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The symposium is over and all of the chips have been swept-up, now is the time for a little reflection on how things went. The club has received a few comments on what went well and what could be improved on for the next symposium. The club needs your ideas, so prior to the May meeting give it some thought as to what went well for you and what could have been done to improve your symposium experience. The following are few of the comments we have received and may spark a few ideas:

“The demonstrators were hard to hear.” The room size and background noise was definitely a detriment to hearing the demonstrators. The club will be looking into some type of sound system for future monthly demonstrations and symposiums.

“The lunch set-up was great.” The opportunity to get out of the building and have a hot lunch and good conversation was viewed as very positive by numerous participants.

“The instant gallery was very well set-up, but the location was difficult for the public to find.” No solution for this yet, but the club will be looking for ways to improve that aspect of the symposium.

“The demonstrators were very easy to communicate with and very personable.”

“The Sunday afternoon “Special” demonstration was a little disjointed and would have liked to have seen a more formal program.” There were also positive comments about the ability to get a very close view of the special demonstrations and to get an up close look at the techniques and tools used by the demonstrators. The club will be looking for more input on the Sunday “Special” demonstration session.

The general input was very positive on not having to move from room to room. The only down side was having to move the demonstrators lathes around. For future symposiums, the club will work to have a lathe dedicated for each demonstrator and will have a complete set-up for them.

These are a few of the comments to-date, overall the symposium was believed to be a success, but hope to receive more feed back from you the members. At the May meeting, please come prepared to discuss and critique the symposium. A decision will also have to be made on moving forward with a 2010 Symposium. The time is now if the club is to sign-up demonstrators for next year.

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