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2015 Club Officers

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Secretary – Glad McCurtain, gladmccurtain@gmail.com
Directors: Joe Lutz, John Machen, John Roush

No Summer monthly meetings

Summer Hrs:

Carving Every Tues: 8:30-11 thru Aug, \$2
Seminole Rec Center, 9100 113th St, N

Winter Hrs resume:

Sept 1, 8:30-12p, \$3

Steve Brown Caricature Class Dec 3-5 in Largo

Caricature woodcarver Steve Brown will be teaching a three-day class December 3-5 (Thurs-Sat) for \$160 per student plus cost of rough-outs at UMC Ministry Suncoast Building, 403 1st Ave SW, Largo. The class size will range from 8 (minimum) to 12 (maximum). Eight people have already committed to the class. Only four spots remain. To reserve a spot, a person pays \$80, non-refundable (refundable only if Steve is unable to come), either in cash or a check to treasurer Chuck Harrison, 9935 40th Lane N., Seminole 33772 by August 1. Checks are made out to Suncoast Woodcarvers. The additional non-refundable \$80 is due November 15. In the December class people can fine tune their carving skills for Christmas and the club's show in January. There are four openings for the December 3-5 class. Remember to reserve a spot, pay \$80 by August 1, and the remainder will be due November 15. This class provides an excellent opportunity to hone carving skills for the January Club Show as well as for carving some Christmas decorations and gifts.

Possibilities for Future Classes

Since one of the club's primary goals is to promote woodcarving, bringing an instructor to the local area provides people an opportunity to sit with a well-known carver and learn from "one of the best." It would be great to have future events like this. Early in 2015 club members completed a survey indicating the type carving and names of carvers who interest them. Club members who want to follow up on this are asked to contact one of the officers or board members. A copy of the survey format is on file. Several important tasks in preparing for a workshop include: 1. Get the pulse of club members in determining on instructor(s) to ask; 2. Obtain fee structure from possible instructors; 3. Explore with club and possible instructors a workable date; 4. Find a reasonably priced venue; 5. Determine the best way to collect fees.

May 12, 2015 Business Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by President Bill Briggs at 10:35, **April minutes** were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: \$9,914.21 balance in club account. \$31 was spent for 2-year license for trailer.

Old Business

Annual Dues of \$15 will become due on January 1 of each year beginning January 1, 2016.

Sarasota club will be having a show. They are interested in getting a table in our show and our getting a table in theirs.

President Bill Briggs will be leaving for the summer tomorrow. However, he will be available through email and cell phone.

John Machen was recognized for participating in the Mission Honor Flight.

Fall Camping/Carving event: Ron Singerman will follow up on having an RV event in Hillsborough in the fall. (See article for details)

Nationally known caricature carver Steve Brown is scheduled to give a class December 3-5, 2015. (See article for details)

Coffee and donuts: Clyde and Barb Smith, who will be leaving for the summer, were thanked for their weekly provision of refreshments.

Summer hours (June-Aug): Tues mornings, 8:30-11am, \$2.

50/50 Winner (total of \$31): Barb Smith who returned her winnings to the club

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50

Happy Summer! Submitted by Glad McCurtain

Carving/Camping Fun Oct 27-Nov 2

There has been some interest in having a carving camping get together for those cavers who have RVs. On Oct 27- to Nov 2 the Suncoast Airstream Group will be having a Rally at Travelers Rest RV Resort. I will be giving a carving program for Airstream members in addition to carving during the day. This is considered a "Buddy Rally and friends of members who have an SOB (some other brand) are invited to join us. Nick and I will be carving during the day and there will be scheduled events such as a Pumpkin carving contest for all as well as joint dinners and lunch in Dade City one day. If anyone is interested in joining us, touch base with the trip host, Bill Kowalski @ wmkowalski@sbcglobal.net. I've spoken with Bill and just mention that you are a friend of mine. He will put you on the list to get all the info.

Travelers Rest is a very nice campground with full hook ups and located in Dade City close to the Interstate. Pets allowed. If I remember correctly the group rates last year were around \$22 a night.

Practice practice,

Ron Singerman, ronsails@gmail.com

(Ron will have rough outs to carve ornaments as shown on the right. Please contact him if you have questions and are interested in joining the FUN!)



Mark Calendars with Upcoming 2016 Dates

Jan 11-17 Suncoast Woodcarvers Club Show, Seminole Rec Center

Feb 2-5, RoundUp, Long Center, Clearwater

Second Florida RoundUp

There will be a second Woodcarvers Roundup in Florida February 8-11, 2016 to be held at the Turner Center in Arcadia, Florida immediately following the Roundup in Clearwater, Florida February 2-5, 2016.

The Clearwater Roundup Web site is <http://webspaces.webring.com/people/qj/jeodea/>

The Arcadia Roundup will have pretty much the same instructors and classes as at Clearwater, but is far enough away that I believe it will attract a completely different set of students. Hopefully it will also attract back the many RVers we lost on the move from Ze[pherhills to Clearwater as Arcadia has many RV parks and the Turner Center itself has many RV spaces with water and electric available at a cost of about \$28.00 a night

This brings the benefits of a Roundup to more Florida carvers and provides more incentive for out of state instructors to make the trip to Florida. So in future years I anticipate several new classes and types of carving to be offered as more instructors discover the opportunity to leave the cold behind.

A few new instructors are already considering coming to Florida this year and if they decide to do so their info will be included in the 1 Dec update. 2016 class descriptions won't be posted until 1 December. You can check out the Arcadia facility and committed instructors at <http://arcadia-roundup.webs.com/> NOTE 1: the class descriptions and costs of the class may change by Dec 1 as what I have posted now are actually the instructors 2015 classes - many won't change but some may but I want to give you an idea of who is coming and what they usually teach.

Web Sites with Woodcarving Tips

Using Briwax on woodcarvings

<http://www.briwax-trg.com/howtousebriwax/WoodCarving/woodcarving.html>

Using Mineral Oil and Oil based burnt Umber for Antiquing

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/21462535701469302/>

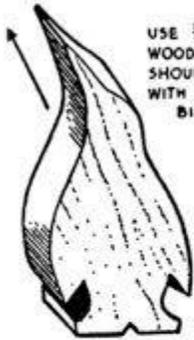
Summer Happenings

Club Treasurer Chuck Harrison will be consecrated a Deacon in his Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Sunday, June 21, at the 10am worship service, 10891 102nd Ave N., Seminole. Everyone is invited to worship and celebrate this important occasion.

Simple Patterns

Penguin

THIS FELLOW IS VERY EASY TO WHITTLE — DO NOT SANDPAPER — PAINT BLACK, LEAVE CLEAR WOOD ON VEST AND BILL. SHELLAC.



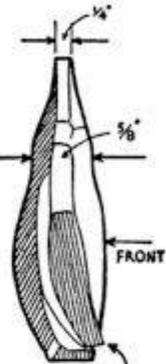
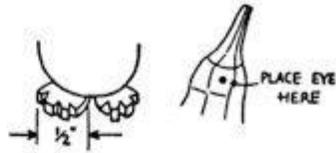
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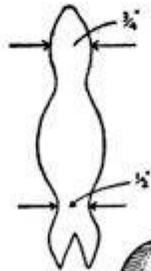
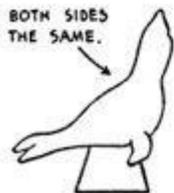
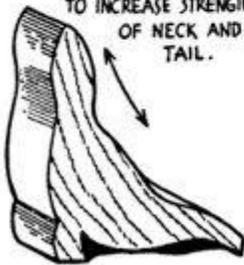
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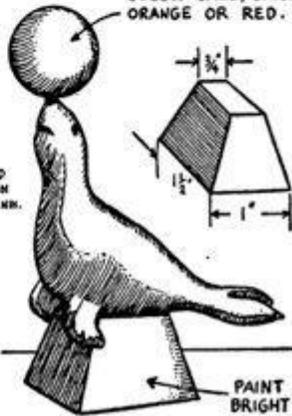
NOTE HOW WINGS TURN TO FRONT OF CARVING.

SEAL

PLACE PATTERN ON BLOCK SO GRAIN RUNS AT ANGLE TO INCREASE STRENGTH OF NECK AND TAIL.



COLOR BALL, BRIGHT ORANGE OR RED.



BALL IS MOUNTED WITH CONICAL PIN SHARPENED BOTH ENDS.

SANDPAPER VERY SMOOTH, THEN APPLY A COAT OF BROWN WALNUT STAIN, WIPE DRY THEN GIVE TWO APPLICATIONS OF FLOOR WAX.