

May 31, 2021

Happy Monday!!

Sun is shining, thank goodness – although not before losing a few veggie plants due to the recent frost ☹️ Personally I haven't seen frost after the May 24 weekend, but here we are on the 31st of May with wilted plants because they couldn't tolerate the cold. But who's complaining it will be a balmy 30 degrees by Friday!

I have to extend a heartfelt thank you to our own Richard Pikul for his generosity of time for our Zooming Skills meetings! Although so very busy with turning his lacemaking tools, and the various other fun, albeit odd items he makes for his customers, Richard selflessly takes time to prepare and present the skills nights which are very helpful, informative and fun! Thank you Richard!

For those of you who were on the Zooming Skills meeting last week, Richard talked about lathe maintenance not only on his own OneWay but also taking into account other brands of lathes and their maintenance. Peter Kaiser was on this meeting and he was very grateful for Richard's presentation as well as suggestions of having extra belts – here is Peter's email from this past weekend:

The first thing I learned from Richard the other night is to have a spare drive belt for your lathe. I didn't have one so on Friday morning I started to search for one.

I contacted Canadian Woodworker from whom I bought my lathe and they had the belts in stock. They cost \$19.95 plus shipping and tax.

I tried to find a place I could buy one in the GTA. I found BEARINGS AND BELTING FOR INDUSTRY INC.

3265 WHARTON WAY UNIT 11, MISSISSAUGA, ON L4X 2X9, CANADA. This company makes these belts and I was quoted a price of \$5.95 plus shipping. The belt arrived today, Saturday, and the total cost was \$17.90.

So now Peter is all set with an extra belt for his lathe and he wanted the WGO membership to know of this company! Next Zooming Skills will be on Bandsaw maintenance.

As a little follow-up to last week's information on vintage tools and such, Mark has sent along this link for those who may require a manual:if you have older woodworking machinery with no manual or parts list, there is a good chance that you can use the manufacturer's name to find what you seek here: <http://vintagemachinery.org/home.aspx>

Watch for an email from Juanita concerning our next meeting for June – we have Ruby Cler demonstrating an off centre ball and bat! She is a great presenter and this will be a fun project.

And now for something totally not related to woodturning, our grandson turns one year old today! Happy Birthday Mason

Back to the comics next week!

