



# THE CHIP PILE

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is my first letter as your new President, and I have a lot to say. First of all, thank you for your support. Everyone has been helpful and kind. Second, thank you to the rest of the officers for staying in their respective positions. This will make it much easier for Wally and me to get acclimated to our new rolls. Third, thank you to Sid and Norm for their assistance and guidance. Again, Wally and I will value their advice and it will help us along. Fourth, thank you in advance to my wife, Mary, and Wally's wife, Joyce, for their patience and understanding as we put in the time necessary to keep our organization running smoothly.

North Arkansas Woodcarvers Club is a fine organization and I am going to do my best to see that it remains so. We have a great group of skilled and knowledgeable people who share their skills willingly, and it is truly a pleasure to serve you.

As we begin the new year, let us all prepare for and work toward a year of growth, prosperity and fellowship. Hopefully, we all will continue to enjoy each other and welcome new members into our club.

In closing, again thank you...to each of you for your contributions...in whatever form. I am proud to be a member, and I am dedicated to our club.

Paul H. Baumann III  
NAWC President

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## General Membership Meeting of November 20, 2008 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the president, Sid Edelbrock, at 10:40 with the Pledge to the Flag. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in *The Chip Pile*. Kathi Clark introduced our new member, Bob Axel. We now have 48 members whose dues are paid for 2009.

The treasurer, Ray Kropke, presented his report and reminded members that 2009 dues are due now. Pat Helmus, our Sunshine Lady, said that

she has sent two cards to Gary Turner. Reporting on the Christmas party, she thanked the women who have done so much work getting ready for the party. Barbara Edelbrock reported that everything is ready for the December 4th party, and that 73 tickets have been purchased so far.

Sid said that Jay Nottingham has Denny knives and gouges and Dastra V-tools for sale. Members were reminded to pick up a square to carve for the Christmas wreath or the quilt to be raffled in 2009.

Joe Acsai announced that, this week, he and his wife celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary.

By motion made and carried, Dave McConkey was asked to remake the photo directory after the next beginners' class. At his suggestion, the new directory will have six pictures per page.

Election of officers for 2009 followed. Our new officers are: Paul Baumann III, President; Wally Smietanski, Vice president; Bonnie Davis, Secretary; Ray Kropke, Treasurer; Curt Shirkey, Librarian; Kathi Clark, Membership; Sandy Smith, Website and *Chip Pile*; Naomi Inglett, Auditor, Dave McConkey and Terry Balcom, Board members, Pat Helmus, Sunshine Lady. Installation of new officers will be at the Christmas party.

Ray Kropke thanked Sid for his great job as president for the past two years.

Bea Berke suggested that we each bring non-perishable food to the Christmas party to be donated to The Food Pantry. The request will be sent to email members as the next edition of *The Chip Pile* will be published after the Christmas party.

There will be **NO** Board meeting or General meeting in December. A short meeting will be held at the Christmas party.

Show and Tell: Kathi Clark carved "Where did the cats hide my ball" a carving of a dog as a gift for her daughter, and fall leaves which were strengthened with super glue; Curt Shirkey carved a personal angel with a poem from *Carving Magazine*, and two heads – a sailor and a man; Paul Baumann showed bark carvings, a dragon, a spoon and door prizes for the show; JoAnne Moore

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carved a spoon with a dogwood flower, a chip carved cross, her 7th hillbilly, and a Santa; Jerry Norris carved a basswood lion; Ken Doran showed a bark carving done in Osage Orange wood which he said is extremely hard wood, and an Indian in Aromatic Cedar; Roland Ellis carved a Pileated Woodpecker and offered to teach that carving at his home in 2009; Katie Burks showed a basswood spoon with a dogwood flower; Wally Smietanski did a butternut Indian in a class by Debbie Traylor; Sid Edelbrock line carved roses on the covers of two boxes that he built; Andy Tatar carved a prospector and a horse's head as a gift for the horse's owner.

The winner of the Show and Tell drawing was Wally Smietanski. Name tag drawing winner was Paul Baumann, and the 50/50 winner was Katie Burks.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15.

Submitted by: Bonnie Davis, Secretary

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**NAWC Documentary  
Is now on the internet at  
"outofthenorm.tv"**

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## Activity Calendar

### January 2009

- 8 1st Beginner Class Session begins  
TBA Santa & Wizard - Arlene Lesiak  
TBA Large Wood Bell - John Uelmen

### March

- 5 Ship Relief Carving - Naomi Inglett  
12 Ship Relief Carving - Naomi Inglett

### May

- 7 2nd Beginner Class Session begins

### TBA

Josephine Montgomery - Clay Sculpting



#### 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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