



Kansas City Chipper

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Les Catherell, Secretary

Meeting Minutes & Notes

June 24, 2008

Business Meeting: President Willis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. No correction for the May minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Todd Ramsay reported the following; Beg. Bal. \$6,019.22, Income: \$6.40 Exp: \$23.46, End Bal.: \$6,002.16.

New Business: **Special Spring Show Meeting held July 14th:** President Willis reports several things were discussed, but we all agreed that we need to advertise to increase public awareness and show attendance. This has been a strong feeling of many members for quite some time. As previously reported, the Club lost between \$600-800 at the last show. It is necessary to offset the loss by advertising the event and reviewing the show budget. With well placed adds in local and major newspapers, we can reach more people to bring them to the show. More show traffic will improve the overall success of the show.

An ad which will appear three times in the Kansas City Star will cost approximately \$1,000. The first recommendation for coming up with the funds to pay for this desperately needed advertising is to ask the club membership for a donation. I am asking that each member to donate a minimum of \$5 specifically for advertising for OUR show. I realize we all pay our dues, but it is not possible to pay for advertising out of the regular club funds. If each member will help out in this manner, we can take a huge chunk out of that \$1,000. The second recommendation is to review the show budget to make cuts and offset this amount a little more without hurting the quality of the show. Other suggestions included Sponsorship's, tool and book auction, chili suppers, bake sales, garage sales, etc. All require either a donation of food, sale items, or time.

I would hope that you will join me, the other officers, and the show committee members in sending at least a \$5 donation for the advertising fund to:

Todd Ramsay, Treasurer
17430 W. 158th St
Olathe, KS 66062

Please mark your donation "for Spring Show Advertising."

We hope that you will be able to send your donations in the next couple of months so that we will know what else we might need to do to finish raising our advertising funds. All it takes is one less lunch at McDonalds and we can be on our way to advertising OUR Great Show!!

Nomination Committee: The Committee has member's Sandy Prentice as President, Dave Whisenhunt as Vice-President, Terry Barker as Treasurer and Les Catherell as Secretary. As of to date no one else has stepped up to say they are interested in any of these Officers positions. If you feel like you might be interested in being an Officer of the Club contact Jerry Reinhardt at 913-897-2521.

“Calling for Members and New Members to Come to the Meetings”

Future Meetings and Programs are about to change: Our membership held a lively discussion about our monthly meeting format. The suggested changes involve: (1) Cut the time spent on the business portion of the meeting and (2) Focus on what we are about – **Improving skills and promoting an interest in carving.**

To help with this process there will be a container on the Officers Table for suggestions or topics to discuss at the next meeting, if there is not enough time during the business discussion. By cutting the time off the business end of the meeting we will spend more time on the Program. Programs in the future are going to be related to woodcarving techniques and presented by our very own members and other people outside of the club. The format will be “How-To” and “Carving Technique” demonstrations.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the new format. A program sign-up sheet will be available for members to complete indicating Name, Type of Program / Carving technique and Date. Several members have already volunteered to give future programs; but more are needed! If you can not make it to a meeting to sign-up for a program that you want to give - call or E-mail any of the Officers and we will put you on the List for Programs.

Truth to the matter is we are trying to make the meetings more interesting to YOU and NEW members. By going back to the basics of what the club is all about; (Carving and improving our carving skills) we hope to increase meeting attendance and membership, PLUS A LOT OF FUN !

Looking For Magazines: Member, Doc. Jack Taylor, is interested in buying any “Wildfowl Carving” magazines that any members might have that they no longer use. Especially those from 1990 to the last couple of years. Contact Jack at 816-444-9083 or E-mail - drillin4pearls@att.net

Woodcraft Store Sale: Woodcraft is having a Red Dot 25% Sale off of marked items on Swiss made hand carving tools and other items in the store.

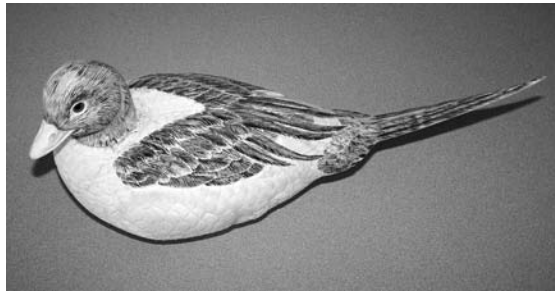
As a Member of the Club: Thanks to Vendors such as Woodcraft, Metro Hardwoods Inc and Schutte Lumber they give 10% off purchases to Club Members. Just show your Membership Card to receive this discount.

Old Business: **Land Learning Outing:** Marsha Leimkuehler is the contact person for the one day display and demonstration at Dean Lake, MO on August 23, 2008. The web site for the foundation and to contact her is www.landlearning.org . More information contact Jim Willis at 816-505-1046.

AARP Hobo Day: Platte County Senior Service Center are celebrating the 50th anniversary of AARP at 12:00 p.m. on September 9, 2008. They are wanting some members to give a short demo and a show and tell of various carvings. They will provide a lunch for members who will participate in this event. Contact person is Beth Garbe at 816-270-4100 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Mon. - Fri. and event will be held at Platte Woods United Methodist Church, 7310 NW Prairie View Road, Platte Woods, MO 64151.

Friendship: President Willis wanted to say, the club is at a great loss with the passing of our dear member Herb Cast. Herb filled some mighty BIG shoes in promoting wood carving to the Kansas City area Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. With all the love he poured into Scout carving, it is going to take some doing to even come close to carrying on with the Scout carving. I know that several of you have been at many of the events with Herb, and hopefully, one or some of you would be willing to fill Herb's shoes in the Scouting area. I'm sure that the Scouts will be contacting the club to get someone to help them with the Scout carving so please think about helping out with this much needed segment of our club.

Keep Fran and the family in your prayers, and please consider helping the Scouts and the club in this endeavor.



Fran Cast shared a Indian relief she carved back in 1995, Jack Taylor brought in a Old Squaw sea duck to show the technique of woodburning for the detail of the feathers, Arline Gamel shared her Hitty Doll she carved, Jerry Reinhardt shared carvings of two of his dog's name Teddy and Nudge



Ed Zinger brought three carving's, Cowboy carved by Lynn Doughty, an Indian he carved a few years back and the Mountain Man was carved by Dave Dunn, Jim Willis carved the Indian hoop dancer while was recuperating from his back surgery and a wooden nymph.

Member, Jerry Reinhardt, had an article of his carving, Clifford the Pot Belly Bear, in the latest Issue of the Carving Magazine.

Carving of the Month

Jack Taylor took 1st. Place with this Red Head Duck.



Carving Opportunities: These carving times are chances to spend time carving with and learning from others. We have fun and fellowship, see each others projects, share wood, and show different tools. It is reported that joking and kidding around abounds. We know that the time seems to fly! Please let us know if there are any changes or additions to the list below.

★ Informal-carving sessions are held on monday mornings 8:00a.m. at Rodger T. Sermon Comm. Ctr. , Truman Rd. & Noland Rd. 816-325-7370. ★ Monday evenings 6:30 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, 67th & Roe, 913-897-2521 or 816-322-0094. ★ Tuesday evenings 7:00 p.m. at the North Cross United Methodist Church, 1321 N.E. Vivion Road, 816-741-8718. ★ Wednesday afternoon 2:00 p.m. at the Blue Springs Parks & Rec. Building 400 NW Vesper St. / \$1.00 per person donation.

Carving Classes: Shelia Hunter has openings for her classes that include, chip carving, wood burning, relief carving and carving in the round. Classes cost \$ 8.00 a session and are held twice a day on every Thursday from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. and 7 - 9 p.m. Contact her at (913)- 897-5455

The Knot Hole has their new listings of Seminars on their Website. Here is a link for information that will give you a PDF file of the events they have scheduled. Click on this link to get the information www.theknothole.net/seminars.html

Wood For Sale: Alan Tomson, Brother-In-Law, of Neil Kirshner is selling Neils stock pile of lumber. He has walnut log's and squares and an assortment of other types of wood. For information contact Alan at atomson@comcast.net or 281-437-5065.

Next Month's Theme

Canes, Staffs and Walking Sticks

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Please see the Roster for phone numbers of officers and others.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, July 28th - 7:00 p.m.

Faith Lutheran Church, 67th and Roe, Prairie Village, KS

Next Months Program **Making a Walking Stick**



I will be giving a Demo on how to quickly make a walking stick from a freshly green cut small Cedar tree using a 4 1/2 in. angle grinder. This Demo will cover, debarking and shaping, how to get a spiral effect and preserving the green wood from stress splitting.