

Echos From the "BAT" Cave

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BAT GETS SKEWED; BOARD ROOM



With three lathes running, all hands got a chance to learn to skew during the March meeting (*above left*). In early April, the BAT Board hit the boards to do flatwork (*above right*). Wayne Kuhn explains in his article inside.

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Louis shows Safe Driver

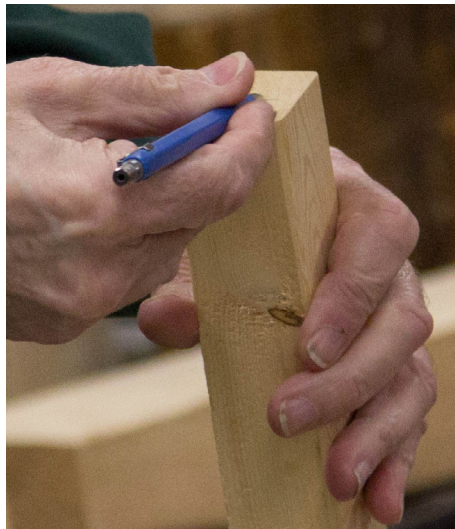


Practice spindles

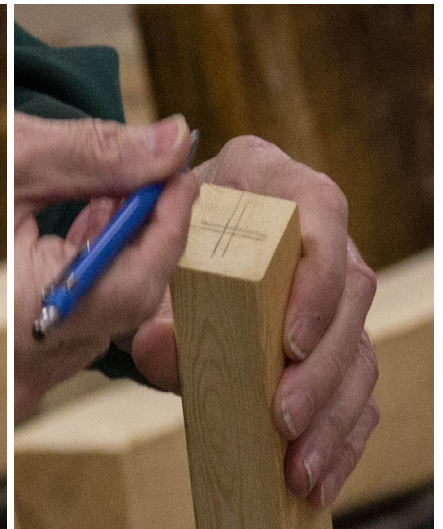
SKREW HANDS-ON

Spindle turning master, **Louis Harris** helped the group take steps toward mastering the dreaded skew chisel. He used a pile of split 2 x 4s. Using his 'digital center finder' he marked centers on both ends of a spindle and mounted it between a safety center and the tail stock. For roughing pine, he said prefers a spindle roughing gouge as roughing with a skew tends to produce tear out.

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'Digital' center finder



The resulting grid



Planing cut



Line cut



A classic 'catch'



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He discussed different styles of skew: rectangular, rolled on short point side, rolled on long point side, round skew, and varieties of [skew-gouge](#).

Louis demonstrated various cuts: the line cut, the planing cut, the facing cut, the pommel cut, the V-cut and, finally, rolling beads.

He also covered sharpening and honing, discussing hollow, flat, and convex grinds.

The group was invited to practice their skills on three lathes and two sharpening stations. Many veteran turners coached the newer turners in proper use and sharpening of the skew. By the end of the evening dull skews had been resuscitated and the floor was covered with shavings. Great Hands-On. Thanks, Louis!

A full house listens attentively as Louis tells of the Joys of Skewing

MORE SKEWING



Ron Ford (*left*) and Wayne Kuhn(*above*) demonstrate.

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STILL SKEWING



(Clockwise from upper left) Steps in rolling a bead; finished bead; Sharpening; some of the turned shapes; BAT members take their turns





SKEWING THROUGH AND THROUGH

(Clockwise from upper left) Wayne Kuhn demonstrates; Louis Harris coaches; Ron Ford coaches as many more BAT members take their turns



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BOARD ROOM

(Above) Details of sturdy construction; **Wayne Kuhn's** cut is well supervised by **Bob Pegram, Louis Harris, Pete Johnson, and Tom Szarek;**

(Below) Shelving is installed by **Pete, Wayne, Ron Ford, and Stephen Jones.**



Relocating BAT's Storage Once Again

- Unfortunately, BAT had to move out of our spacious storage closet located in our meeting room.
- Fortunately, we were allowed to build another closet in a storage area on the lower level of the Boumi Temple.
- Unfortunately, this space was not as large as our closet in the meeting room and located a few steps farther away from our room.
- Fortunately, we did not have to relocate off site.
- Unfortunately, BAT had to cover the cost of materials for this build.
- Fortunately, we managed to do it for under \$300.00
- Unfortunately, the timing of these events did not allow us to invite the membership to participate in this build.
- Fortunately, the BAT board of directors and members at large have mad skills in such matters and designed, coordinated, purchased materials and built our new shed with minimal arguing er.... Discussion.

Wayne Kuhn

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STILL MORE FLAT WORK

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(Clockwise from above)

All smiles as **Wayne Kuhn** and **Ron Ford** watch **Tom Szarek** remove a misplaced screw; **Stephen Jones** shows how to do it right; the filled interior (photo by Wayne Kuhn); **Ron** and **Louis Harris** prepare to lock the finished room. (photo by Wayne Kuhn)





RAFFLE NEWS

A Yew trunk, Persimmon and Maple rounds, Beech, Walnut and Ambrosia Maple splits, Hickory and Ash spindle blanks, jigsaw blades, six types of pen blanks and more were donated by generous BAT members to the March Raffle. Thanks to all!

BALTIMORE AREA TURNERS

Baltimore Area Turners meets every month on the second Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be held at the Boumi Temple at

5050 King Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21237-3325

Next meeting:
April 13, 2016 at 7:00 PM

Agenda: David Ellsworth demo (Need more be said?)



PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE #1 & 2



Wayne Kuhn showed two Maple gouge handles, **Ron Ford** showed a Maple apple with an Ebony stem and Clove bottom and a Yellowheart tool handle, **Louis Harris** showed a Maple roughing gouge handle with a [One-Way ferrule](#).

MISSING BAT LIBRARY ITEMS

BAT has an extensive library of turning related books and videos. Unfortunately, some of the items are still missing. You might have one of them in your home. Take some time to re-check your nooks, crannies, and cubby holes for items belonging to BAT. If you find any, please bring them in. No questions asked.

PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE #3

BAT President Ron Ford has announced the third President's Challenge for 2016:

May – Turn a bowl from a board - at least 6" diameter, at least 3 rings.

(This is the third entry in the Fourth Susan Shane Memorial Iron Man Challenge.)