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WOODCHIPS:
BY: GEORGE HANCOCK EDITOR

Dear Member and Guest:

I've been trying to motivate myself to get out a newsletter for the month, and for some reason my creative juices were at the bottom of a well and my pump leathers were dry and cracked.. Maybe it was because we didn't have a board meeting due to Labor Day . I can't say why, but after sitting and talking with the guys that make the club function, makes putting something on paper less of an effort.

Maybe missing SWAT for the first time in many years wasn't there to charge my batteries. There is nothing like a good symposium to pump up your "want too", not to mention empty your wallet.

At any rate I know some of the guys are having fun at the Permian Basin Fair in spite of some sad times in Odessa last Saturday. Crazy times we live in! Maybe the good old days were really better, but we can't live in the past, so we must deal with the present, and have hope for the future.

Last meeting was more or less a "make do" when Ernie Showalter came down with a back problem. We all hope he is improving. However, in spite of everything ,we talked about a myriad of topics, and I think in general we had a good and informative time.

I haven't talked in depth to any of those who attended SWAT, so we are anxious for a report at the meeting. From the list of demonstrators, I know it was a great show. "AGAIN"

Put on your thinking caps and make some suggestions for programs next year. Don't forget to get started on your Christmas projects. I think its day after tomorrow, or at feels that way.

**THINGS TO
REMEMBER:**

- **Renew your AAW Membership.**
- **Plan to Attend Club Functions.**
- **Club Dues should be paid at or before the January meeting.**
- **Make an attempt to participate, and make your needs and Ideas known.**

Happy turning!

See you Saturday.

PROGRAM

Mark Doverspike will demonstrate how he uses a computer to do layout of his "REALLY COOL" open segmented pieces.

PRESIDENT'S TIDBITS

SWAT has come and gone for another year. There were world class demonstrations and exhibitors at the symposium this year. Hopefully, everyone in attendance came away with new ideas to explore. I am sure you found something you could not do without at the vendor exhibits.

The Permian Basin Fair ran from August 30th thru September 8th. Thanks to all the members who helped set up and man our booth. It was a great way to visit with the general public and spark interest in woodturning. A special thanks to Jimmy Edwards for his continued support and time in making our participation in the fair such a success each year.

Our club meeting on August 10th was a question and answer session. Loy, Buddy, and George, thanks for stepping up and adding your expertise on the various subjects. Open segmented jigs and set up was discussed by Loy. Buddy addressed the question of filling cracks with epoxy and using wood shaving in filling them. George let the members look and discussed the various lathe chucks he uses in various turnings. Overall the question and answer session was great. I am sure that this discussion opened more subjects for discussion at a later date.

The show and tell was great again. Thanks to everyone who continues to bring items each month. Remember if you won something in the raffle, bring something back next month.

Keep your tools sharp and the chips flying,

Rodney



SHOW AND TELL





Abrasive Paste Formula
1 part beeswax
1 part Tripoli (Diatomaceous Earth)
5 parts Mineral oil by weight
(or 6 fluid oz)



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHOW YOUR WORK ON THE WEBSITE, PLEASE FURNISH RANDY SMITH WITH A CD WITH PICTURES IN JPEG OR PDF FORMAT OF THE ITEMS YOU WANT TO SHARE. WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PAGE FOR EACH MEMBER THAT WISHES TO SHOW THEIR



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REMEMBER TO KEEP YOU TOOLS IN GOOD SHAPE AND SHARP. SHARP TOOLS MAKE FOR SAFE AND BETTER TURNING.

Timbermate Water Based Wood Filler

By Alan Noel
Professional Wood Finisher



Timbermate is a water based interior wood filler that is full of surprises and has many features and benefits that no other wood filler has. It can be used as a grain pore filler, a wood putty, a filler for larger cracks, and because it will not shrink when dry, it can even be used when thinned as a sanding sealer.

Timbermate can be tinted with any compatible colorants and intermixed to match virtually any color of the thirteen colors already available. This product will take stain after drying and is nonflammable, non-toxic, and contains no voc's.

There is no waste because this product can even be reconstituted if it dries out by simply adding water back into it; or, if it freezes, simply let it thaw out and it's ready to be used again. Another amazing trick is that Timbermate can be mixed with oil based stains to create even more colors.

I recently tried out Timbermate to fill the pores of an olive ash veneered box I'm restoring and was quite pleased with the results. After sanding the top to 320, I used the wood filler and applied two thin coats with a foam applicator, one in both directions. Next, I scraped off the excess going across the grain with an old credit card and then I dug out my trusty heat gun to speed things up a bit. Later that same day I sanded the filler with 220 paper and the top was ready to finish. But of course, when I came back to my workshop the first thing I noticed was that I left the putty in the mixing cup and it was dry. No worries, just add water and stir to reconstitute the putty or just leave it till it's needed again. All you have to do is add water, so there is no waste!



I salvaged this brass ferrule from a worn-out garden hose.



Three separate pieces of ebonized copper pipe butted together make a utilitarian ferrule. With use, the black wears off and the ferrule develops a fine patina with the copper showing through.



This ferrule is made from three brass natural-gas fittings.



A spacer-lug from a truck tire becomes a sturdy ferrule.



I cut this ferrule from a textured bathroom towel bar.



Springs make excellent ferrules because they are strong and attractive.



This ferrule started out as a tip used for frosting cakes.



This copper ferrule has developed a warm patina over time. I often select a ferrule that will complement the wood.



Ball bearing chases are made in many different sizes; I find a variety of uses for them.



This ferrule is a bushing from an electric motor shaft. They come in a variety of sizes.



This stainless steel ferrule came from pipe that I salvaged from a boat. Stainless steel is hard to cut but it is strong and looks good with any wood.



This ferrule is stainless steel. ►

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BUSINESS NAME

George Hancock's Shop

1709 Clark Street

Midland, Texas

10:00 A.M. Second Saturday

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SINCE ITS INCEPTION THE PURPOSE OF THE CLUB HAS BEEN TO PROMOTE WOODTURNING AND PROVIDE A VENUE WHERE THOSE HAVING A PASSION FOR TURNING AND WOODWORKING IN GENERAL CAN HAVE A PLACE TO SHARE IDEAS, HELP ONE ANOTHER, AND DEVELOP NEW SKILLS.

SERVING THE MIDLAND AND ODESSA COMMUNITIES, THE CLUB HAS GROWN OVER THE YEARS AND IS BLESSED WITH A NUMBER OF WORLD CLASS TURNERS. EACH OF THESE SKILLED INDIVIDUALS ARE MORE THAN WILLING TO SHARE THEIR KNOWLEDGE WITH LESS EXPERIENCED TURNERS, AND TO PROVIDE HANDS ON INSTRUCTION IF REQUESTED.

OUR MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES THOSE SKILLED IN PEN-MAKING, SEGMENTED WORK, BOWL TURNING, FURNITURE MAKING, SHARPENING AND JUST ABOUT ANYTHING THAT INVOLVES WOOD.

NEVER HESITATE TO ASK FOR HELP!

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Meeting:

September 14, 2019

10:00 a.m.

1709 Clark St.

Midland, Texas

Ever thought about having your child in your shop but don't know where to start? Here are a few tips to keep in mind to get started.

- What is the attention span of your child? If it's short, keep to smaller projects at first and see if their attention span changes due to interest.
- If you're cutting wood with your child, keep the layouts as simple as possible.
- A great introductory tool for young woodworkers is a [coping saw](#). The blades are cheap and easy to change. The saw in itself is extremely inexpensive and cuts well without much effort.
- For ages 5-8, I would use whole number math and avoid fractions. As they start fractions in school, start applying them in their woodworking.
- Give your child options. Remember, you want them to take ownership and be excited for the project.
- Encourage, don't discourage. It's easy as a parent working with your child to have the urge to take over and say "do it this way." This type of comment can shut your child down and stop them from participating. Be positive with your words and gestures. If they are using a coping saw and cutting a wonky line, say "steer over this way!" Simple, fun comments will help them stay on point.
- Start simple. Pre-fabricated kits are a great introduction. Go to a local craft store and look for kits in the woodworking aisle. Many times these projects come with everything you need.
- Lower your expectations. Your child's idea of a straight line won't be the same as yours. Their ability to cut will get better with practice, but make sure you stay positive on their final cut. They will be excited to finish the cut and remove a piece of wood. Say things like "Great job, you did it!" Or "Wow, I am impressed with your cut, next time we can try a little harder to keep it closer to the line, but awesome job!"
- Don't get frustrated. If frustration sets in, breathe and count to three before speaking. Your child will be frustrated too, so again, be positive and upbeat.
- Help steer them, but don't drive them. NEVER take the tool away unless they are about to hurt themselves. Let them cut. Sometimes we place our hands over theirs and say, "Drop your hands this way and try that." Help them with a few strokes then let go. They will realize that by moving their hands properly the wood will cut easier. Let them experiment.
- Celebrate the small victories. Finishing a cut, even if it's imperfect, is a success. Every nail that gets sunk or hole that gets drilled is a victory for your little woodworker.
- Kids learn and have a better time when they smile and laugh. We always say funny things and act goofy when working with kids. Say, "Wow, that's a heck of a cut. You were like a beaver chewing through the wood." Sounds childish, but it shows your child you're willing to have fun!
- Let your child draw, color or paint all over their project. You may not like it, but they love to completely "finish" it the way they want!
- Take photos of the process!

BY: Jim Randolph—

I got started making stools for grandbabies, and I just can't stop. Now, I like making a variety of styles.

The last stool I made, for little Kessa, the legs were rather close to the edge of the top; wide for stability.

I ran into a problem when I began to sand that little area of the top's underside, though, between the leg and the edge. I started out going back and forth, like one usually would when sanding, but there was just no way I could make my hand go straight enough not to cross the grain, even though the angle was very, very slight.

I discovered, though, that if I put the sandpaper up against the leg and simply pulled it away, in one direction, that the scratches were invisible, because they were perfectly in line with the grain of the wood.