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Many of us use the Vari-Grind sharpening jig from Oneway. The light-weight plastic knob was a problem when they first came out. Most people replaced it with something a little bigger and more durable. Oneway went to a brass knob, then to a heavier plastic knob. Another problem is the spring clip that holds the tool in place. This clip will sometimes rotate into the channel of the gouge. Bryce mentioned before our last Craft Supply order that Oneway was selling an upgrade that uses a sealed bearing connected to a set screw. I purchased it, but did not install until just before the Jimmy Clewes class. This bearing is a big improvement over the spring clip. The part is sold separately as a kit so you can upgrade your old jig.

Jimmy Clewes is one of the most popular demonstrators around. He has to be one of the most positive-thinking people I have ever met. He is courteous to everyone, no matter what the situation. We hired him to train and demonstrate to us and that is what he did. He was willing to do whatever we wanted. He has a set of DVD instructing videos that he did not even mention or try to sell. He is successful through hard work and is having fun doing it. He accepts the inconveniences of his profession as well as the difficulties he encounters and keeps driving forward. We learned a lot from him.

Our club is financially sound. This past year we put on two significant training events. The year before, we purchased the Powermatic lathe. Any money spent has to produce a benefit to our members. All members need to speak up about how the club can help you or others. Bring your ideas forward for discussion. We have to be open-minded and listen to everyone. Also, we cannot be offended if our idea is not endorsed by the membership. Often a single idea or concept that is not endorsed immediately lays the groundwork for future programs.

At our November meeting we will create a ballot for voting on new officers for 2010-1. Read the E-board meeting minutes for the details. Voting will occur at the December meeting. Take care and see you soon.

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