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PRESIDENT'S REPORT JULY 2021

All quiet on the Western Front. I hope everyone is O.K. and having or have had your JAB.

There is nothing much happening at the moment as a lot of us are in total lockdown but it must happen to try and keep everyone safe.

The only news I have at the moment is the Stitches and Craft Show at the Showground has been postponed until 29th June to 3rd July 2022 next year and St Joeys is now on Sunday 21st November, 2021 this year, assuming Covid allows it.

JUST KEEP TURNING

AND STAY SAFE.

BOB YOUNG.

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I have never had any doubts about the value of our contribution to Mt. Druitt Hospital, Children's Ward. Had I done so they would all have been permanently put to rest by what I witnessed recently. Last month when we attended the hospital (as described by our esteemed President last month) I was very pleased to witness the reaction when two Interns, on their very first morning of induction to Mt. Druitt, understood what was happening. The Pediatrician responsible for their induction brought them along to the handover. It was obvious they had not been briefed because when they walked into the room you could see by the look on their faces that they wondered "what are these four old codgers in green shirts doing here?" When they were given an explanation they were profuse in their thanks and said things like "why doesn't this happen in more hospitals?" The nurses were equally appreciative, particularly with respect to the Lifter as they have some very heavy young patients. Keep up your good work it is really appreciated.

Alan Eipper

SAFETY MATTERS

A REMINDER ABOUT WORKSHOP SAFETY

We must all keep in mind the importance of WORKSHOP SAFETY. Please THINK and ACT responsibly at all times. It is up to all of us to fulfill our commitment by wearing at all times;

- Dust masks
- Protective glasses
- Suitable clothing
- Footwear
- Ear protection

It does not hurt to discuss safety with other members if they are not doing the right thing.

ARTICLES FOR NEWSLETTER

Could I please ask those members who attend our demonstrations, maxi-days etc; if you could take some photographs and a brief description of the event so these can be published in the newsletter I am sure all members would be interested in reading about the events of the day. Thank you…..Editor.

CUT OFF DATE FOR ARTICLES

Please note the cut off date for articles to be included in the Newsletter is the last day of the month. All members are welcome to submit articles for inclusion.

Please send them to the editor;

Email address: editorwesturn@outlook.com

1. **Who was Australia's first Prime Minister?**

Club Committee

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Welfare Officer: Barbara Clarke

If you have any suggestions or information concerning the club please contact any of the above committee members.

FOR SALE

Members don't forget we have a lot of Cherry, Sapele, Walnut, European Oak and Alder bench tops for sale at the club!

FREE CORIAN

White -12mm and 20mm thick
Black - 12mm thick
Gray - 12mm thick

Struck up a conversation with a spider today. He's seems nice. He's a web designer.

Another Saturday night at home and I have suddenly realized that even the rubbish goes out more than I do.

Club Hours

Mon-Thurs: 8:30am – 4pm….$5

Friday Nights: 5pm – 9pm….$3

Saturday Turning:

Ladies Day – 2nd Saturday…$5

Contact: Anna Dawes –

9638 6995

tandawes@optusnet.com.au

3rd Saturday of Month

8.30am – 4.00pm….$5

Contact: Les Coombes –

0404 001 562

Maxi Day – 3rd Sunday

11:00am—2:00pm….$6

(Lunch included)

PLEASE NOTE:

Maxi Days are cancelled at the present time due to Covid

Wife: Can u stop yawning when i'm talking to you ?

Husband : I'm not yawning, I'm trying to say something!



I did a big load of pajamas today in the washing machine. It was so that I had enough clean work clothes for this week.

Club Meetings

Second Tuesday of the month 7pm

Shop items

Triple "P"

Friction Polish

Sanding Sealer

Sandpaper

Club Shirts

Dust Jackets

Club Badges

Pen Kits

Pen Blanks – Acrylics

Lazy Susan Bearings

Cheese Knives

Salt Mills

Pepper Mills

Many more items also available



A very big thank you to Michelle Rowland MP, the Member for Greenway, for her continued support which includes the printing of this newsletter.

MAXI DAY - January 2012



ANDY TAPPOURAS



MANNY FARRUGIA



JOHN WALKER



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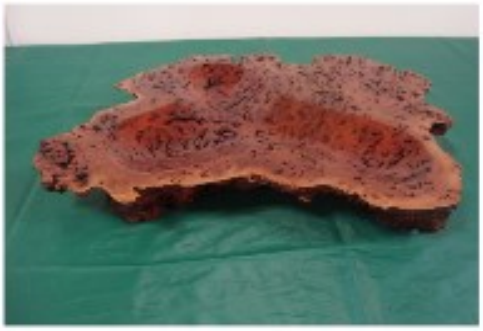
ELIZABETH MALYSIAK



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RICHARD DE GROOT





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KEN VODDEN

2. What native Australian Tree lives the longest?

It's been a great blessing to be at home with the wife these last few weeks. We've caught up on everything I've done wrong in the past 20 years.

People start coughing and worry they have the coronavirus. I cough and just pray I don't pee myself!!!

Whoever decided a Liquor Store is more essential than a Hairdressers is obviously a bald headed Alcoholic!

The spread of Covid-19 is based on two factors:

1. How dense the population is

And

2. How dense the population is

Having some States lockdown and some States not lockdown is like having a peeing section in a swimming pool.

People are scared of getting fined for congregating in crowds. As if catching a deadly disease and dying a horrible death isn't enough of a deterrent!

Remember all those times when you wished the weekend would last forever?

Well now, your wish is granted.

There is so much in the world for all of us

if we only have the eyes to see it,

and the heart to love it,

and the hand to gather it to ourselves...

Lucy Maud Montgomery (1874—1942)

The NILE Virus
Type C

We are still battling the COVID-19 and the next thing is here already. Virologists have identified a new Nile virus - type C. It appears to target those who were born between 1930 & 1970.

These are the symptoms that cause you ….

1. To send the same message twice.
2. To send a blank message.
3. To send a message to the wrong person.
4. To send it back to the person who sent it to you.
5. To forget to attach the attachment.
6. To hit **SEND** before you have finished.
7. To hit **DELETE** instead of **SEND**.
8. To **SEND** when you should **DELETE**.
9. Sends with all your email addresses instead of deleting them.

It is called the C-NILE virus!

And if you cannot admit to doing the above, you have obviously caught the mutated strain — **the D-NILE virus**.

Members Welfare Report

The welfare of members and their families is important to our club. Please let me know if you or someone you know is unwell, or worse still, no longer with us.

Let me know at my email address: **bmclarke1720@gmail.com**.

Cards and well wishes have this month been sent to:

Barbara Phelps

Geoff Robinson's Wife

Bob Young

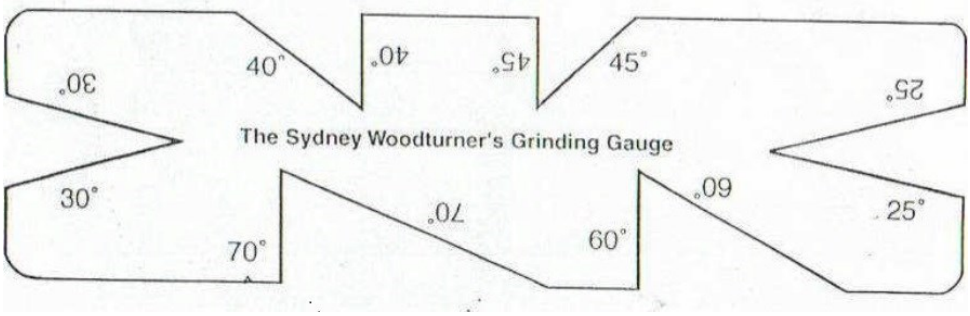
Jenny Coombes

If anyone has been missed, be assured that the good wishes and sympathies of our club are with you and your family.

Stay Safe ... Barbara Clarke….Welfare Officer

4. What does a golfer score on a par five hole if he gets and Albatross?

Reprinted from issue 104, 12th August 2008.



A must for successful turning, is to make sure your chisels are not only sharp, but also correctly ground. In preparation for this, the tip for this month is how to make a simple grinding gauge. You can make this in 10-15 minutes and you will find it to be very worthwhile.

First get a free copy of the paper template from our library. Also get a copy of the page that gives grinding angles and shapes for the basic chisels. Next, paste the template on a suitably sized piece of 3 ml MDF. You can use spray craft adhesive for quick result, or use PVA and wait a bit longer for it to dry. A good idea is to drill a 3 or 4 ml hole just close to the corner of the angles (see photo) to allow the chisel point to enter without damaging the gauge. (I also cut the template to space the angles apart, making it less likely to snap between the comers of the angles. Not necessary, but should give it a longer life).

Now cut the angles out with a handsaw (use the club unit if you don't have one). Just a few minutes work to do this. Finally, spray with hairspray or brush with PVA to give a protective coating and you are ready to go. You could also paste the sheet that gives grinding angles etc. on a piece of MDF and keep it and your gauge handy to your grinder. You won't regret it.

Happy grinding . . . Santa

There I was sitting at the bar staring at my drink when a great huge, trouble-making biker steps up next to me, grabs my drink and gulps it down in one swig.

"Well, whatcha' gonna do about it?" he says, menacingly, as I burst into tears.

"Come on, man," the biker says, "I didn't think you'd CRY. I can`t stand to see a grown man crying."

"This is the worst day of my life," I say. "I'm a complete failure. I was late to a meeting and my boss fired me. When I went to the parking lot, I found my car had been stolen and I don't have any insurance. I left my wallet in the cab I took home. I found my wife with another man and then my dog bit me. So I came to this bar to work up the courage to put an end to it all, I buy a drink, drop a capsule in and sit here watching the poison dissolve; then you show up and drink the whole thing!

But enough about me, how's your day going?"

5. Who's paintings of Ned Kelly gained him international Fame?

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APHORISM: A short, pointed sentence that expresses a wise or clever observation or a general truth.

1. The nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow.

2. Money will buy a fine dog but only kindness will make him wag his tail.

3. If you don't have a sense of humour you probably don't have any sense at all.

4. Seat belts are not as confining as wheelchairs.

5. (a) A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you're in deep water. (b) A good time to keep your mouth shut is when SHE is wrong.

6. How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?

7. Business conventions are important because they demonstrate how many people a company can operate without.

8. Why is it that at class reunions you feel younger than everyone else looks?

9. Stroke a cat and you will have a permanent job.

10. No one has more driving ambition than the teenage boy who wants to buy a car.

11. There are no new sins; the old ones just get more publicity.

12. There are worse things than getting a call for a wrong number at 4 a.m. - it could be the right number.

13. No one ever says "It's only a game" when their team is winning.

14. I've reached the age where 'happy hour' is a nap.

15. Be careful about reading the fine print there's no way you're going to like it.

16. The trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket.

17. Do you realise that, in about 40 years, we'll have thousands of old ladies with tattoos?

18. Money can't buy happiness but it's more comfortable to cry in a Cadillac than in a Ford.

19. After 60, if you don't wake up aching in every joint, you're probably dead.

20. Always be yourself because the people that matter don't mind and the ones that mind don't matter.

21. Life isn't tied with a bow but it's still a gift.

REMEMBER - "POLITICIANS AND NAPPIES SHOULD BE CHANGED OFTEN AND FOR THE SAME REASON"



Introducing the new PPP replacement product. Just the name is being changed, the contents are the same as before. Alan, who supplied us with several products to assist with finishing our projects, called this PPP. It is a mixture of Bees Wax, Paraffin Wax, DE and Gum Turpentine. Its purpose is to seal and prepare the object for the final polish medium. Once you have sanded and sealed and de-nibbed the fine fibers, PPP is then applied to prepare the surface for the final finish. I have re-named it, **Big Als' Ozzie Grit**, because in some ways it is similar to Yorkshire Grit and other similar products. This is available as a 250gr jar in the Club's shop and considering the job it does is great value for money.



Second of the replacement products is called Big Als' Sanding Sealer. A mixture of Shellac and thinners to seal your project after you have sanded it to your likening.

Available in a 250ml plastic bottle with a resealable cap. Big Als' Sanding Sealer is not intended to add a stain to your project but rather its job is to seal the pores of the wood. An essential product in most woodturners kits as it's essential to seal the wood before applying any finish.



Our third product is Big Als' Friction Polish. Currently available in a 200ml bottle this will be replaced by a 250ml size in due time. Composed of a mix of Shellac, Denatured Alcohol, Shines Shellac Hardener and several waxes it is a well tested product that imparts an exceptional gloss finish that is long lasting and hard wearing.

Apply a small amount of polish to the piece using a cloth or paper towel, while it is on the lathe, but with the lathe turned off. Put some more polish on the same piece of clothe or paper towel and turn on the lathe at a fairly high speed. Use the clothe or paper towel to even out the polish on the work. Then apply pressure to the piece using the cloth or paper towel. Apply several layers as this deepens the effect of the finish.



Our fourth product is Big Als' Chopping Board Wax which is formulated to provide a firm finish which needs buffing to bring out its best features. Commonly, Mineral Oil is usually used to seal chopping boards but this product, used correctly, replaces the oily finish of Mineral Oil and imparts a mid satin finish which is easy to maintain. After sanding your chopping board to the desired grit then using a clean cloth apply a coating of the wax and buff until smooth and no wax remains visible.

A Little Bit of Car History



After the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, the Secret Service found themselves in a bind.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt was to give his Day of Infamy speech to Congress on Monday, and although the trip from the White House to Capitol Hill was short, agents weren't sure how to transport him safely.

At the time, Federal Law prohibited buying any cars that cost more than $750, so they would have to get clearance from Congress to do that and nobody had time for that.

One of the Secret Service members, however, discovered that the US Treasury had seized the bulletproof car that mobster Al Capone owned when he was sent to jail in 1931.

They cleaned it, made sure it was running perfectly and had it ready for the President the next day.

Al Capone's 1928 Cadillac V-8 "Al Capone" Town Sedan became the President's Limo in December 1941.

Mechanics are said to have cleaned and checked each feature of the Caddy well into the night of December 7th, to make sure that it would run properly the next day for the Commander in Chief.

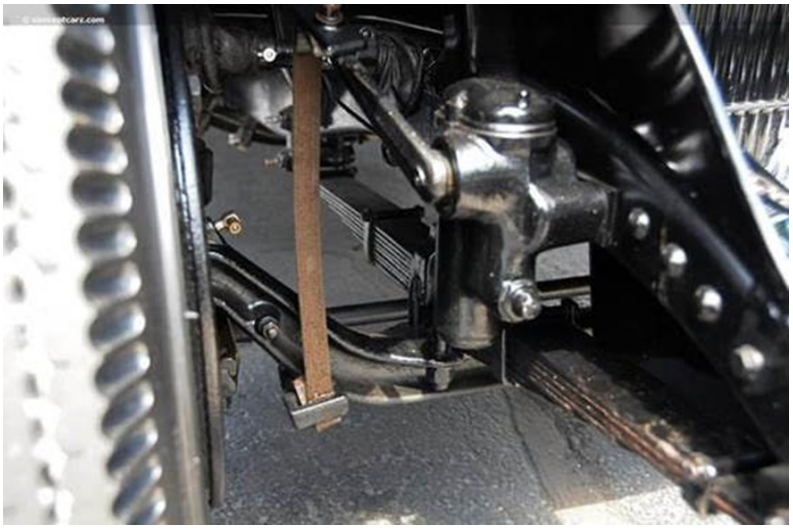
And run properly it did. It had been painted black and green to look identical to Chicago's police cars at the time.

To top it off, the gangster's 1928 Cadillac Town Sedan had 3,000 pounds of armor and inch-thick bulletproof windows.



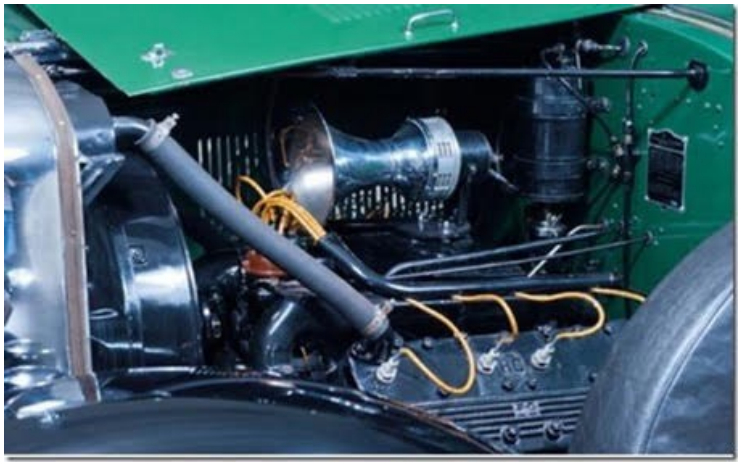


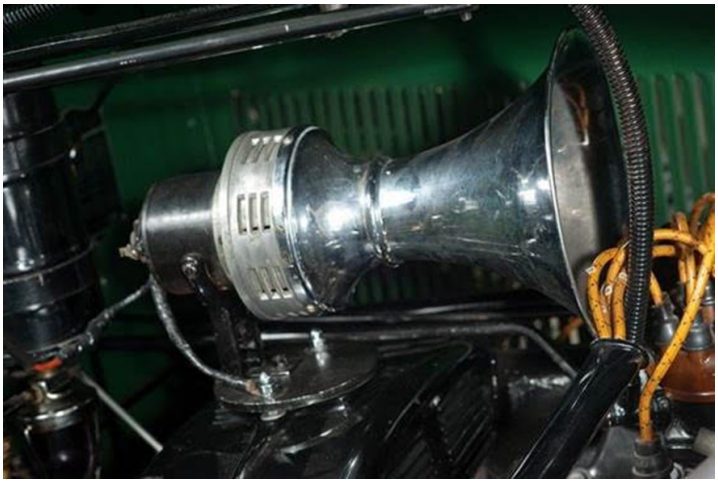


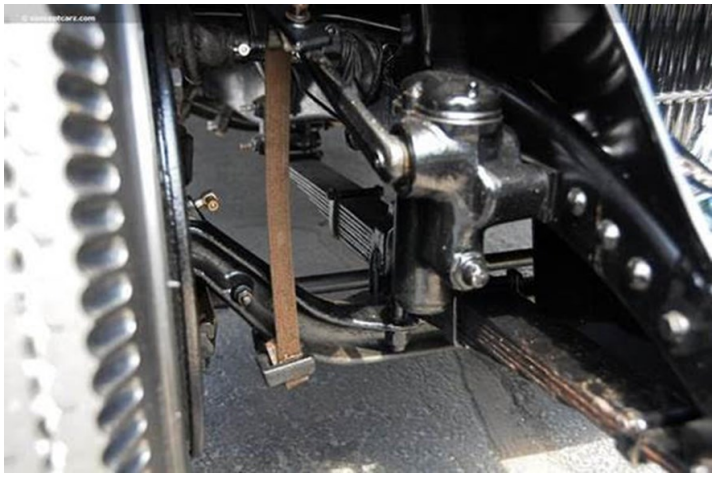














It also had a specially installed siren and flashing lights hidden behind the grille, along with a police scanner radio.





"The previous Owner."

Footnote: The car sold at auction in 2012 for $341,000.00.

Quote of the Month

The problem with the world is that the intelligent people are full of doubts while the stupid ones are full of confidence. – Charles Bukowski

Overheard

Two elements of the Covid 19 virus talking.

First Generation to Delta virus: “How is it you have such a large family?”

Young Delta replied: “I made love to an anti vaxxer. She wanders around aimlessly without a mask creating my family for me”

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Library Update

Please note DVD's have been moved from the cupboard outside the store into the library.

VHS videos have been scrapped due to their poor condition. Thanks to Anna and Graham for their help.

Please ensure any magazines which belong to the club are returned.

Thanks….Rod Brown

Answers:

1. **Edmund Barton**
2. **The Huon Pine**
3. **The left side**
4. **Two**
5. **Sidney Nolan**

AN IMPORTANT NOTE TO ALL

The plastic bins that are provided for sawdust **are not to be used for general rubbish**. Quite often items are found in these bins that should have been placed in the garbage bins that are also provided. Please do the right thing and don't be a lazy slob who chooses to make work for others. The sawdust is taken away to be used on gardens and if it has general rubbish mixed in with it we will lose this method of disposal and all members will be required to take the sawdust they generate with them when they leave the premises to dispose of as they wish.





Member Birthdays August			
Member #	Short Name	Surname	Member since
3844	Chee	Looi	May-19
3862	George	Manou	Oct-19
2925	Jimmy	Singh	Sep-11
2706	Ray	Smith	Dec-09
3868	Sam	Granata	Feb-20
3735	Tony	Taylor	Aug-16



Hi All…..Unfortunately, our newsletter for this month is a bit light on club news. We all know why and it may continue for more than we have been led to believe. I was getting a little concerned that I may not have been able to put out this months newsletter because of the lack of any news but I looked to old issues of the newsletter to provide articles that could be included, hence, there are several republished items included in these pages. I'll continue to use this source of articles as it's such a rich source of useful information.

I have always been of the opinion that to keep our sanity intact we must also keep our sense of humour intact so I have tried to include some added humour as an extra bonus.

It's difficult for all of us to be locked down, no visitors, no grandkids visiting and no extended shopping trips. I was also told the other day that I couldn't mow the nature strip outside our house without wearing a mask, but I didn't have to wear it while I mowed the front yard. To those that know me I figure you know what I did. To those that don't, I will leave it to your imagination how I handled this information.

As the secretary and I are the only ones with keys to the PO box and we both live more than 5 kilometers from Lalor Park we haven't been able to clear it. So if you have sent a letter by post then it will have to wait until the lockdown is lifted.

Until next issue….Les Coombes...Editor

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Motor Power	(kW / hp)	0.375kW / 0.5hp	0.75kW / 1hp	1.1kW / 1.5hp
Voltage / Amperage	(V / amp)	240V / 10A	240V / 10A	240V / 10A

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Blades Suit BP-255
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- 1826 x 12.5 x 0.65 mm

W950A - 6TPI $16.50
W950B - 3TPI $16.50
W950F - 6TPI $16.50

Blades Suit BP-310
- Carbon Steel
- 2240 x 12.5 x 0.65mm

W420A - 6TPI $16.50
W420B - 3TPI $14.30
W420F - 6TPI Narrow $16.50

Blades Suit BP-360
- Carbon Steel
- 2560 x 12.5 x 0.65 mm

W955A - 6TPI $22.00
W955B - 3TPI $22.00
W955F - 6TPI Narrow $22.00



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- 110W / 0.15hp 240V

Order Code: W325



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DCK-2 Timber Dust Accessory Kit
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- 10 x hose clamps
- 2 x shut-off valves
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Order Code: W885



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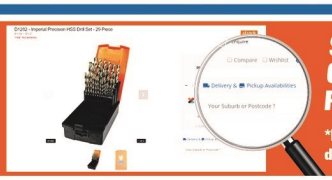
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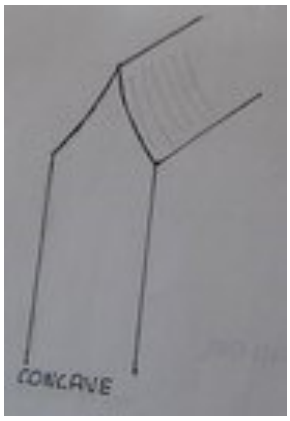
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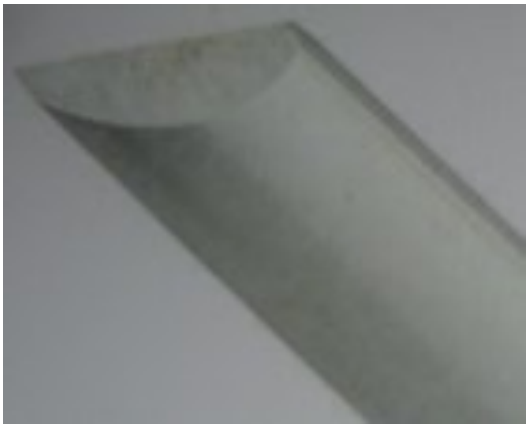
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ARGUMENTIVE ---------- TRIED AND PROVEN

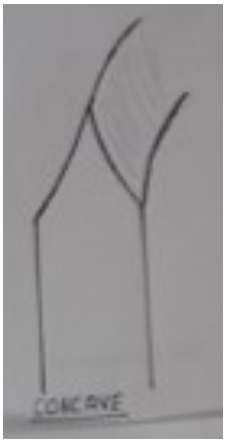
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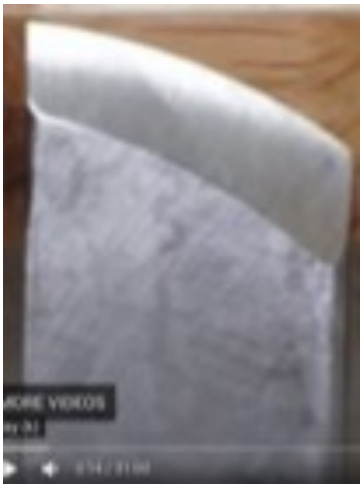
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WRONG ???????????

CONCAVE AND CONVEX GRIND ON A CURVED CUTTING EDGE.

ARGUMENTIVE ---------- MAINLY BY THOSE WHO LIKE TO ARGUE.

THOSE WHO HAVE MASTERED THE TECNIQUE OF USING IT.

DIFFICULT TO SHARPEN (NO JIGS)

ALL FREE HAND.

NO BEVEL

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Note: As in all professions there are many and varied opinions and ways of doing things. This is true of woodturning. These articles are a result of my reading various publications.