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The passing of Duncan Warren will certainly be a loss to the Dakota Woodturners and to me personally, as I'm sure it will be for many of you. However, I know Duncan wouldn't want his passing to impact our organization and if anything he would want our club to become stronger and more successful. So, Duncan we promise to "Keep the Chips and Ribbons Flying".

It is finally feeling and looking like spring in North Dakota and is a time of new and it is time for our annual symposium. In just a couple of weeks, we will be gathering together to learn, share new ideas and most of all have fun. I'm truly excited about the out line-up of demonstrators for the symposium and what they will provide us in new ideas and skill improvements.

As you read through this newsletter, you will find an article on what you should bring to the symposium. If you're not sure what to bring, just give myself or another E-board member a call and we will gladly try to answer your questions.

It has been a hectic couple of weeks and over the past weekend it was time to do my shop "Spring Cleaning." The real reason I cleaned my shop was because the Bismarck Tribune will be out this week to take some photos for a story they plan to do on our symposium. It is amazing how much stuff I can accumulate over one winter, between the wood blanks, wood cut offs, pieces of used-up sandpaper, pen kit wrappers and of course the mountains of chips and dust that finds its way into every crack and cubby hole in the shop. The shop cats didn't think much of my cleaning efforts and the leaf blower I used to blow the dust out, which sent cats along with the dust out the door. Now that the shop is clean and orderly, the cats have returned and are happy as they now have room to ambush the dogs and they have a clear path for their escape.

The only tip I have for this month is to come to the symposium prepared to have a fun learning experience.

So, in the words of that wise man "Keep the Chips and Ribbons Flying" and from me "do it safely."

Ron Day,  
President