



Alabama Woodturners Association

AWA Newsletter

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A member of the American Association of Woodturners

Location: Homewood Senior Center at 816 Oak Grove Road, Homewood, AL 35209
Web Site: www.alabamawoodturners.com

Coming Events

Next Meeting: Will Pate:
Learning New Skills
Pre-meeting Demo: Henry Raymond—"Lining up the dots"
May: Dixie Biggs Relief Carving & Workshop
June: Moody Davis—Duck Calls
July: Dave Barriger-Natural Edge Bowls & Workshop
August: Jess Walls—TBA
September—TBA
October—TBA
November—Round Robin

President's Message

The "Round Robin" at the March meeting was once again a great success with 83 people signing in. Our thanks go out to all the turners who made it a success. We have had many compliments about this type of meeting and we are planning on having another one this year probably in November. We will try to find someone to do a demo on chainsaw sharpening next time and if you have any other ideas for the next "Round Robin" please let us know. There were 2 jackets and 1 pair of gloves left at the meeting and they were placed on the coat rack near the front desk. I would like to thank Marvin Little and Bob Henry for the wood they donated for the door prizes. Tom Irby had a lucky day as he won a door prize and the raffle which was for the Easy Finisher tool. I requested he return the door prize because he was winning "too much" but he refused. It is great to have someone else become a multiple winner.



A special thanks to Dave Chanslor for being our featured turner for March even though I forgot to make him a sign.

The raffle for the next meeting will be for a collection of various sizes of exotic turning blanks.

Thanks to Judy Osmundson, Shirley Thomas and Jennifer Smith for preparing the meal for the meeting and with the donations from everyone the club made \$50.

We mentioned the Alabaster City festival which will be on June 5th in Alabaster. Approximately 50,000 people are expected to attend and Travis Tritt will be the singer. The club is planning on having a booth with turning demos and if you would like to

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AWA Officers

President—Jerry Osmundson
Vice President—Dave Chanslor
Secretary—Richard Service
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Newsletter Editor—Dave Chanslor

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Notice

Join the AAW!
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Turning Competition

AWA has a display of work done by members each month and these items are judged and ribbons awarded. Nice work folks!

BEGINNER

Intermediate



JT Ripple Sweep!



Jim Ogle



Jim Ogle



Diane O'Dell

ADVANCED

ENHANCED OR SEGMENTED



Jerry Hanchey



Jess Walls



Bob Henry



Bob Henry



Jess Walls



Dave Martin

Special Mallet Competition

Happy Birthday Buddy!



Bill West



Tommy Hartline 2nd

Bob Rosser 3rd



Judging Dispute!



80 years old!

Round-Robin Demos, Tools Swap/ Sale, Wood Silent Auction, Wood Give Away, Drawings, Turning Competition, Tool Raffle, Lunch ... Busy!



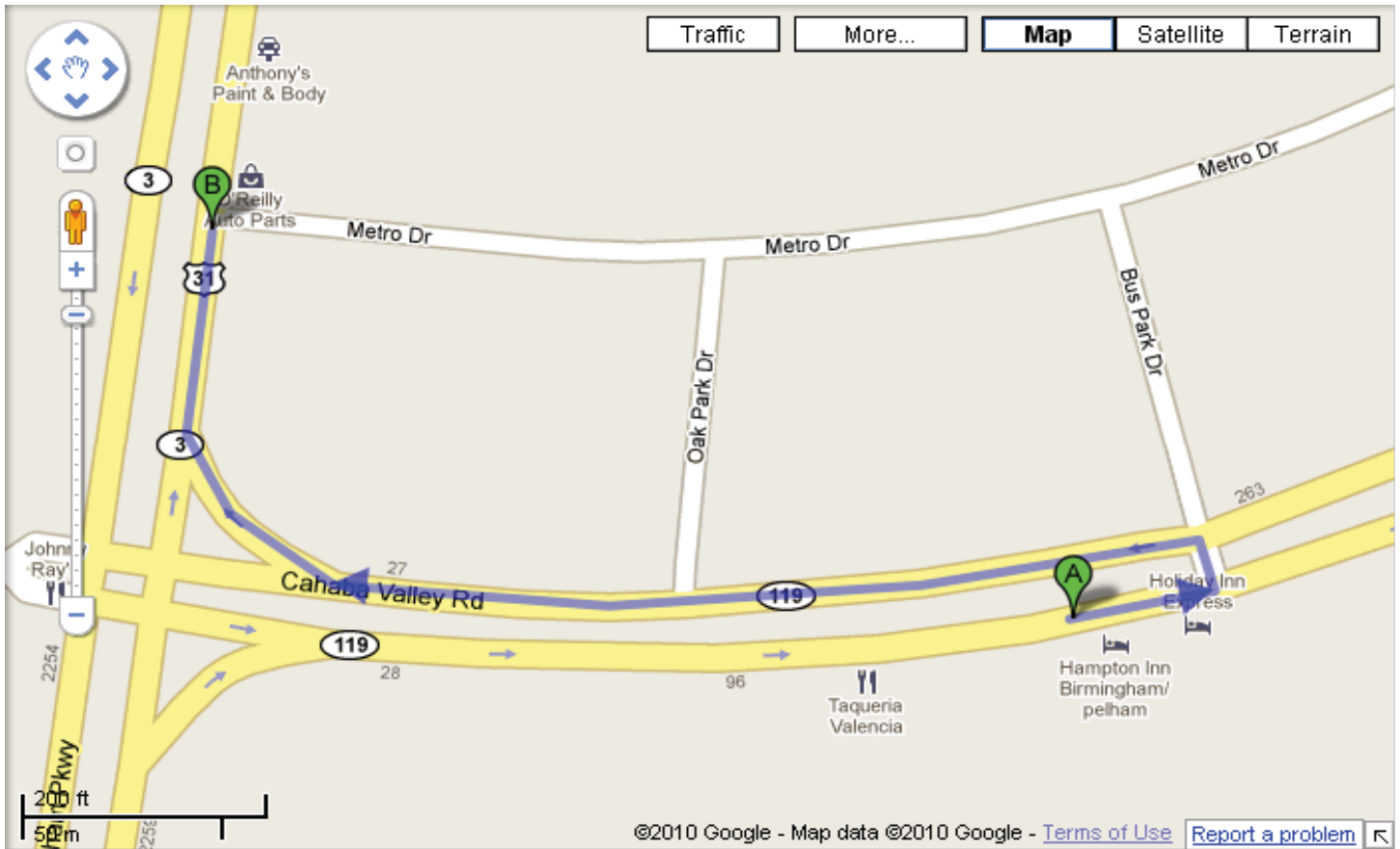
Featured Turner for March—Dave Chanslor

Dave has been an active turner for about six years. He has served as AWA president, vice president and is newsletter editor. He is retired from the engineering and construction and paper industries.

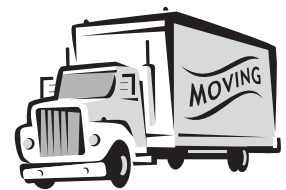


WOODCRAFT has moved...

(Around the corner)



**2215B PELHAM PARKWAY N
PELHAM, AL 35124**



President's Message Cont.

participate please let me know. We will have 2 lathes set up and you can come by and take your turn promoting the club. If anyone is planning on having your own booth let me know and we will see if we can get them all in a row. I will let you know more as the information becomes available.

Don't forget about the collaborative effort, which can be 2 or more people and there are no restrictions on what it may be except that it must fit through the doors. If anyone needs a partner or is looking for a group let me know and will find one for you. We will have cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place and everyone will vote on their favorite.

Editors Comments:

What a meeting in March! President Jerry O. is really getting things revved up. It's great to have him back at the helm of AWA.

AAW Membership: As many of you know, our club is affiliated with the national organization, American Association of Woodturners or **AAW**. I joined the AAW shortly after I joined AWA. Frankly I didn't get a whole lot out of it and didn't care for the magazine, American Woodturner. Most of the stuff in there was either over my head or were things that looked to me like they never saw a lathe. I liked the Woodturning Design magazine better. I wrote letters to the editor complaining that the average turner found no value in the magazine. Well, in the last two years, the American Woodturner has been getting better and better. (Somebody else must have written too!) This year I think it is much better than the Woodturning Design magazine. They still have some far-out stuff in there but there is a broad coverage of all skill levels in the articles.

If you like to see what others are doing and get ideas from publications, I now recommend membership in the AAW if only for the American Woodturner. Membership is \$50 per year. An added benefit is insurance coverage when you are involved in AWA activities. For more information about AAW benefits visit the web site at www.woodturner.org.

From the Program Chairman:

The April meeting program will be Will Pate demonstrating "Learning New Skills". Will has taught many of us new skills over the years so this should be a very educational meeting.

We have one professional workshop lined up in May with **Dixie Biggs**, the top relief carver in the woodturning field. We have one or two openings left! It will be held in Homewood down the street from the Senior Center at the Methodist Church youth building on Thursday May 6th and Friday May 7th.

Dave Barriger is coming in July to teach the fine points of natural edge bowls and other wood turning skills. Dave has been President of AAW and is a long time and popular teacher and demonstrator. If you are interested in his workshop **please sign up**. We need to fill up one class to justify a workshop. We are talking to several **top turners** about programs this year and next to continue making programs available to those who want to continually improve their skills through these hands-on workshops. We will strive to balance between the pure wood turning skills demos and workshops to learn advanced techniques in design and enhancements.

Come and See Us!

Anyone who is the least bit interested in knowing more about this addictive hobby, contact Richard Serviss at (205) 853-2136 or Phil Duffy at (256)355-4201 and they'll happily answer your questions and get you signed up. OR...come visit us at our next meeting. We meet the second Saturday of each month. Meeting starts at 9:00 am, but people start showing up before 8:00 am.

Meeting Location

From I-65 N, exit 256B (From I-65 S, exit 256A). Turn West on Oxmoor Rd. go about .5 mi – halfway there take the left fork at the traffic light (means you'll go straight ahead) – Turn left onto Oak Grove Road and go about .2 mi. Homewood Senior Center is on the right. Check out our Web Site at www.alabamawoodturners.com for much more about our club.