



# NORTHWEST CORNER WOODWORKERS ASSOCIATION

**August 2011**

**Next Meeting: Saturday August 20th  
Annual Picnic at Val and Laura Matthews  
7550 Ershig Road, Bow, WA 98233**

**Directions: I-5 to exit 236, go west on Bow Hill Road for 1.3 miles, left on Ershig Road for 1.5 miles. Driveway is on the right just past the railroad tracks.**

**Phone: 360-770-7203 or 360-387-4174**

## **NO AUGUST MEETING, BUT DON'T FORGET THE PICNIC!**

On Saturday, August 20, we'll be gathering at Val and Laura Matthews place at 1 PM for the annual picnic and tool auction. This is a combined Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association and Northwest Washington Woodturners event, and has become somewhat of a tradition over the years. Val and Laura have ample parking and space for this, and all you have to do is show up with a side dish (salad, dessert or whatever), something cool to drink, and a lawn chair or two. Normally, we eat about 3 PM and close the bidding for the auction at around 4 PM. Don't forget to bring your significant other and something to sit on. The two clubs provide the burgers, hotdogs, brats, fixings, paper plates, plastic ware and napkins.



**Bring a Big Brimed Hat**  
Maybe you can help corral the barbecue!

## **SILENT AUCTION**

For those of you who have never participated in a silent auction, the rules are pretty simple. The seller displays the item for sale with a sales sheet listing the item, a short description of the item condition (e.g. new, works good, needs repair, etc), seller's name, minimum acceptable bid if the seller wishes to state one. Anyone interested in the item simply enters a bid and their name. Anyone else interested in the same item enters a



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higher bid on the next line. Normally, bids should advance by at least 10% over the previous bid. Check back often to see if you are still the highest bidder. When the cutoff time is announced, the highest bidder wins the item provided their bid exceeds the stated minimum bid. The bidder then pays the seller, so don't forget to bring money or your checkbook! You never know what might show up for sale! Please make copies of the attached silent auction form for any items you bring to sell.

Jerry Couchman

### July Meeting - A Visit with Jim Hume



Jim dismantling a turned and carved vessel



Fine Fits

Jim Hume showed us how he fitted the top and bottom overlay pieces to his turned hollowform. The piece with the segments is placed into the thick walled "cap" piece shown in Jim's right hand. Chalk or carbon paper is used between the two pieces. Rub a little, and the high spots get transferred to the cap. Scrape the transfer off, try again. When there are no high points the fit is right. Then the carving and piercing begins. The cap in this photo is thick because it will become vines, leaves and grapes. The more 3-D texture there is, the thicker the cap has to be.



The Plane Truth

Jim made many of these planes, often for a specific job that needed to be done. The seats for the rocking chairs Jim makes need to be curved, so Jim made planes with a contour that works for his chairs. The cutters are often shaped and tempered to fit the planes. I think Jim said a craftsman he knows does the tempering.





Projects Overview

Jim brought out many amazing projects to look over. There are many more items we didn't get to see, including turnings and an extremely detailed V-8 engine carved mainly from wood.

Oh, and by the way, what about the car? The 45 foot long, 7,000 pound land speed record holder to be with a turning radius from here to Monterey? Oh, that car..



Bring and Brag

Bob Gaubatz created this beautiful box, including dovetailed details on the corners. The finish is shellac. At this point Bob isn't too happy with the finish result. Several people chimed in offering suggestions that may help to produce a smoother finish.



A close shot of the beautiful welds created by Jim throughout the car. When he doesn't have anything else to do Jim welds fuel tanks for funny car dragsters all over the country.

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Bow On View



From the Stern

The three tubes are to hold parachutes. The are launched with compressed gas. In fact many of the

systems are controlled by gas cannisters. There is also air piped in for the driver. The porcupine look in this section of the car is due to clecos, temporary rivets which clamp the skin to the frame. As the car is riveted together the clecos will be removed, resulting in a skin as smooth as the front end. When this car runs at Bonneville there will be a large group of NCWA members glued to the TV, cheering on one accomplished craftsmans efforts. Thank you Jim for letting us invade your space and take up your time.

Charley Drake



Jim Hume and the Model Car

## 35th Annual Port Townsend Wooden Boat Festival

This year's Wooden Boat Festival runs from Friday, September 9th through Sunday, September 11th, and features more than 300 wooden vessels, hundreds of indoor and outdoor presentations and demonstrations, music performances, food vendors, etc. The Woodworking Stage will feature a number of presentations of particular interest to woodworkers, including presentations by Chris Schwarz (former editor of Popular Woodworking), Mike Wenzloff of Wenzloff Saws, Jim Tolpin & Tim Lawson of the Port Townsend School of Woodworking, and many others. Lie-Nielsen will have a booth with \*all\* of their hand tools available to try out. Edensaw and Festool will also have displays.

A few NCWA members are planning to attend the festival on Saturday, September 10th, and we hope many more of you will join us. The festival always draws a large crowd, so carpooling is a must. We plan to organize carpools from various locations to the Keystone Ferry Landing on Whidbey Island. From there, members will walk-on to the ferry for the 1/2 hour ride to Port Townsend. In Port Townsend, there will be free shuttle buses running between the ferry landing and the festival every ten minutes.

The ferry costs \$5.50 round-trip for a walk-on passenger, \$2.70 round-trip for seniors over age 65. Festival admission for a single day costs \$15, \$10 for seniors over age 65. Stay tuned for more information!

Mike Titus

## Jay Smith Update

Speaking of wooden boats, last year NCWA visited Jay Smith, who is building a 56' Viking Longboat in his back yard. This week I visited Jay with the Anacortes Community Maritime Center. The big boat is progressing. Jay is also building a pretty little viking folk boat for a client on Whidbey Island.



The photo on the left shows 5 planks fitted. The photo below shows 7 planks on each side. The next plank will



be at the water line. The deck goes on above this plank. There were several large oak crooks in the driveway, just cut and transported from Oregon. The planking for the big boat is Alaska Yellow Cedar, up to 24" wide, 26' long with no knots. Jay found a supplier on Vancouver Island.



Folk Boat

Charley Drake

## NCWA Celebrates First Mall Shot

With NCWA activities winding down for the summer season, the Board of Directors wrapped up their educational classes until September and heard a report on June's successful Cascade Mall exhibition. The July Board, meeting with a bare quorum present, was given oral reports by Educational Chairman Gerald Anderson and Program Chairman Jim Bucknell.

Our first-ever public display in a mall-size retail sales setting was a huge success, thanks to Bucknell's excellent organizational skills and a host of eager volunteers. We had no means of measuring the size of the crowds we gathered over the two-day event, but it was an enthusiastic bunch of visitors, young and old. Children were given small wooden vehicles or scroll-sawn items and adults were handed a copy of our new brochure. We succeeded in signing up ten new members for the month.

Jim was instrumental in setting up a dozen large panels of text and color photographs that clearly informed the public of our aims, benefits, and activities. These panels, attached to a dozen tables that contained our wood projects, allowed visitors to stroll through the exhibition area in the Mall's center court area and speak with any of the volunteer members acting as guides or docents. Gary Weyers did a yeoman's job demonstrating scroll cutting on both days, and our President, Jerry Couchman, was on hand, often playing soothing flute tones for the visitors.

Jeannie Anderson, Specialty Leasing Manager for Cascade Mall, was pleased with our efforts and has invited us to make a return visit. Bucknell said the

informational panels will be stored by Jim Torrence for future use and the records, plans, and other details will be included in his written report. Jim received an ovation from the assembled Board members in honor of his achievement. With that said, Jim stunned Board members with an announcement that he was retiring from his Chairmanship of the Program Committee. Jim said that he was looking for more family time. The Board will be looking for a replacement.

Gerald Anderson concluded NCWA woodworking classes in June and promised a full slate of new and popular old classes in the Fall. The educational season ended with a new finishing class given by Earl Ragan, owner of Karl's Paints. The class was well received, Gerald said, and would be offered again.

The Board heard Andrew Pellar's latest report on seeking insurance waivers for the protection of NCWA members taking hands-on woodworking classes. Pellar favors State of Washington incorporation before the organization proceeds further. Forms have been procured and will be filed to legally proclaim our Club a non-profit organization.

The invitation to a free building usage by the management of Washington Alder was issued to us via Gene Benson, Chairman of the Toys for Tots Committee. Gene also heads the ad hoc committee to evaluate the proposal. The committee has provided the Board with photos and other information, but the committee has yet to meet with Washington Alder management to discuss details. The building is presently vacant on WA property on Best Road just north of Route 20. The pictures show a tall steel building with a projecting roof over a concrete pad. The building measures 40 by 60 feet, sufficiently large for all our classroom activities, general meetings, and Toys for Tots workshops. The Board got into a meaningless discussion of the

offer without knowing the details. Doug Duehning ended the discussion by proposing a halt to further comments until the ad hoc committee has met with Washington Alder. The proposal was approved.

Programs for our general meetings were discussed again and comments favored a more professional approach with our featured speakers. Professionals will cost money but should beef up attendance and add more interest for the less skilled members. President Couchman will lead the investigation. In another issue, Mike Titus will undertake the task of updating our website. Our former Webmaster has resigned and Mike has volunteered to take his place. Mike gave Board members a run-down on what he plans to do to re-energize [www.ncwawood.com](http://www.ncwawood.com).

President Jerry Couchman reminded the Board that our next meeting will be the annual picnic at the Matthews' home in Bow on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Members are invited to bring a covered dish of salad, appetizers, or dessert to the picnic site at about 1 p.m. and enjoy meeting with other woodworkers and woodturners during the afternoon. A choice of grilled meats and other foods, as well as beverages, will be provided by the Club. One of the annual features is a silent auction of tools and shop gear. If you have something to sell, use the form provided on our website, Jerry added.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Members present: Anderson, John Bellinger, Bucknell, Couchman, Duehning, Jay Geisel, Pellar, Ed Pysher, Titus, and Torrence.

Respectfully submitted. Jay Geisel, Secretary

### Hartville Tools

Ed Pysher sent me a large document with lots of details about how to get your discount from Hartville, but I don't have that much room left so here is the short version. You can call to place your order at 800-345-2396. You can also order on line. In the checkout notes tell them you are an NCWA member. Your discount will show up in your invoice.

You can also call Ed Pysher at 360-770-7203. He's a great guy to talk to anyway, even if you don't have a question about Hartville Tool. I hope our other vendors don't want equal promotion in the newsletter. It's going to eat up space, as Hartville has been in here for months.

I wrote the articles on Jim Hume and Jay Smith. If I didn't get something right it's all my fault. By the way, if you would like to write up an article or report on something for the good of the order, please feel free to send it along.

See you at the picnic!

Charley Drake

### Classifieds

#### For Sale:

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2. Trend Model T3 Plunge Router. It is new, never used, with dust collection collar, fence, handles, and wrenches. (It is in the Woodcraft catalog) Included is a Trend Router Sketching system, which is also new, never used. Plus extras. Asking \$80

Please contact Jim Corbin for the two items above, 360-766-8705

### All Members are Welcome

If you would like to attend the board meetings please feel free to do so. The Farmhouse has good food, and the board discussions can be entertaining. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month, at 7:00 P.M. except in August this year.

Charley Drake

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August 20th 1:00 PM

Membership Meeting  
No Board Meeting

Laura and Val Matthews

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