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2015 Club Officers

President - Bill Briggs, briggs4@tampabay.rr.com

Vice President - Ron Golly, Gollyronald@gmail.com

Treasurer - Chuck Harrison, hersch34@gmail.com

Secretary – Glad McCurtain, gladmccurtain@gmail.com

Directors: Joe Lutz, John Machen, John Roush

Tuesday Carving Sessions

Carving Every Tues. 9a-Noon, \$3

(Set up @ 8:30)

Seminole Rec Center, 9100 113th St, N

Monthly Club Mtg every 2nd Tues: 10am

Next Mtg: Tues, Nov 10, 10am

\$15 Annual Dues to be paid Jan 2016

October 20, 2015 Suncoast Woodcarvers Mtg Minutes

Opening Business

President Bill Briggs called the meeting to order at 10am. September 2015 minutes were approved

Treasurer Chuck Harrison reported the club has \$10,910.26 with no outstanding bills.

Announcements

Suncoast Woodcarvers sent a \$100 donation in memory of Joe Lutz to his Presbyterian Church in South Carolina.

Business

Club Directory Glad McCurtain is finalizing the club directory and will email it to members soon.

Heritage Village Country Jubilee is Sat, Oct 24, 10—4pm. Volunteers will pick up their parking passes.

Several members will carve in the demonstration shed.

Carving/Camp Fun Oct 27-Nov 2 will be at Travelers Rest in Dade City. Contact trip host, Bill

Kowalski @ wmkowsk@sbcglobal.net or club member Ron Singerman, ronsails@gmail.com

Pinellas County Fair November 12-15 in Pinellas Park. Contact John Machen

Holiday Party suggested times: early December, Feb/Mar when most winter residents here. No decision was made.

Steve Brown Caricature workshop Dec 3-5 Payment for the class, \$160, is due. Steve requires a minimum of 8 students, and the club has 7 who have paid. Five spots remain for the class which will be held at United Methodist Cooperative Ministries, 403 1st Ave. SW, Largo. Contact Chuck Harrison or Glad McCurtain regarding registration.

Club Show Jan 16-17: Update and List of Needs by John Roush

Ed Livingston composed vendor letters which John has sent. John Roush has the table layout. The Show won't have access to the side rooms, which the Rec Center has rented to other groups. Therefore, registration will be near the stage. The club decided to continue the raffle for carving tools. It will be important to make a more visible display and have tickets up front. The Rec Center Board controls food distribution. The club will talk with the Rec Center and possibly a food truck. Last year the Rec Center youth group did a marginal job. One of the concerns was lack of adult supervision. Wood vendor Rob Wilcox asked the club for 100 flyers about the show, which he is sending with wood orders in this general area. The club is looking to have better show flyers to be displayed in the community.

Set Up: Bill Briggs will talk with someone. Verifying the number of tables the Rec Center has determines the number to be rented.

Needs

Door Prizes The Club will continue to give away small carved items each hour as door prizes. Some were found in the trailer. To encourage club members' participation in the carving of door prizes, at the carving sessions December 15 and 22, a person can give a carved piece instead of the usual \$3 charge that day.

Advertising in mobile home parks paper and other venues such as newspapers, including local community papers.

Table Rental by club members to display their work. People can sell items at their tables.

Set Up on Friday and Clean Up on Sunday afternoon at the end of the show

February RoundUp Feb 2-5 Long Center in Clearwater. Organizer Jim O'Dea will publish the class list around December 1, the date when pre-registration may begin. Walk-ins are welcomed; however, many classes fill up early. <http://webspace.webring.com/people/qj/jeodea/>

Pinellas Park Free Book Library Box, made by a local aluminum company, was on display. Bob Jump indicated that the club is to do decorative carving on the outside of the box.

Rehabilitation of Plaque at a church honoring veterans. Bob Jump will work on this project, which is primarily scroll saw work.

Tampa Group Newsletter Dremel is recalling its 854 model. People are asked to return that model and Dremel will send them a new one. There is an Art Show by Vets on Nov 14, 4-7pm. Bill Briggs has registration forms.

Bill has **Flexcut catalogues** with coupons: \$15 off a \$50 purchase. He also spoke about the club losing two leaders this recently: Joe Lutz and Jud Wolf, both of whom will be missed.

Web Site Needs Updating Paul Marohn and Glad McCurtain will follow up.

Coffee Making Volunteer needed according to Ron Golly.

Bill Reminded the club that carving time is 9-noon. We can come at 8:30 for set up. Bill announced we have 12 club patches.

Carving Tip Joe Kane stressed the importance of covering terminals on 9volt batteries when they are around metal. Otherwise a fire can start.

50/50 Winner Ron Golly received \$22. **Meeting adjourned** at 11am Submitted by Glad McCurtain

AROUND THE TABLE 10/2/15 TAMPA WOOD CARVING CLUB Notes

- The group welcomed new member, Doug Hugsby to Oakstead group.
- Richard Nannis has made CD of several carving programs the most recent being “stylized carvings”.
- Tampa WoodCarving Club displayed their summer carving at the Carrollwood Culture Center’s instructor/student event, during September.
- A tool sale was presented to help a lady distribute her deceased husband’s tools. A bundle offer by t.w.c. member was accepted.
- Jack Simpson helped the dremel corp. collect defective model #8050 tools to be returned due to a stop/start hazard. the model 8050 cordless tool has been replaced in big box stores & issued to all purchasers who returned the tool to dremel.
- The group will select a Friday in Dec. For the TWC Christmas party. Members agreed to carve an exchange gift.
- 2 wks. ago a photographer from a national magazine schedule a photo op of our carvings. It is unknown when they will be published. Hopefully it’ll be good exposure for us.

TIP from Jack Simpson: soak power carving bits in dishwasher detergent to remove sap & loosen up “fussies”. Lub flexshaft with grease at least once a year & wrap tape on your fingers to prevent broken wires tearing your skin



Paul Marohn, Ron Golly and his wife Janet

Heritage Village Country Jamboree Oct 24 Update

Many thanks to Ron Golly, Paul Marohn, Joe Kane and Glad McCurtain for doing carving demonstrations that day. 6800 people attended the festivities. Many people showed an interest in the carving demos. One home school group has approached the club about working with their children. Discussion and more information to follow.

Listing/Selling Carvings Online?

There are many ways to sell ones crafts online. Here is what Tampa member Jack Simpson does. He uses picturetrail.com to list and sell his carvings online. He says the web site is free and that people can easily follow the directions on the opening screen. When setting up the listing, the carver uploads a picture with a brief description and price. The web site periodically sends emails indicating the number of times the carving has been viewed. To see what Jack has done, go to picturetrail.com/tampajack



Steve Brown Caricature Carving Class Dec 3-5

United Methodist Cooperative Ministries Center, 403 1st Ave. SW, Largo

Great opportunity . Small class of approx 8+ people. There are still openings.

Develop new carving techniques, hone skills for January Show piece or carve Christmas gifts/ornaments. \$160. Contact Chuck Harrison or Glad McCurtain regarding registration.



Suncoast Woodcarvers Club Show Jan 16-17, 2016

Seminole Rec Center, 9100 113th St N, 10am-4pm

See update in Oct minutes as more information continues. John Roush asks that people consider renting a table (very reasonably priced) to display their carvings, have them for sale, and demonstrate carving techniques/tips. Also, soon the club will republish the competition categories so that carvers can plan to enter their works. Several ways to help make the 2016 Show a huge success: Rent table space, help with Fri. set up &/or Sun. clean up, carve door prizes on Dec 15, 22 \$3 fee waived, follow up with possible advertising circulars (contact John Roush), staff ticket/greeter table on show days, Last year experienced a greater interest from the community and had more visitors than in past years. The club's purpose is to promote the art of woodcarving, and our show brings focus on the value and enjoyment of this folk art.



The Florida Woodcarvers RoundUp Feb 2-5, 2016

Long Center, 1501 N. Belcher Rd., Clearwater, 8:30-4pm

According to Roundup director Jim O'Dea, the annual Roundup offer a variety of instructors and types of carving at a very reasonable price. This affords students to take classes from several different instructors and learn many new techniques and skills. Many one-day projects take more than one day to complete but, in that day, you can learn the techniques needed to finish the project at your own pace. This is a great opportunity to see the instructors projects and sample their teaching techniques." Pre-registration begins around December 1. Walk-ins welcome; however, some classes fill quickly. Therefore, pre-registration is encouraged. For more information, go to: <http://webspace.webring.com/people/qj/jeodea/>



Second Florida RoundUp, Feb 8-11, 2016

Turner Center, Arcadia

The Arcadia Roundup will have similar instructors and classes as at Clearwater. Arcadia has many RV spaces with water and electric available at a cost of \$28.00 a night Multiple RoundUps in the area may be an incentive for out of state instructors to make the trip to Florida especially during winter months. 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/>