



THE CHIP PILE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's June and it's Hot!

June is also the time of the Summer Solstice, Flag Day on the 14th, Father's Day on the 19th and Pot Luck Lunch on the 16th.

You know, I try to keep these letters up beat and fun, but it's getting difficult to do. We are a club that has a lot of older members and it seems to me that we have lots of health concerns too. Right now Curt Shirkey is recovering from heart surgery and Bea Berke is not doing very well right now either. Please keep these two, and others as they arise, in your thoughts and prayers.

Sometimes, along with health problems, come Administrative problems. Our club is in need of volunteers to step forward and help out. Right now, we need Board Members, Instructors, Assistant Instructors, donations of carved items for charity, and people to help sell the items at various functions. Please step up and pitch in to help meet the club's needs. You can contact me or any Board Member to volunteer.

Finishing on a positive note...I must say the Show Committee, the volunteers, the vendors, and those displaying their carvings, worked together very well to make a fantastic show last month. Thanks to all of you.... It was great!

Paul H. Baumann III, President, NAWC, Inc.

General Membership Meeting of May 19, 2011 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the president, Paul Baumann, at 10:30. The Pledge to the Flag was followed by the acceptance of the minutes of the last meeting as published in *The Chip Pile*.

The Treasurer's report was given and accepted. By motion made and carried, it was decided to pay the rent to the VFW for three months.

Kathi Clark reported that our membership is now 151. Claude Roper, Mr. Sunshine, gave his report. The Show committee thanked the membership for their help in making our annual show a success.

Terry Balcom and Rick Heydt will represent the club at the Men's Health Fair on June 2.

Kathi reported that the club will have table at the County Fair this year where we will display carvings entered for judging, sell carvings to benefit charities, and sell tickets for drawings for the lamp and quilt.

There were no entries in Show and Tell. The winner of the nametag drawing was Richard Arndt. The winners of the 50/50 drawings were John Siebrandt, Albert Gargione, Hazel Faltinson, and Cindy Gaal.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50.

Submitted by: Bonnie Davis, Secretary

Board of Directors Meeting of June 2, 2011 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 10:34 a.m. by the president, Paul Baumann. The treasurer's report was given. A discussion to purchase the set of 10 Harold Enlow Instruction Booklets offered through the MountainWoodcarvers.com website was approved and agreed upon. The books would be an excellent addition to our library. The librarians, John and Betty Gregory, will be notified. Club membership now stands at 150+.

Norm Rutledge stepped in to assist Curt Shirkey with classes while he recuperates. Sid Edelbrock suggested having Jim Redhawk come and teach a 2-day class in bark carving sometime around November. The instructor requires a minimum of 10 students at \$100 per person (or \$1000), so there will be a sign-up sheet circulating to see if there is enough members interested in attending the class. John Connelly offered an article titled "Levels of Skill Development in Woodcarving" that will be made available on the website and in our library. Gassville in the Park is this Saturday. Our membership application brochure needs updating. Board members were asked to review the existing application and suggest updates. Paul requested setting up a committee to find new officers for next year.

The meeting adjourned - sorry - no time was noted.
Submitted by: Sandy Smith substituting for vacationing Bonnie Davis, Secretary

The Library Corner

From Betty Gregory

The recent woodcarving show provided a great resource for updating our library once again this year. Thanks to the kindness of our club, we were able to purchase three new books and four CD's. It is always difficult to choose something of relevance to everyone, but we tried our best (including input from others) to choose a variety of topics that might interest most carvers from beginner to advanced.



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Animals

1. *Horse Carving with Tom Wolfe* by Tom Wolfe

Sharpening

1. *The Beginners Guide: How to Sharpen Woodcarving Tools* by Skylar Johnson

Christmas/Biblical

1. Santa Showcase by Woodcarving Illustrated

DVD's

1. *Tips & Techniques of Chip Carving* by Timothy and Jeffrey Higginson
2. Frank Russell's *Power Carving Fur, Feathers, and Fins*
3. *Relief Woodcarving: The Building and Hollow Tree* by Stenman Studios
4. *Painting the Relief Carving* by Stenman Studios

We were also fortunate to receive the donation of books from Connie Hardt, one of the doll carvers that had a table at the show. We really appreciate her generosity in passing them on to us. The titles are listed below:

Art

1. *Ancient Scandinavian Designs* by Bev Ulsrud VanBerkom

Chip Carving

1. *Chip Carving Patterns Volume II* by Bob Rymark

General Carving

1. *Scrimshaw* by Leslie Linsley
2. *Carving Comic Clocks* by Larry Green and Mike Altman
3. *Country Doll Making* by Nancy and Tom Wolfe

Book Review:

We had the opportunity to review two of the recently purchased DVD's from Stenman Studios. We feel that both of these DVD's inspire and encourage carvers to produce a professional piece of art. Many times John says that he will carve a piece and then put it aside because he is unsure of the paint colors and finishes to use. Watching these DVD's opens your mind to the use of colors, shading and techniques that make the carvings look professional. The first titled **Relief Woodcarving: The Building and Hollow Tree** is great for beginning carvers as it goes from transferring the pattern through all steps involved in doing a simple relief carving. Advanced carvers will enjoy the many tips Mrs. Stenman offers to give your carving the proper proportions and details. Included with this video is the pattern to do the project (please be sure to trace the pattern as the original needs to be returned with the DVD). The second DVD titled **Painting Demonstration** shows how to paint woodburnings and relief carvings with acrylic paint. It also shows the finishes used after the painting had been completed. Included with this video are step by step instructions and a color chart. Not only are the techniques useful for the above mentioned carvings, but most can be applied to any carving or painting you are doing.

Just a gentle reminder that books may be checked out for one month. Please remember to return your books and DVD's in a timely manner so that others may be able to enjoy them too –Thank You!

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