

## Some Rules For Demos

Ask for a table alongside the lathe. Put everything you will use in your demo on the table. No more searching in a bag or box for a needed tool while doing the presentation.

Ask ahead of time how much time you are allotted for your presentation. Keep that in mind as you prepare. Allow time for questions and answers. Club demos are more flexible than symposiums.

Inform the audience that questions after the demo are welcome. However, at a symposium you may not have time for that if there is a demo following yours.

Explain every tool you use and every procedure before you do it and while you're doing it. Too many demonstrators just turn and don't explain what they're doing. People want to learn. .

Repeat aloud every question from the audience before you answer it. Often not everybody hears the question.

Have a spare, sharp tool for every tool you'll use. Pass them to the audience as you use them. People want to see your tool grinds etc.

Not every demo will need it but a drawing board to draw pictures of tool grinds, jigs, etc. is a big help.

Have a list of everything you'll need for the demo. Check and double check before you leave home.

Ask ahead of time what equipment will be provided for you. Arriving with chucks etc. that won't fit the lathe is a bummer. Will there be a tool grinder?

Bringing your own task lamp with a magnetic base is a good idea. Sometimes the light provided is poor. I hate to turn in the dark.

If you don't know the answer to a question say so. Don't try to bluff. Perhaps open up a short discussion.

Keep an open mind. Be aware that there are several ways to do most everything in turning. You are showing them your way.

You are doing a presentation. Everything you do and say should be to hold the interest of the audience.