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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fall is here as evidenced by the chilly start at History Day. It was a huge success though, as everyone seemed to enjoy the picnic and even with the small number of visitors, we did quite well with our fundraising efforts and found a couple of potential new members. Bob Ahrens and Jerry Clark did a wonderful job preparing the hamburgers and hotdogs which were enjoyed by all. A big thank you goes to all who came, brought a dish to share, cooked, and represented our club at the table.



At our October general meeting, we will decide where our charity money will go and maybe we can set up a photo op after and get it in the *Baxter Bulletin*.

We have lots of comfort crosses checked out which is great but now we need them back soon. We would like to have a presentation with the majority of them back.

Elections are in November and officers are installed in December. I believe we have a slate of officers, some of which might be reluctant, so if you would be interested in a position, please contact Naomi Inglett. When we all do a little, no one has to do too much and get burned out.

This past week we lost Roland Ellis. It was such a shock because he looked so good just a couple of weeks ago. Some said he told them his only regret was that he didn't start carving at a much younger age. I, too, kind of feel that way. We miss you, Rollie.

The Christmas Party is December 4th this year. Tickets are on sale. See Deen Shirkey or Barb Edelbrock. Cost is \$5 per person. The club will provide the meat, dessert, and non-alcoholic drinks. Members should bring a side dish to share. Entertainment, again, will be a gift exchange with everyone wanting to participate bringing a small hand crafted item the size that will fit in a lunch bag. If you bring a gift, you will get a gift. Turn your gift in to Deen or Barb. We have the bags. Gifts may be brought any time between now and party day.

We will be collecting non-perishable food items to donate to the Food Basket in Mountain Home. Remember to bring them on party day!

Beginner's classes will start again January 15. Please promote the club and recruit new members. If you recently went through the classes and see something we should change, please contact myself or Norm Rutledge. We are always open to ways to improve things.

If we start now, we have time to make a couple of nice new pieces for the show on May 2-3, 2015. I have one in mind and am searching for the proper pattern. One of Barb's high school classmates wants me to make a piece and I plan on using it for the show before I send it. Don't be afraid to enter, as this is a place to get new ideas, see how you are doing, and have a good time. Being among such good carvers as are in our club and at the show makes us all better carvers.

Thanks to all and keep on making chips.  
Sid Edelbrock, NAWC President

## General Membership Meeting of September 18, 2014

### MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the vice president, Norm Rutledge, at 10:30. Following the Pledge to the Flag, Paul Baumann made a motion, which was carried, that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted. The treasurer, Janet Cardwell, gave the treasurer's report.

Membership stands at 173. The Shirkey's will start accepting dues for the year 2015 in October. The dues remain at \$15.00 per person or \$20.00 per couple.

Books from the library are being looked at and the show committee will determine if they can be used for the show or if they should remain in the library.

Marty Wells has another owl class beginning Sept. 25. Naomi Inglett will give a relief ship carving class Oct. 30 - Nov. 13. Jackie Miller will teach chalk painting class Nov. 6th. Have a carving ready for chalk painting by the time of the class.

The show committee will meet next week, Sept. 24th. The purchase of new tablecloths was discussed with several people stating that Batesville would be a good place to check for fabric.

Deen Shirkey reported that the Christmas party will be held on Dec. 4th. The tickets will go on sale on Oct. 2nd at the price of \$5.00 each. The club will furnish the meat of smoked brisket or chicken and dessert. Guests should bring the side dishes. All who would like to participate in the gift exchange should bring a small handmade gift that would fit into a small lunch bag. Gifts must be handmade, but do not have to be carvings. Bring gifts unwrapped and the committee will put them in bags.

Norm mentioned that Chuck Bailey would be willing to come and critique carvings, but there wasn't any interest by the members. Debbe Edwards will not be the show judge for the upcoming show because of conflict of schedules. Any suggestions for a new judge? Hospice would like some comfort crosses. Paul suggested that we give them some of various sizes to fit men's and women's hands. Mary Wells seconded the motion. Bob Ahrens, Paul Baumann and Norm Rutledge will do some cut outs and bring them next week. The crosses should be well rounded and sanded well so that they don't damage the fragile skin of the patients. Tung oil and a good lacquer were suggested for a finish.

Don Lesiak has a bench saw, 10" table saw, and a lathe for sale. His number is 431-5279. They live at 576 Hickory Flats Lane, Lakeview.

The chess set for next year's fund raiser was discussed and Lynda Heydt made a motion that we do a hillbilly theme. We need someone to do the cut outs. It was discussed if one or two people should paint the pieces or if a group should do the painting. Karen Meyer made a motion, which was accepted, that the painting be done by a group.

Oct. 4th is History Days at Cooper Park. We can have a grill to cook hot dogs and burgers. Paul suggested that we have a sign-up sheet so that we can better judge the amount of meat to buy. Kathi Clark and Bob Ahrens have grills we can use. Remember to bring a chair.

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## IN NEED OF A NAME TAG?

Please notify Norm Rutledge if you are in need of a name tag. Ask him to add your name to the list for new tags. Also, state the name exactly as you wish it to appear on the tag Please let him know as soon as possible.

## PLEASE HELP...

We are also looking for someone to help with the write-ups for publicity. Someone who can add a bit of embellishment to the ADS for the newspaper. It should appeal to the large masses of readers and entice them to come out for our events. Wally Smietanski takes all the pictures, so you would only need to present the write-up along with the pictures.

## There will be a Potluck Lunch following this month's General Membership Meeting

Thanks to all who worked the Chili Cook-Off and the Fair. The raffle at the Chili Cook-Off brought in \$282.00 and \$311 for charity. A little over \$500.00 for the raffle and \$1315.00. THANK YOU, RAY for the super job of selling!!!!  
Naomi Inglett and Mary Ragan are seeking people for the jobs of officers for 2015. We need to have the slate filled by November.  
The boxes from Delores Hale have arrived and the check to reimburse her for the postage will go out today. The Board will decide how the items will be used. Some will go to the Show, books may go to the library, and some will be sold.  
John Gregory would like a section of the newsletter to be used to list items that members would like to sell.  
Naomi drew the 50/50 ticket with Rich Heydt winning \$44,000. The name tag drawing was won by Hazel Faltinson.  
Many of the carvers that took carvings to the Fair shared them with us for Show and Tell. They were Naomi Inglett, Paul Baumann, Margaret Killen, Davis Bowling, Kathi Clark, and Norm Rutledge. Dick Dulaney showed his "Best of Show" carving. Willard Savadge brought in a beautiful eagle carved of walnut.  
Thanks again to all who worked so hard and showed their carvings at the Fair!!!!  
Naomi Inglett made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Paul Baumann. The meeting was adjourned.  
Submitted by Kathi Clark, secretary pro tem.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by the president, Sid Edelbrock. Janet Cardwell, treasurer, gave her report which was accepted. The librarian, Sonia Nelson, said that she has created several additional categories to make the books easier to find in the library. She also said that many duplicate books have been removed.  
Curt Shirkey reported that we currently have 175 members. Twenty-one members have paid their 2015 dues. He also said that we need to have name tags made for new members.  
Norm Rutledge reported that the new beginners' class starts January 15. Naomi Inglett will teach a relief class on October 30 and November 13. Jackie Miller's chalk painting class will be held on November 6. Margaret Killen will teach a ball in a cage class on December 11 and 18.  
Tickets for our December 4th Christmas party are for sale for \$5.00. The entree will be chicken or brisket. Those wishing to participate in the gift exchange should bring a small hand made gift. The gift does not have to be a carving. There will be a food drive at the party. The show committee has not yet chosen a judge for the May 2 & 3 show. "Save the date" postcards will be sent out in early November.  
Paul Baumann said that the rent for the final quarter of 2014 has been paid.  
Carvers who want to participate in History Day at Cooper Park on Saturday, October 4, are asked to set up at 8:00.  
Sid asked for a volunteer to write copy to accompany Wally Smietanski's photographs that are submitted to the *Baxter Bulletin*.  
Naomi said that the nominating committee has a full slate of candidates for the November election.  
At the October general meeting, members will select the charities we will support with the proceeds from this year's carving sales.  
Next week, Ray Killen will bring the nativity, which is the base for one of our raffle projects for next year.  
The meeting adjourned at 10:30.  
Submitted by Bonnie Davis, Secretary

## MINUTES

## Board of Directors Meeting of Oct. 2, 2014

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