



THE CHIP PILE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We just had another successful show. Thank you Show Committee and all who volunteered. Not only did we have the enjoyment of seeing all those fine carvings but we recruited new members and students. The dinner and auction were a lot of fun also. The class after the show by Desiree Hajny and hosted by Sandy and Gary was interesting and enlightening, I encourage others to participate in some of these kinds of activities.

We have the VFW hall from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm and it seems a waste not to stay longer as was done a number of years ago. There are some discussions about having lunch brought in or bringing our own lunch and staying longer. We will be looking for your input.

The membership voted to build a third cane and sell raffle tickets this summer as we demonstrate carving and promote the club. We were at Cotter and have Norfolk Pioneer days on May 17, June 6 & 7 is Art-in-the-Park at Bull Shoals. We have been contacted by Home Depot to do demonstrations and I believe there will be a couple of other events as was the case last year. We need people to participate in these events.

We also voted to make crosses for the family members of members that pass away. We need carvers to complete the crosses and also need to establish what we will put on the back.

Mentoring was started after graduation, so let's keep this in mind that when you see a graduate or anyone struggling and looking lost. Lend them a hand and show them how friendly we all are.

We started another class the 8th of May and this is a result of our show and getting out to our area's events.

The most recent membership count is 146, not bad for such a small community I'd say.

We are always looking for new fun ideas so please share yours with us. We have a great club but maybe we can kick it up another notch.

I will be taking my new convertible on vacation soon and looking at the mountains without all those obstructions, who says you can't have a third childhood. It's great fun. This is my senior motorcycle as my back could not handle the two wheel kind anymore.

Sid

General Membership Meeting of April 17, 2008 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the president, Sid Edelbrock at 10:35. The Pledge to the Flag was followed by the introduction of a new member, J.R. Rowe. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in *The Chip Pile*. Kathi Clark, membership chairman, reported that we now have 132 members.

Information on upcoming lessons is available at Thursday carving sessions. There are still two openings in Desiree Hajny's class May 5, 6 & 7. Survey sheets are also available to determine what types of carving members would like to learn.

Ray Kropke presented the treasurer's report, which was accepted. Our Sunshine Lady, Pat Helmus, said that she had sent one sympathy card and one get well card during the past month. She also said that the Christmas party,

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to be held December 4 at the VFW at a cost of \$10.00 per person, is in need of someone to make tables decorations and someone to arrange for door prizes. Volunteers were asked to contact Pat.

The carving show, which will be held May 3 & 4, needs donations for the auction and volunteers to work at the show. Members were reminded to make their reservations for a table at the show or dinner at the banquet as soon as possible. Sue Ann Hickman has two show appropriate table covers for sale.

It was decided that the totem pole at Cooper Park will be painted sometime after the show.

Carved crosses with an inscription on the back will be given to deceased members' families. The decorations on the crosses will be varied, but the inscriptions will be uniform. Ray Kropke will coordinate this project.

Members are encouraged to carve at the club booth at the Cotter Fish Festival on April 18 & 19, where we will demonstrate carving to promote the club as well as sell raffle tickets for the cane.

A request from the library to teach a children's carving class this summer was rejected by motion made and carried.

There are a few openings in the new Beginners' class which will start May 8th.

Sid announced that the meeting would be followed by a graduation ceremony for the present Beginners' class. The class will then be introduced to mentors who will be available to help the new members with projects or carving problems.

Show and Tell: Dick Dulaney carved "Dad" in a recliner in Walnut with an oil and shoe polish finish. Kathi Clark carved a cane of heads. Sid Edelbrock showed at relief carving of Santa that he carved in Bruce Futterer's class. Bonnie Davis carved a Santa holding a Noah's ark; and four Bible Dudes. Jim Clements showed a wood burned cane block. Paul Baumann did a bark carving of an outhouse with wood shingles. Arlene Lesiak carved a cane handle with two eagle's heads.

Arlene Lesiak won the Show and Tell drawing, Ray Kropke won the name tag drawing, and John Uelmen won the 50/50 drawing. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20.

Submitted by: Bonnie Davis, Secretary

Board of Directors Meeting of May 1, 2008 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the president, Sid Edelbrock, at 10:30. Kathi Clark reported that we now have 136 members. There was no treasurer's report due to the absence of the Treasurer.

The Show Committee asked for volunteers to take down the signs on the Monday following the show.

Norm Rutledge reported that there are only 5 students enrolled in the Beginner Class which starts May 8. He said that we will try to recruit new members for the class at the show. Dave McConkey will make a sign for the club table advertising the Beginner Class.

We will integrate discussions of types of wood, knife cuts, sharpening tools, wood grain, and finishing into the Beginner Classes. We will also show new carvers how to make cut-outs using various tools. Norm suggested bringing boiled linseed oil to dip the Beginners' Rufus carvings.

New pages for the photo directory will be added after the start of the new class.

Don Davis asked the club to set up a demonstration at Norfolk Frontier Days on May 17. We will set up a club table to carve, sell raffle tickets, and promote the club. Set up will be at 8:00am.

It was suggested that we create a directory of events in the area where we can carve, including local contacts.

The manager of Home Depot is interested in having us demonstrate carving in his store.

Memorial crosses are ready to be decorated by members. Board members were asked to

bring ideas for the wording on the back of the crosses to the next General Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20.

Submitted by: Bonnie Davis, Secretary

Think Safety!!

By Neil Foster

Some time ago, Len Dillon sent me a picture of the 19 stitches he had in his left hand. These were the result of trying to carve with a dull V-tool and not wearing a carving glove on his left hand. Len ordinarily carves with only the sharpest of tools. His shop contains the most sophisticated sharpening equipment available. But he was carving at the VFW and had used the V-tool a little too much. He tried to make a cut with it, it slipped and went into his finger up to the bone and severed a ligament.

Len and I both started carving long before someone found that by using a filleting glove on the hand holding the wood, small cuts could be avoided. Yes, our first gloves were purchased at the Fisherman's Annex (now out of business) and not from carving suppliers. It took a long time for us older carvers to get used to carving gloves. Len was a fine carver and taught many classes in our club and other clubs.

But there is one advantage to the gloves that is not connected to the small cuts. The glove keeps the oils from the carver's hand from getting on the wood. This means that the dirt and oil from the carver's hand does not affect the paint or other finish which is applied later.

Once I took a class from a fellow who insisted that we strop our knives at least every twenty minutes. Often stropping is all that is needed to bring a knife to its sharpest. You don't have to go to the grinding wheel every time.

Several years ago I went to work in a paper manufacturing plant. Now in places, this plant had water standing in the aisles and few guards on the many moving machines (OSHA hadn't found us – yet). We had a superintendent who started each shift with about a five minute safety talk, either by himself or one of the workers. Everyone thought safety and we had one of the best safety records in the industry.

Do Safety!

Thank You!

*The Show Committee
of the 29th Annual
NAWC Woodcarving
Show and Sale
would like to thank
ALL the club members
and volunteers that
helped make this
show a great success.*

*We truly appreciate
your time and help
you donated to make
our show a
wonderful event
for us, our families
and our community.*

Thank you again!

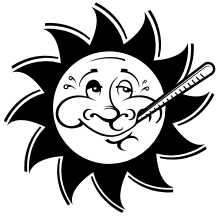
May Activity Calendar

3-4 29th Annual Woodcarving Show & Sale

- 5-7 Desiree Hajny's "After-The-Show" Class
- 8 Second Session Beginners Classes start
- 22 Dick Arndt - Cane/Stick Carving #1
- 29 Dick Arndt - Cane/Stick Carving #2

June

- 5 Dick Arndt - Cane/Stick Carving #3



THE SUNSHINE LADY

REPORTS Please let Pat Helmus 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.

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Beginner Classes

Second Session

- May** 8 Sharpening/Safety . Doc Connelly
- 15 Penguin Don Davis
- 22 Chickadee #1. Yates Holland
(*General Membership Meeting*)
- 29 Chickadee #2. Yates Holland
- June** 5 Mouse John Uelman
- 12 Hound Dog #1 Jay Nottingham
- 18 Hound Dog #2 Jay Nottingham
(*General Membership Meeting and
Pot Luck Lunch*)
- 26 Rufus #1 Sid Edelbrock
- July** 3 Rufus #2 Sid Edelbrock
- 10 Rufus #3 Sid Edelbrock
- 17 Painting Rufus Sandy Smith
(*General Membership Meeting*)
- 24 Knife Cover Bonnie Davis

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