



# THE CHIP PILE

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I walked toward my office to write this letter, I passed my "Atomic Clock." It has an inside/outside temperature display. The outside temp read 111 degrees. Are you kidding me? El Nina has got to go!!!

After that long winded introduction, I really don't have much to report. It's so hot that very little is actually going on. That being said, I will open up the proverbial "can of worms."

Three months from now, we will hold elections. We need a slate of candidates who will guide this organization into the future. The Club won't govern itself. We have to have a nominating committee to select, convince, harass, badger, and intimidate members, if need be, into contributing their time, energy, expertise, and opinions so that our Club has a viable hierarchy.

So, give it some serious thought. If you want to see this group survive...step up and contribute. It doesn't take much time or effort on any one person's part, if many hands co-operate, it will make for light work.

You know where to find me.

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

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## General Membership Meeting of July 21, 2011 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the president, Paul Baumann, at 10:30. Following the Pledge to the Flag, the minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in *The Chip Pile*. Paul reported that the Treasurer's books have been audited and approved.

A subscription to *Wood Carving*, an international woodcarving magazine, has been purchased and will be placed in our library.

Kathi Clark reported that our membership is now 159. There are no classes currently scheduled. The new Beginners' class will start after the first of the year. Claude Roper presented the Sunshine report.

The club received a thank you note from the Donald W. Reynolds Library for a gift subscription to *Woodcarving Illustrated*. Tommy Johnson said that the Arkansawyer Sawmill in Yellville will be closing soon.

It was decided not to participate in the Cotter Bridge Bash in September. There will be a sign-up sheet available for anyone wanting to participate in the Motorcycle and Vendor Show on August 18-21 in Mountain Home.

Carvings by our members will be displayed in a locked glass case at the Hill Country Art Gallery during the month of August. Paul will give a talk on carving at the gallery during that time.

A tote and its contents belonging to the VFW were inadvertently used for our potluck and have been replaced. We received a letter from the IRS stating that we are required to file a form each year to maintain our tax-exempt status. That will be done.

Richardt Arndt has a workbench to give away. It was decided not to give monthly carving classes that were requested by Care Manor.

Show and Tell followed: Norm Rutledge carved a cowboy Santa and a farmer Santa. Dave Petersen carved a wolf relief. Wally Smietanski showed a Hobo cop that he carved in Harold Enlow's class; and Rufus carved in Jon Nelson's class. Claude Roper carved "Dakota", a Native American in relief; and a basswood "time killer". Rod Engle carved "Dusty Diamond", a cowgirl, in a Harold Enlow class; and 2 boots with flowers. Kathi Clark showed 6 small and 4 large intricately carved spoons.

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The winner of the Show and Tell drawing was Tommy Johnson. Rod Engle won the Show & Tell drawing and Richard Arndt won the 50/50.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00.

Submitted by: Bonnie Davis, Secretary

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**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**of August 4, 2011**  
**MINUTES**

The board meeting was held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday the 4th of August. President Paul Baumann reported that the treasury is in "good shape". A check was issued to Sandy to pay for the next 3 years of the website and domain name.

Librarian, Betty Gregory reported to Paul that there has been lots of activity in the library.

Membership, Kathi Clark, reported the membership is at 159.

Curt Shirkey is working on fall classes...Sid Edelbrock will be teaching a relief class and Naomi Inglett will teach a bell class. Norm Rutledge ordered 100 bells for the club. Norm also mixed up some finishes for the beginning class to try.

Nothing new to report on Christmas Party.

Show committee reported the first item, a set of Craftsman wood chisels for the show dinner raffle was donated.

A revised copy of the NAWC application was approved.

Last Saturday was the day to put carvings in the Hill Country Art Gallery. Only Paul Baumann and Curt Shirkey were there. You may still take carvings out and they will be put in the locked case for the month of August.

Paul is still working on the tax problem...our 501C3 tax exempt status is in question. The club is required to send in paperwork annually to keep up to date.

Kathi Clark reported that the club is going to have a booth to display the carvings that are to be judged and we will be able to sell carvings for charity and raffle tickets on the lamp and quilt.

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**PLEASE HELP at the Fair**

*From Kathi Clark*

The Baxter County Fair is allowing the NAWC to have a booth displaying the Fair entry carvings, our charity carvings and raffle carvings. I am hoping everyone has lots of carvings to enter. There are just a few rules that must be followed to enter... You must be a resident of Baxter County, Carvings must stay until Sunday, 9/18. You may enter one carving per class. Carvings must be original and sole work of person entering the exhibit - No kits or roughouts. Carving has not been entered in the Fair before.

Classes that may be entered are as follows... Chip carving, relief, caricature, wildlife, flower or plant, bust or figure, birds, animals, group arrangements, driftwood, holiday, stylized and other. Woodburning and bark carving could be entered in "other". There are 13 classes, so enter one or all 13, but please enter.

Carvings are judged on their merit, not judged against another persons carvings. There may be many blue ribbon winners, not just one per class, so if you do "blue ribbon" work you will get a blue ribbon. There are cash prizes for blue ribbons....I believe it is \$5.75 per blue ribbon and \$10.00 for Best of Show. I am hoping everyone will enter if you live in Baxter County. Beginners, please enter and show what you are learning in beginners class.

We want to make sure all of the carvings are safe at the fair so we will need lots of help "watching" them and reminding people to not touch the carvings. The judging takes place on Wednesday 9/14 and the gates are open to the public at 5pm that day so the first shift we need help at is 5pm to 9pm on Wednesday the 14th. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday we will need: First shift, 8am-noon - Second shift, noon to 5pm and Third shift, 5pm to 9pm. We need at least 2 per shift and would rather have more so we can keep an eye on all the entries and our raffle and charity items. There will be sign-up sheets at the Thursday meetings between now and the fair.

In the past there has been some confusion on when, how and what to enter in the fair so to try and help out on this you may bring your entries

to the Thursday meeting, 9/8, the Thursday before the Fair. Please pack them well to prevent damage in transporting them. If you would rather bring them to the Fairgrounds on Sunday the 11th or Tuesday the 13th, we will be there to assist you also.

In addition to the times during the Fair, we will need help setting up the booth on Monday, 9/12. We will have 4 tables to cover so we may need extra table covers and risers for display. We may also use our NAWC banner. On Wednesday 9/14 during the day we will need some help during the judging.....someone to hold the carvings while the judge looks at them and someone to write the judge's comments and attach the ribbons to the carvings. This would be an interesting time to work and hear what and how the judge works.

After the fair is over we will need workers to help exhibitors claim their carvings and make sure they go to the right carver. We would also be packing up our charity carvings and raffle items. It will be lots of work, but I am hoping it will bring more awareness to the public about our club.

If you have any extra carvings that you would like to donate this would be a good time while we have the extra exposure.

PLEASE CHECK THE SIGN-UP SHEETS AND SIGN UP!!! The more workers, the better, on each shift. Remember, the building is AIR CONDITIONED!!! You don't have live in Baxter County to help out with our booth.

of each. When you return the booklet, please remember to place it back in the main folder so that they may be kept together in one place. Please note that the main folder is located behind the Caricature tab in the drawer. Below is a list of the titles:

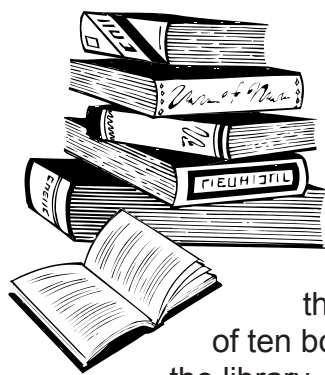
1. *Learn to Carve Faces-The Basic Ear*
2. *Learn to Carve a Cowboy*
3. *Learn to Carve Faces-Eyes and Lips*
4. *Learn to Carve a Female Face*
5. *Learn to Carve a Native American Chief*
6. *Learn to Carve Faces-Noses and Hair*
7. *Learn to Carve Santas*
8. *Learn to Carve Ugly Faces*
9. *Learn to Carve a Witch*
10. *Learn to Carve a Wood Spirit in 30 Steps*

Many thanks to club member Hazel Faltinson who donated the following chip carving book: *Chip Carving – Design and Pattern Source-book* by Wayne Barton. This book is located under the chip carving tab in the library drawer. We are also fortunate to have received from another member a Labrador Dog study cast, so thank you both!

Also new to the library is a report prepared by John (Doc) Connelly titled: *Levels of Skill Development in Woodcarving*. The data used in this report was gathered using input from members of the North Arkansas Woodcarvers Organization. This report identifies the skills each carving group possesses -beginner, intermediate and advanced and master wood carver, yet also considers the individual differences each carver can possess within those groups. Below are a few excerpts, especially timely for those of us who are beginning carvers.

1. "Individuals must be able to progress at their own rate of speed".
2. "We are not competing against each other. We are competing against ourselves".
3. "A carving club should be a learning organization".

If you would like to read more, please check out the report on file in the library under the tab "General Carving".



## The Library Corner

From  
Betty Gregory

We have received the Harold Enlow Series of ten books that are now in the library. Since it is a series and the booklets are small, we have put them all into one folder; although they must be checked out individually as with any other book. You will find the library card in the front

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We need lots of volunteers to cover that time.

We need a nominating committee for election of officers this fall. Needed are president, vice president and treasurer.

August is Pot Luck at the monthly General Membership Meeting.

The meeting adjourned sometime after 11:00.

Submitted by: Kathi Clark substituting for Bonnie Davis, Secretary



**SUNSHINE BOY  
REPORTS**

*Please let Claude Roper or Board members know of any*

*member who may be ill or who may have lost a loved one. Our members appreciate knowing that we are thinking of them and that our best wishes are extended to them during these stressful and often traumatic times.*

**NAWC Needs You...**



**...for the office of  
President, Vice President  
or Treasurer**

***Please Volunteer***

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