

Observations Joondalup/Wanneroo WEWS October 2019

Barry Whittaker then took to the lathe to show us how he makes a large spinning top with a launcher.

He showed us how he creates the launching mechanism, basically a handle with square section and holes through the square to accommodate the top spindle and to wind the string which launches the top.

His preferred shape for the top is a curved down (sort of umbrella) shape with a fairly large almost blunt point on which to spin. Barry showed us the capabilities with a top and launcher already completed.

He wasn't able to complete the set as time ran out but had shown us most of what we need to do.

Not sure but I think that was Barry's first demo at a weekend workshop ... so well-done Barry!