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About 20 years ago, I was designing pipe supports for a more experienced engineer. I detailed the design to the nearest 1/16th of an inch. I asked the experienced engineer if that was practical for the fabricator or should I round them to the nearest 1/8th inch. He said no. He went on to say that it was just another tick mark on the tape measure and the end result will be a more accurate assembly. The same philosophy applies to woodworking and woodturning. If each measurement is made as precise as possible, the pieces will fit together better and the final object will be more accurate. So, measure carefully from the very beginning of a project and use every tick mark available.

The club's new Powermatic lathe has arrived. We raised the money very quickly. Accessories for it will be included with our order to Craft Supply. We need to think of ways to get the most benefit possible out of this new lathe. Obviously, it will allow us to demonstrate large projects at meetings and help during our symposiums. If you have any suggestions on how else we can use it, please present them at the meeting.

I believe the symposium was a success. We will have a financial summary at the meeting. Our system certainly has evolved over the years and it works well. Thanks to those that worked hard to get it all going in the early years. The food was an improvement this year (thanks to Ron and Angie) and the Eagles facility works well for our banquet (thanks to Dennis).

We have talked about having a professional demonstration in the early fall. Let's discuss what kind of turning we would like to see and get someone scheduled if the club wants to proceed.

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