



# THE CHIP PILE

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*There I was, sitting at the bar staring at my drink, when a large, trouble-making biker steps up next to me, grabs my drink and gulps it down in one swig.*

*"Well, whatcha' gonna do about it?" he says, menacingly, as I burst into tears.*

*"Come on, man," the biker says, "I didn't think you'd CRY. I can't stand to see a man crying."*

*"This is the worst day of my life," I say. "I'm a complete failure. I was late to a meeting and my boss fired me. When I went to the parking lot, I found my car had been stolen and I don't have any insurance. I left my wallet in the cab I took home. I found my wife had left me...and then to top it off, my dog bit me.*

*"So I came to this bar to work up the courage to put an end to it all, I buy a drink, I drop a capsule in and sit here watching the poison dissolve; and then you show up and drink the whole damn thing!*

*"But enough about me. How are you doing?"*

The Baxter County Fair is about to start – Sept 14th to Sept 17th – so this is another reminder to get your carvings in either for judging or for display. We would like to get a lot of carvings entered to attract people to our tables where we can then sell them raffle tickets and carvings. I'm hoping to sell a lot to add to our charity money since we missed out on Gassville in the Park due to heavy rain. After this we only have the Chili Cookoff and the Wood Turners Show to try to sell more carvings. Please write down the times you are scheduled to work the tables to avoid not having anyone there.

I received a volunteer form from the city clerk asking for the approximate number of volunteers we have and how many hours they have worked. This info will be compiled and submitted for the Volunteer Community of the Year Award (you've seen the signs on the road). As you can guess, it is very difficult to figure this out so the Board of Directors took an estimate, which is the best we could do. We have agreed that organizing events and selling items, teaching a class, carving items for charity, being on a committee, managing the website and newsletter, or other things done to better the community constitute volunteering. Simply attending our weekly meetings and carving your

personal items do not really qualify. If you also volunteer for another organization, that would go on their form, not ours.

We would love to get a better idea of these numbers for next year (Sept. 2016 to August 2017) so if you can, please try to keep track somehow and submit it next year at the end of August. Not everyone will do this but perhaps we can get a better estimate.

Ray Killen, NAWC President

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## General Membership Meeting of August 18, 2016 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the vice president, Jason Gambill, at 10:30. Following the pledge to the flag, the minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in *The Chip Pile*. Sid Edelbrock gave the treasurer's report, which was accepted. Kathi Clark reported that we have 157 members.

Barb Edelbrock, speaking for the Christmas party committee, asked the membership for suggestions for a caterer for the party in December. She also said that members attending the party should bring an unwrapped hand-made gift to exchange. The Show committee asked the membership for small carvings to be used as door prizes at the Show in May.

Jason said that County Fair volunteer's sign-up sheets were available on the table. Kathi added that the sheets had a schedule of time slots to be filled.

Sid encouraged carvers to attend the show in Rogers on September 10 & 11. He said that several carvers from that area attend our show. The Chili Cook-Off will be held October 15 at the park in Lakeview.

Show and Tell followed. Sid Edelbrock carved Christmas ornaments for the charity table. Allen Moore carved an Indian in bark. Paul Baumann carved a Christmas party ornament and a Sunshine cross. Dave Petersen, Betty Gregory, and Naomi Inglett carved crosses for Sunshine. Rod Engle carved Christmas ornaments which will be gifts for his family. Jason Gambill carved a relief titled Spooky Trees. Sonia Nelson carved a short

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stack of Minions, a spider pumpkin, and a Sunshine cross. Jim Waldeck carved an Apache pueblo in cottonwood bark. John Gregory carved an Old World relief, several elves, and a cross for Sunshine. Lynn Huett carved a US ship in relief. Sandy Smith carved Augie, a new basswood critter.

Dave Petersen won the Show and Tell drawing, Amy Wainscott won the Name Tag drawing, and Rick Wheeler won the 50/50 drawing.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50.

Submitted by Bonnie Davis, Secretary.

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**Board of Directors**  
**Meeting of September 1, 2016**  
**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by the president, Ray Killen, at 10:15. The treasurer's report was given. Kathi Clark reported that we have 157 members.

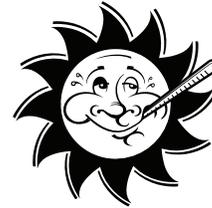
The librarian, Sonia Nelson, suggested that brochures about carving received in the mail by carvers could be placed in the library to be used as references.

Paul Baumann said that more Deft has been ordered. Wally Smietanski was thanked for placing a picture of Jason Gambill and his carving in the *Baxter Bulletin*. We filled out a form about our club's volunteer hours and activities for the city of Mountain Home.

Ray reminded us that the Hillbilly Chili Cook-Off is October 15. There was a discussion on how to get new people to fill the club offices for the next year.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45.

Submitted by Bonnie Davis, Secretary.



**SUNSHINE LADY REPORTS**

*Please let Betty Gregory 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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