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Observations Melville WEWS 2010

Alan Frank provided a show and tell with a difference entitled my turning in retrospect.

Alan began his working life as an apprentice pattern maker at the Midland Workshops in 1946 and made wood turning tools out of old files. He later became a woodwork teacher, and in 1985 joined WAWA.

Alan told of the early days of innovation and the need to make your own tools, he showed many magnificent examples of his skills and gave several tips which included making a scale drawing and the use of templates no doubt based on his trade as a pattern maker.

Alan gave his philosophy “challenges that you present yourself to solve benefit you as a person and craftsman”.