall the day was yet again another success and our thanks to all those who contributed. These events not only give us a bit of fun, they are excellent opportunities for us to become better known in the community and encourage more enthusiasts to join our ranks.

The next meeting will see Ernie Newman at the lathe ready to demonstrate more of his international turning skills. Come along and see just how more of our experts handle those tools that seem to do different things in their hands as compared to what they do in ours.

Also on the horizon is the Challenge 2009, March 14th. At the February and March meeting members will be asked to participate by taking on some of the tasks in running this event so please be ready to put your hand up wherever possible.

Calendar Settings

Future Meetings:

Unit 5 118-120 Somers Road Lawson
1st Sat of each month 10.00am-3.00pm



Committee Meetings: Held the Friday (1 week and 1 day) prior to the normal monthly meeting.

Feb 7th Ernie Newman
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But always entertaining

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April 4th Des Lane
Skill from Excellence

Wednesday Open Days
To be decided at the February meeting

Challenge 2009
Sat March 14th Blaxland High School

Hare & Forbes Open Day
March 19th—21st

Trend Timbers 27th-28th March