

# Special Picnic Newsletter

Central Virginia Woodturners

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## Special points of interest:

- 2006 Summer Central VA Woodturners Picnic
- Special coverage of segmented turning of Bill Whitaker and Jim Higgins

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## President's Corner

Once again I will apologize ahead of time for any rush on the part of the Newsletter(s) for the month. More surgery and procedures got in the way. Hopefully, today's was the last of it. Nothing major (this time), but it wasn't fun and I am quite sore.

I was afraid that the September issue of the Newsletter would be too crowded to cover our picnic along with the events of the September meeting; so, here we are with a **special edition**. I also thought that I would take this opportunity to give a little extra credit to two of our special members.

**The Picnic**— Thirty members and members of their families made it to our club picnic. All three of the Smith families, the O'Neils, the two Dearing families, the Greens, Jim Higgins, Elbert Dale and his grandson, the Everards, all four of the Florys in spite of Roger having been laid up with a leg infection for several days, John Heyden, the Hipkens, the Richardsons, Don Voas and his wife, and Bill Woodson were all there. Possibly best of all, Dave Mitchell and his wife were there. Best of all because Dave again did a fantastic job smoking turkey and pork for the pic-

nic. It was fantastic. For all of you that didn't make it, eat your hearts out. Dave soaks the turkey in a salt brine to keep it moist and he has a special dry rub for the pork. It is as good as it gets. Great thanks to Dave.

I apologize if I have omitted any who made it to the picnic, I am just going from memory (and its not holding up too well lately).

**Special Attention** to two of our members—Both Jim Higgins and Bill Whitaker have admitted to being in their 90's, so I don't feel as if I am telling tales out of school. Jim has been with us for quite some time now, and Bill has been with us for all of 2006 and I'm sure a little more (we need to start keeping track of when members join the club, my memory is not good enough to keep correct track).

What started these two out as so special, right from the first, was the synergy of their backgrounds. Both worked in ship design and ship building, even down to working on some of the same ships (some very impressive ones, I might add).

I have included shots of segmented turning done by both of them in this issue. I have not seen as much of Bill's work, but

know that Jim goes far beyond segmented turning. He was our original "inside-out" master, turning several pieces where you turn the piece and then rotate what you have turned so that it becomes the inside of the piece, and then turn the new outside. He seems willing to try any form of turning.

I hope we are all lucky enough to be turning when we are as "young" as Bill and Jim.

## The Picnic



Nice legs Stark



The Food Line



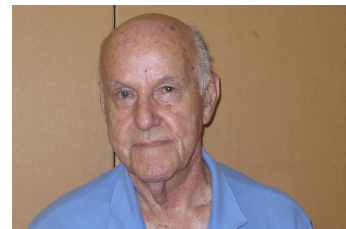
Some of the  
show-and-tell

## Jim Higgins and Bill Whitaker's Segmented turning

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Bill and his bowls



Jim and his bowls

