



THE CHIP PILE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Two ropes walk into a bar and ask the bartender for a beer. He tells them to get lost because he doesn't serve ropes in his bar. The two ropes leave and try to figure out what to do since this is the only bar in town. One has a great idea, and they begin to bind themselves up and frizzle their ends. They walk back into the bar and ask for a beer. The bartender said, "Okay, but aren't you the two ropes that came in here earlier tonight?" The ropes answered, "No, I'm a frayed knot."

Our participation at the Baxter County Fair went well. People stopping by our booth were amazed at the beauty of the carvings we had out for judging and display. Kathi Clark won Best of Show with her 'Vicious Circle' carving.

We made over \$400 on charity items, and about \$170 in raffle sales. We still have a number of charity items left however we will need more because Cooper Park and the Hillbilly Chili Cookoff is coming up quickly. We may also participate in the November Wood Turning Show. We should also start to think about making another batch of Comfort Crosses and Birds for the Hospice of the Ozarks. I spoke with one of their members and she said people in hospice were so happy to get them. We should have cut outs in a few weeks.

We have to start thinking about what two items we want to make for next year's raffle. Preferably it should be something that a number of members can carve a piece or two, but most importantly, something that people want to win. So put on your thinking caps and generate some ideas.

Ray Killen, NAWC President

SLATE OF 2016 CANDIDATES

President	Ray Killen
Vice-President	Jason Gambill
Secretary	Bonnie Davis
Treasurer	Sid Edelbrock
Membership	Kathi Clark
Website/Chip Pile	Sandy Smith
Auditor	Naomi Inglett
Board Member	Terry Balcom
Board Member (Tools)	Bob Shaffer
Board Member (Publicity)	Wally Smietanski
Board Member (Wood)	Paul Baumann
Librarian	Sonia Nelson
Sunshine Lady	Betty Gregory

General Membership Meeting of Sept. 17, 2015 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the president, Ray Killen, at 10:30. The Pledge to the Flag was followed by the acceptance of the minutes as published in *The Chip Pile*. Curt Shirkey reported that we have 166 members.

Naomi Inglett will teach a spiral Santa class on September 24. Margaret Killen will teach a relief class on October 8 & 15, and Paul Baumann will teach a bark house on October 22 & 29.

We will attend History Days at Cooper Park on October 3.

Members should arrive to set up at 8:00. Bob Ahrens will provide a grill for a cook-out. Carvers are requested to bring a dish to pass for a pot luck lunch. The Chili Cook-Off will be held in Lakeview on October 17.

Paul asked members who would like a particular piece of wood to let him know and he will bring it to the meeting. Sid Edelbrock made a motion to buy t-shirts in assorted sizes to sell. The motion passed. Shirts are less expensive when purchased in a bulk order. We will select the shirt colors and the ink will be beige or navy. There will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting where carvers can specify a particular color for t-shirts and sweatshirts.

Wally Smietanski is working on a new membership directory. Mary Ragan will compile a list of carvers to be included.

Volunteers are needed for a nominating committee for the November elections.

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NEED A WARDROBE UPDATE?

**Get Yourself a New NAWC T-shirt and/or Sweatshirt.
A sign-up sheet to specify size and color is on the Club Table.**

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Kathi Clark thanked the carvers for putting their carvings in the County Fair. The members thanked Kathi for her work in organizing our participation in the Fair.

Children will now be allowed in the VFW building since it has been designated smoke free.

Show and Tell followed. Bob Ahrens showed a shoe that he had carved. Pat Walsh carved candle sticks and a Santa. Dave McConkey showed a carved bird. Lynda Heydt carved a pelican that had been inspired by a visit to the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

The Show and Tell drawing was won by Bob Ahrens. Skip Janecek won the Name Tag drawing; and Dave Wilkie won the 50/50 drawing.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00.

Submitted by Bonnie Davis, Secretary

Board of Directors Meeting
of October 1, 2015
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the president, Ray Killen at 10:15. Rod Engle gave the treasurer's report.

Curt Shirkey reported that we now have 169 members .

Paul Baumann said that John Gregory donated a piece of aspen and one of basswood to the club to be sold. Naomi Inglett, the nominating committee, has a complete slate of candidates for the November election. She also said that she will audit the club's books before December.

Classes for the next two months are as follows: Paul Baumann, a bark house, October 22 & 29; Naomi Inglett, a small bell, October 22; Margaret Killen, relief covered bridge, October 8 & 15; Marty Wells, a little bird, November 5, 12 & 19. Sign-up sheets are on the table.

There are sign-up sheets on the table for ordering t-shirts and sweatshirts.

We will be at History Days at Cooper Park Saturday, October 3. For our lunch, hamburgers and condiments will be provided. Members will bring a dish to pass. Bob Ahrens will provide a grill. Members are requested to be at the park at 8:00 to set up.

Ray said that the club will be making more comfort crosses to be given to Hospice. Jason and Sid will provide the walnut wood. Paul will cut out the crosses.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40.

Submitted by Bonnie Davis

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

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