



Worldwide Woodturners – Connecting Turners Across the Globe

If you've spent any time watching woodturning videos online, you may have heard of Eddie Castelin — better known to many as **Captain Eddie**, the man “making shavings” and sharing his passion with turners around the world.

Back in the fall of 2019, Captain Eddie, along with a few dedicated woodturners who believed in something bigger than themselves, founded **Worldwide Woodturners**. The vision was simple but powerful: **Create a global woodturning community built on generosity, learning, and connection.**

Today, that vision has grown into a thriving 3,000+ international network of turners who gather weekly to learn, share, and encourage one another. We host free [weekly] Wednesday evening Zoom meetings at 1800CDT, with gallery, tips/tricks, demonstrations, and the demystification of woodturning. We welcome over 90 members every week from across the globe, and remain committed to keeping education accessible to everyone — from brand-new turners to seasoned pros.

But now, we're taking things to the next level.

Level-Up 2026 – A Real Hands-On Turning Event

September 17–19, 2026 in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin

We're working to spread the word about something different.

Not just another demonstration.

Not just watching from the audience.

A real turning event — where YOU actually turn.

Level-Up is designed as a three-day, immersive, hands-on experience. Attendees won't just sit and observe; they will stand at the lathe, tools in hand, learning directly from experienced coaches in a supportive environment.

This event is built around:

- Hands-on learning
- Small group interaction
- Real skill development
- Camaraderie and fellowship
- And yes... **evening chow is provided!**

We believe learning happens best when you're doing the work — feeling the bevel rub, reading the grain, adjusting your stance, and making shavings fly.



Why Level-Up Matters

Worldwide Woodturners was founded on the belief that woodturning should be shared. Many of us have learned through trial, error, mentorship, and generosity. Level-Up is our way of passing that forward in a structured, high-energy environment that encourages growth.

This isn't about egos.

It's about education.

It's about community.

It's about leveling up — together.

Join Us

Whether you discovered Captain Eddie through YouTube or you've been part of the Worldwide Woodturners family from the beginning, Level-Up 2026 is your opportunity to step beyond the screen and into the shop.

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Three days.

Real turning.

Real learning.

Real community.

Come make shavings with us.

We'll save you a seat at the lathe — and a plate at supper.

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