



# THE CHIP PILE

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I was sitting at a long stoplight yesterday, minding my own business and waiting for it to turn green, even though there was no on-coming traffic. For a while I even thought about running it but decided just to wait it out.

A carload of heavily armed, bearded, young Muslims, shouting Anti-American slogans, with a half-burned American Flag duct-taped on the trunk of their car, and a "Remember 9-11" slogan spray painted on the side, was stopped next to me.

Suddenly they yelled, "Allah Akbar! Praise Allah!" and took off before the light changed. Out of nowhere an 18-wheeler came speeding through the intersection and ran directly over their car, crushing it completely and killing everyone in it.

For several minutes I sat in my car thinking to myself, "Man.... that could have been me!"

So today, bright and early, I went out and got a job as a truck driver.

We were pleasantly surprised to see Mary and Jim Waldeck back at carving. All you relief carvers now have another source of advice to help you with your carvings. Within hours of their return, she was helping some people with her expertise.

Our finished Comfort Crosses and Birds are returning. At our last meeting I counted about 22 of them. Those of you who haven't returned your finished pieces yet may drop them in the plastic box on the info table. We still have a number of roughouts although they are mostly walnut and would be easier to carve using power tools. All should be sanded smooth and some kind of finish applied to protect the wood from dirt. Thanks to everyone who carved them.

At our board meeting, Sandy spoke with Tommy Johnson to see if he was willing to sell us one of his beautiful hand made chess boards for our raffle. I'm pleased to announce that he said he would donate one. Thanks Tommy.

Remember that next year's membership fees are now due. Please see Curt or Deen to pay up and get a new card. It's still only \$15 or \$20 including a spouse.

Jason will be running the November regular meeting since Margaret and I will be on another cruise. It's sad for us to be gone but...well, you know.

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)	Gary Beck
Board Member (Publicity)	Wally Smietanski
Board Member (Wood)	Paul Baumann
Librarian	Sonia Nelson
Sunshine Lady	Betty Gregory

## General Membership Meeting of Oct. 15, 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*. The treasurer's report, given by Rod Engle, was accepted. Curt Shirkey reported that we have 172 members.

Paul Baumann will teach a bark carving class on October 22 and 29.

The Show Committee is sending out "Save the Date" postcards early in November. The post card will

announce a new rough out carving contest to be judged at the show in May.

The Christmas party will be held December 3. Tickets will be \$5.00. There will be a handmade gift exchange.

Mary Ragan reported that she is sending an email to everyone who has not yet had their picture taken for the new photo directory.

Paul said that the yearly rent on our storage unit, which is \$540, is due in December.

Volunteers are needed to carve comfort crosses and birds for Hospice. The Chili Cook-Off will be Saturday, October 17. Checks for County Fair blue ribbons will be available October 21.

After much discussion, it was decided that we will carve a haunted house and a Santa's workshop for of our raffle next year. Marty Wells and Jason Gambill volunteered to find patterns for the projects. A volunteer is needed to paint the haunted house.

Show and Tell followed. Paul Baumann carved 3 bark houses, a bottle stopper, and 3 walnut comfort crosses. Naomi Inglett carved a comfort cross. Len Kieltyka showed a wolf head, El Lobo Diablo, that he had carved. Margaret Killen carved two pumpkins, four Santa penguins, and a caged ball and chain. Kathi Clark showed her carving that won a Best of Show at the County Fair, a Gryphon, and a Santa Head by Len Dillon. Sid Edelbrock carved Rufus and Ruth as a gift for his friends' 50 wedding anniversary. Larry Nothwehr carved a spiral Santa and a caged ball and chain. Lynda Heydt showed Pumpkin

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Boy, two clowns, a ball and chain, and a comfort cross. Rod Engle carved a dogwood cross, a spiral Santa, a Santa ornament, and a flower. Bonnie Davis carved a caged ball and chain, a spiral Santa, and a duck bottle opener. Sandy Smith carved a critter pig, the newest member of her critter collection. Dick Dulaney carved Happy Bum and Confederate Billy Bob. Jason Gambill showed his covered bridge carving. The Show and Tell drawing winner was Jason Gambill. Mary Adair won the Name Tag drawing. Ray Grogan won the 50/50 drawing. The meeting adjourned at 11:10 and was followed by a pot luck lunch.

Submitted by Bonnie Davis, Secretary

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## **Board of Directors Meeting of November 5, 2015 MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by the president, Ray Killen at 10:15. The treasurer's report was given. Curt Shirkey reported that our membership for 2015 is 172, and the 2016 membership is 17. Sandy Smith said that she has updated our website.

The Show Committee will be sending out "Save the Date" postcards soon. Deen Shirkey, reporting for the Christmas

party committee, said that tickets are now available. The party will be held at the VFW on December 3rd at 11:00. Members may bring a homemade gift for the gift exchange. Ham, chicken, and cake will be provided by the club. Carvers are asked to bring a dish to pass. Members are also asked to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to The Mountain Home Food Basket.

Paul Baumann volunteered to contact The Salvation Army for information on bell ringing at their kettles during this coming holiday season.

Next year's raffle items will be a Halloween scene and a Santa chess set. Volunteers are needed to saw cut-outs to be carved for both items. Tommy Johnson has volunteered to make a board for the chess set. The drawing for the Halloween scene will be held on October 20, 2016.

It was decided that we will have a table at the December 5th Wood Turners' Show at the Fairgrounds. There will be a sign-up sheet for volunteers.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40.

Submitted by Bonnie Davis, Secretary

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## *Thank You!*

Thank you to **Cindy Stephens** for sponsoring NAWC at the **Hillbilly Chili Cookoff**. Cindy's generous donation of the purchase of booth spaces again gave us great exposure to the community and allowed us to sell chances for our fundraisers, and our woodcarvings for charities.

**There will collection of  
non-perishable food items at our  
Christmas Party for donations to  
the Mountain Home Food Basket.  
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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