



THE CHIP PILE

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sid is in Alabama doing a home make-over so I am pinch writing the President's Message. Have you looked around the club on Thursday and seen all the people carving and talking? Let's keep it going as fall is coming and more classes are being scheduled, so check the table for the new lessons that are posted.

Some events coming up that need to have a big showing are the General Membership Meeting & Pot-luck Thursday (as Channel 19 will be there), the Chili Cook-off, our Christmas Party, and the community's Christmas Parade.

Hope to see you each Thursday and bring an IDEA for the club.

Norm Rutledge,
NAWC Vice President

General Membership Meeting of July 17, 2008 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the vice president, Norm Rutledge at 10:35. The Pledge to the Flag followed. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in *The Chip Pile*. The Treasurer, Ray Kropke, gave the balances of the club and the show. Kathi Clark, Membership Chairman, reported that we have 150 members.

The classes being offered this summer are a beginning wood burning class and Roland Ellis' series of classes. There is a sheet available for members to make suggestions for future classes. There may be hands-on opportunities for carvers to learn tool sharpening in the Fall.

Any member may bring carving materials to sell on general meeting days.

Members are encouraged to enter carvings in the County Fair. If they continue to have only a few carvings entered, the carving category may be eliminated. Kathi explained some of the entrance procedures.

Carving tools for future beginners' classes were discussed. One option would be to have the club purchase good tools, lend them to the beginning carvers, and then, if they wanted to continue carving, the carvers could purchase the tools when they complete the class. Another suggestion was to have the beginning carvers purchase a good set of tools when the class begins and then if they don't want to continue carving, the club would buy back the tools. Larry Yudis, of the Woodcraft Shop, recommended Denny tools as the best value. He also sent us a set of Mikisyo tools selling for \$25.00 to try. Club members will use these tools for a month and report their opinions at the next meeting.

Kathi reported that there are about 40 people living in this area who are former club

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members. She thought that perhaps they should be contacted. This will be discussed next month. Kathi also said that she has cut-outs to be carved and used for door prizes at next year's carving show. Members are encouraged to help with this project.

Naomi Inglett made a motion, which carried unanimously, that our club enter a float in the Christmas parade.

Norm thanked Barb Edelbrock for providing treats for the meeting.

Show and Tell: Wally Smietanski carved a caricature bear in Debbie Traylor's class. Claude Roper carved a boot from basswood with a Minwax stain. Kathi Clark carved delightful caricature animals from wooden eggs. Naomi Inglett showed a "Choir of Angels", Christmas ornaments" that she had carved.

The name tag drawing winner was Jean Kropke; the 50/50 winner was Ron Borchardt; and the show and tell drawing winner was Claude Roper.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15.

Submitted by: Bonnie Davis, Secretary

Board of Directors Meeting of August 7, 2008 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by our vice president, Norm Rutledge at 10:30. Tools for beginner classes were discussed. Jay has enough tools for the next beginner class, but for subsequent classes, it was suggested that the students could choose between several brands of tools. The club could buy the tools and sell them to the students. At the conclusion of the lessons, the students would have the option of

selling the tools back to the club. There will be an opportunity for discussion at the next General Meeting.

Carving show door prizes are being carved on Thursday afternoons. Also, several memorial crosses have been completed in that on-going project.

The Treasurer's report was presented and accepted.

Sandy Smith, Webmaster, asked members to provide any updates they want on the site. She will forward to members any information she receives in response to the site. Norm commented that there are many helpful hints for carving available on various websites.

Ray Kropke will give a beginning chip carving class. The dates for Don Davis' class have been changed. Dave McConkey said that a 2-day log cabin relief carving class will be held at the Ozark Folk Center in early September.

The Arkansas Craft School, a proposed year round school for different crafts at Mountain View, wants information on setting up a wood carving class.

The totem pole restoration project has been delayed by the baseball season at Cooper Park.

Kathi Clark suggested having beginner-carving classes on Thursday mornings and afternoons. This would encourage carvers to stay later. It would also provide an additional opportunity for teachers and beginners who are unable to attend mornings. Norm said that classes should be held from 9:00 until 12:00, giving beginning carvers a chance to finish their projects. Students will have more pride in a completed carving.

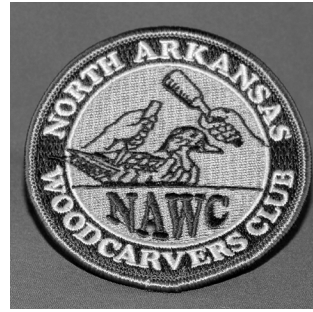
On Thursday, August 21, Norm Allen of channel 19 will be present to videotape our

General Meeting for broadcast. Members are requested to bring carvings for Show and Tell and also carvings to work on during the morning.

Cindy Stephens has paid for two booths for carvers at the Chili Cook-off on September 6 in Lakeview. All carvers will be encouraged to participate.

Dave McConkey made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15.

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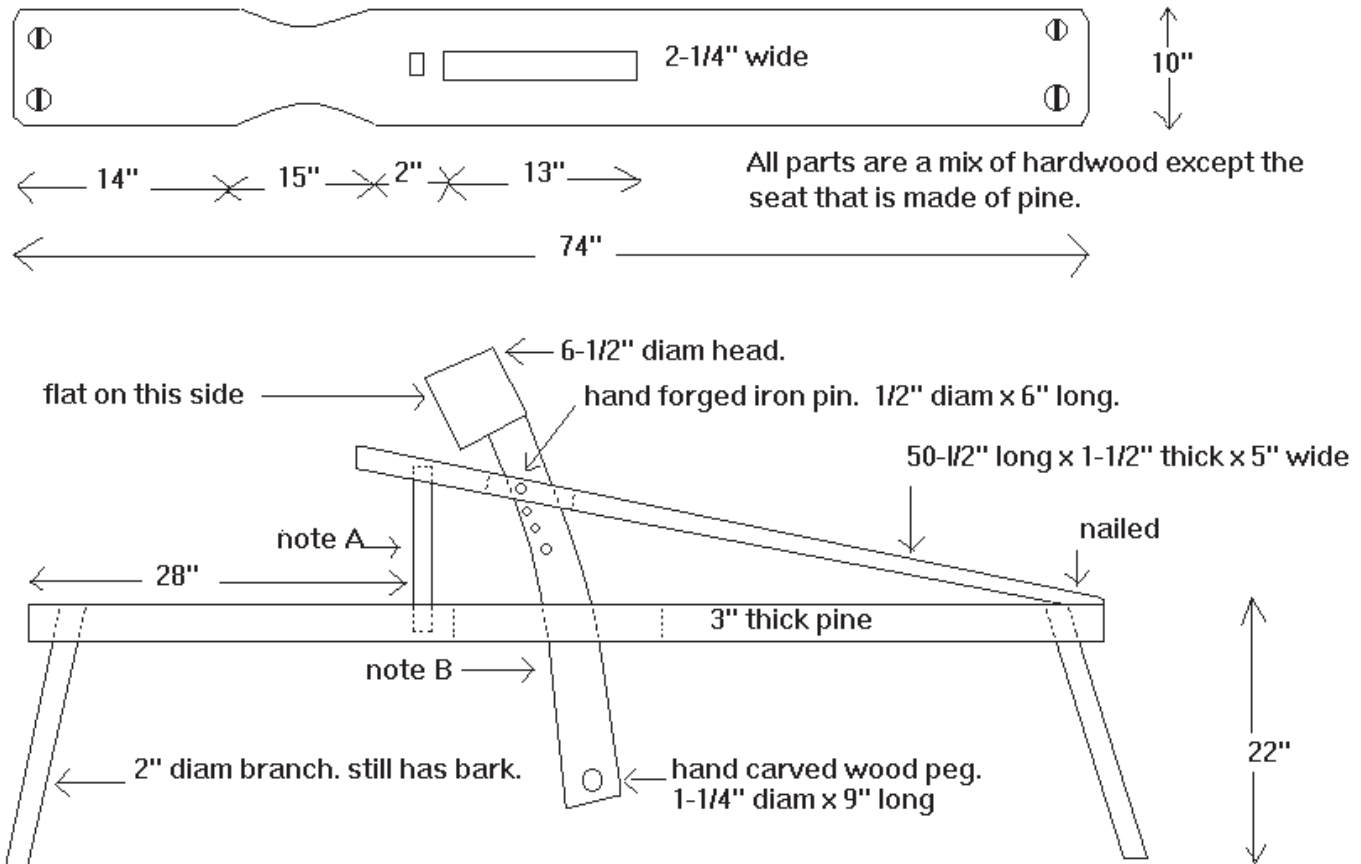


**NAWC
Patches
For Sale
\$3.00 each**

**See Sandy Smith
(or a Show Committee member)
to get your very own extremely
in demand patch for your
collection - while they last!**

SHAVING HORSE

Richard Arndt has a detailed materials list and plans for the shaving horse (below). If anyone wants the plans and list, contact Richard. There is a cost of \$15.00.



note A: 3-1/2" wide x 1-3/4" thick x 8-1/2" long. The length of this board should be adjusted to the height of the user. It is morticed into the seat and slanted work surface. It is not a through mortice and is held in place with two nails.

note B: 4" wide x 1-7/8" thick x 37" long. This was made from green wood that had a natural curve and was cut to shape with an ax, saw and draw knife. The 1/2" adjusting holes were drilled by trial and error to fit the work to be held. Holes are closer to the edge of the wood near the user.

Activity Calendar

August

21 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING and POT LUCK LUNCH

Bring a carving to work on, a "finished" carving to display AND a Show-n-Tell Carving - Norm Allen will be present filming "club activities" for Channel 19

Don Davis - Woodburning #1

Roland Ellis - Using Patterns

28 Don Davis - Woodburning #2

September

4 Roland Ellis - Carving a Fish

11 or

18 Roland Ellis - How to Paint a Project

TBA

Naomi Inglett - Carving a Wooden Spoon

Ray Kropke - Beginning Chip Carving

PLEASE NOTE!

Roland Ellis has proposed conducting a series of classes from pattern making through painting carvings, showing various styles of carving. Cost would be \$10 per week, with carvers taking as many or as few classes as they want. A sign-up sheet is available on Thursdays.

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.



REMEMINDER:
General Membership Meeting
and Pot Luck Lunch
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