



November 9, 2005

Minutes for the Eleventh Meeting of the Baltimore Area Wood Turners (BAT)

Frank Martin (Treasurer, BAT) started the meeting at 7pm.

14 members attended with 2 new faces in the crowd. (Welcome Aboard!)

Wayne reported that the construction of the cabinet that will be used as a stand for the new Jet Mini Lathe was still moving along well. He is now fitting the locks to the cabinet doors.

Several excellent turnings were passed around during the Show & Tell. Scott Tatina brought in an excellent Hollowform he completed. David Reed Smith showed an "Executive" top that he made from some corian that he won in a BAT wood raffle. David said the corian was much more balanced than the wooden tops he made in the past. He proved his theory by throwing the top into a spin that never seemed to stop. Frank Martin brought in two Maple pieces that had spectacular "chatoyance".

The Wood Auction was rather lacking this month with only two blanks being donated. Frank Martin (Treasurer, BAT) gave the auction a boost by adding the last "Packard Woodworks 20% off Coupon" to the auction table. Proceeds of the Wood auction going to BAT. Frank sold another round of raffle tickets for the Vacuum Pump that was donated to the club.

A roundtable discussion on the turning of Christmas Ornaments was this month's topic. David Reed Smith showed what seemed to be a never ending display of ornaments that he has turned in the past. David assured us that he really does sleep and that the ornaments he brought in had been made over a span of twenty years. Several ornaments from three other turners were also passed around.

Gerry Meekins (Secretary BAT) polled the membership regarding their interest in having a well known turner doing a demonstration for BAT. The demonstrator would be paid by a fee collected before demonstration with any surplus going to the BAT treasury. The demo would likely entail a "Road Trip" to the demonstrator's shop unless a larger lathe could be used at Woodcraft. 90% of the members in attendance said they were interested in the demo.

Meeting ended at 8:45pm