

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

December! It has been a year since my election as your President. Let's review, a sort of State of the Club Address.

First, let me state that I've truly enjoyed it. My personal goal was to not miss a meeting and as of this writing, I have not missed a Thursday yet.

Second, my enjoyment is due to the support of the members, the Board of Directors, and my wife. You all have helped and inspired me. I thank you all.

Third, I've made mistakes. All of you have done your best to help me rectify these errors. I thank you for this assistance during my first year as President.

Fourth, as an organization, NAWC has accomplished a lot. We have had beginners' classes, children's classes, workshops, demonstrations, displays and fund raisers. Our members have generously donated money, materials and (most precious) their time and talents to these activities. And this doesn't include the Show in May! Financially, we are doing better than Uncle Sam...we are operating without a speck of red ink. Physically, we have centralized



our storage. It is mostly organized and has room to grow. Morale is high, attendance is up, and I cannot express my pride in our members.

Let me interject into this letter that I see our members, not only, as NAWC members, but vital members of our community. Our members also help special needs children, veterans, the library, and their churches. They serve as officers and members of other

organizations throughout the community. And there are many volunteers out there working tirelessly and giving of themselves to so many charities, hospitals, clinics, and civic groups. It is a Blessing to know you.

In closing, I must say that 2010 will be an even better year for NAWC. I can state this because I have seen the roots, and they can only produce a richer, more bountiful harvest each season.

Thank you for re-electing me. I will do my best to honor you as you have so richly honored me.

Merry Christmas to you all.
Paul H. Baumann III, President

General Membership Meeting of November 19, 2009 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 by the president, Paul Baumann. The Pledge to the Flag followed. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in *The Chip Pile*. Ray Kropke presented the Treasurer's report, which was accepted. Ray submitted the budget for 2010 which was brought up for discussion with no questions, motioned to be accepted, seconded, and approved. He also announced that there would be 67 members and guests in attendance at the annual Christmas party at Colton's Steak House. Jean Kropke, membership chairman, reported that we now have 60 members paid for 2010.

VP Wally Smietanski announced there would be a "beginners class graduation" immediately following the meeting.

Sunshine Boy Claude Roper said that he'd sent out get well wishes. Naomi Inglett was welcomed back to the club.

The Show Committee announced that the 2010 Annual Show and Sale brochures/ applications are ready to be mailed.

Mary Baumann announced details to the upcoming annual Christmas Party to be held at Colton's. There *will* be carving and a Board of Directors meeting in the morning at the VFW Hall. The party is from 1:00-3:30. There will be an optional White Elephant gift exchange, door prizes, and a magician/musician for entertainment. The club will pick up the tab for soft drinks, tea and coffee.

Old Business: Sid Edelbrock graciously cut 4"x4" blocks for our next club projects which will be two quilts - one nature/wildlife and the other, Christmas. There are sign up sheets associated with the blocks.

(Editor's note: In my notes I have "Demonstration Board" written down...I

have no idea what this meant...sorry.)

Serenity House reported that the ornament donations have brought in over \$750 so far which is not counting the Christmas Tree they are also raffling.

Rudy Betzold is raffling off a carafe stainless steel coffee maker for a NAWC stone for the library - December 10th is the deadline.

Ron Caster of Colton's wants carvers to demonstrate at the restaurant on Saturday following Thanksgiving between 12:30ish and 3:30ish. Soft drinks will be provided.

New Business: Candidates for Officers for 2010 are: Paul Baumann III, President; Wally Smietanski, Vice president; Bonnie Davis, Secretary; Ray Kropke, Treasurer; Curt Shirkey, Librarian; Jean Kropke, Membership; Sandy Smith, Website and *Chip Pile*; Naomi Inglett, Auditor, Terry Balcolm, Sid Edelbrock and Dave McConkey, Board members, Claude Roper, Sunshine Boy. These candidates were elected by motion made and carried. Installation of new officers will be at the Christmas party.

A proposed amendment to Article 6 of the club's by-laws was announced and will be published in the *Chip Pile*.

Channel 22 - Cable XL7TV will be showing the interview with Paul Baumann and Wally Smientanski for two weeks. The interview is also on the website at www.k26tv.com (726) or copies can be purchased for \$15 on VHS or DVD by calling 870-741-4891.

Show and Tell: Norm Rutledge showed his Santa carved at Rendezvous II with Harley and Midge Schmitgen; Claude Roper showed his dogwood on a walnut slice; Jim Clements show a cowboy carved at Rendezvous II with Gerald Sears; Mary Waldeck showed her "Gone Fishing" relief in cedar; Rudy Betzold showed one of his Abe Lincoln's in basswood; and Sandy Smith showed Johnny Yuma carved at

Rendezvous II with Stu Martin.

The meeting adjourned at 11:06.

Submitted by: Sandy Smith, substituting for Bonnie Davis who is recovering from a wrist injury suffered from being thrown off a horse at a local stable...

Board of Directors Meeting of December 5, 2009 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 by the president, Paul Baumann. Jean Kropke reported that our membership is now 71 members. Wally Smietanski said that Ken Doran's wood spirit walking stick class will be held the first two Thursdays in February. The new beginners' class starts in January.

There were 79 tickets sold for the Christmas party. Dalene Berke collected a large number of gift certificates to be used as door prizes at the party. Fifty door prizes will be given at the party and the remainder will given at meetings during the year.

Curt Shirkey said that the man who makes Indian carvings and sells them on Ebay is not interested in teaching at our club.

Paul reported that Serenity House has sold woodcarvings donated by club members for \$1,328.75. They also put carvings on a tree which will be raffled. Paul expressed his appreciation to club members for their generosity.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50.

Submitted by: Bonnie Davis, secretary

North Arkansas Woodcarvers Club, Inc. Constitution and By-Laws PROPOSED AMENDMENT

NAWC Constitution and By-Laws Article 6 - Officers to be changed from...

Section 1-The Officers of the Club shall be the President, First Vice-President,

Second Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Four Directors.

Section 2-The Officers shall be elected at the annual meeting in November and shall take office December 1st and shall serve for one year without pay or until a successor takes office.

NAWC Constitution and By-Laws Article 6 - Officers to be changed to:

Section 1-The Officers of the Club shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2-There shall be Seven Directors.

Section 3-The Officers and Directors shall constitute the Board of Directors. A minimum of Seven Board Members must be present to conduct official NAWC business.

Section 4-The Officers shall be elected at the annual meeting in November and shall take office December 1st and shall serve for one year without pay or until a successor takes office.

President's Note:

This is a Constitutional Update ONLY.

The club has been operating under these rules for over a year. This is just a procedural change that needs to be officially incorporated into our By-Laws.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



(L to R) Wally Smietanski is pictured here with Beginning Class Graduates Jackie Miller, Ted Rhude and Michael Quataert.

November

Birthdays:

Richard Arndt, Marie Betzold, Ron Borchardt,
Naomi Inglett, Dan Isbell, Jerry Marr

Anniversaries:

Joe Acsai, Rudy & Marie Betzold, Yates &
Barbara Holland

December

Birthdays:

Robin Brinker, Barbara Edelbrock, Roland Ellis,
Skip Janecek, Cheryl McConkey, Jay Nottingham,
Curtis Shirkey

Anniversaries:

Roland & Karen Ellis, Albert & Elma Gargione,
Ray MacGrogan, Steve Wagner

BEGINNERS CLASSES

DATE	SUBJECT	INSTRUCTOR
Jan. 14	Basic Carving	Sandy Smith
Jan. 21	Safety & Sharpening	John Connelly
Jan. 28	Stylistic Penguin	Don Davis
Feb. 4	Carving a Mouse (1)	John Uelmen

OPEN CLASSES

DATE	SUBJECT	INSTRUCTOR
Feb. 4	Carving a Wood Spirit on a walking stick	Ken Doran

NOTE: CLASS IS FULL

Please let Wally know if you have a class project
that you are willing to teach.

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.



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