



Kansas City Chipper

David McCool – President • Paul Cast – Vice President • Mike Lawrence – Secretary • Mike Resch - Treasurer

✦ Minutes of the November 30, 2010 Meeting ✦

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President David McCool. Officers were introduced. David reminded members to wear their name tags to help us get to know each other better.

Secretary's Report

David asked for a motion to accept the October minutes as listed in the KC Chipper unless changes were needed. A motion was made, seconded and voted on in the affirmative to accept the minutes as presented.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was given by Mike Resch and was accepted as presented.

Friendship and Concerns

No concerns were noted.

Two visitors were present. These were Paul Channels, from Odesa, MO and Andrew Combs of Leavenworth, KS. We were glad to have both of these gentlemen present. We hope they enjoyed our meeting and hope

they are interested enough to become members.

David said that our membership is down and that we should start recruiting some new members. He said that sometimes all it takes is a little push and some encouragement to come and be a part of our club.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



2010 Christmas Dinner & Gift Exchange

Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2010, 7:00 pm, Faith Lutheran Church, 67th & Roe, Prairie Village, KS. This will be a pot luck dinner so bring a dish & come enjoy with

your fellow woodcarvers! There will also be a carving gift exchange. If you bring a gift you will receive a gift. The gift should be a woodcarving or be woodcarving related and in an appropriate package or wrapping so that it is not obvious what the gift is, relatively inexpensive & no larger than approximately 8 inches if it is a woodcarving.

New Members

We would like to welcome our two newest members. They are:

David Bratton of Lee's Summit, MO and Tim Morse of Oak Grove, MO.

We are glad you decided to join us. We look forward to seeing you at upcoming meetings & events!

Library

David said the club was in need of a lockable cabinet in which to store the library. Preferably one that is portable so that it can be moved easily. He said that we were hoping that someone who is a woodworker would volunteer to build one for us or maybe someone would donate one. He asked that if you would like to help, that you talk to Randy George about the size he needs.



Old Business

Show Committee Report

David gave a brief report on several items covered in the last Show Committee meeting and the decisions that were made pertaining to our upcoming show. The committee met on November 8. David's report was as follows:

Advertising

Jim Willis gave a report on the advertising that will appear in the Kansas City Star. There will be 5 ads. Jim had been promised by his contact at the Kansas City Star that he would hold the price. So it was Jim's understanding that even though the price of advertising has now increased, that our price would be held to the same as last year.

Ornaments

At our last regular monthly meeting held on October 26, there was quite a bit of discussion on the ornaments that we usually carve for sale for the club at the show. It was felt by the committee that we need to open up the category of these ornaments to include not just Christmas ornaments, but also other things that would be seasonally appropriate. Since the show is not held during the Christmas season it wouldn't particularly have to be a Christmas ornament. However, anything that we carve for this sale should be ornament size. That way if anyone wanted to use it as an ornament, they could do so.

Carving Quality

There was also some discussion as to the quality of the ornaments that we have and have had in the past. It was suggested by the committee that we relate to you that if you want to bring your ornament carvings for sale, that you attach your business card to the carving. The feeling was that if you are proud enough of your carving to put your name on it, then it will probably be good enough to sell.

Display For The Sale

There was considerable discussion as to how to display the ornaments this year. As you recall in the past they have been displayed hung on a Christmas tree at the entry table. This does not seem to be a good process. So someone is going to build or make for us a nice peg board type arrangement so that the ornaments can be hung individually and be more visible than if they were hung in the greenery of a Christmas tree. Sales of our Christmas ornaments over the past couple of years have not been real good. So we are trying to think of ways to improve sales.

This year the ornaments will not be located at the entrance table, but will be at a separate table just past the entrance table which will be a better location. This should also improve sales. We will be needing volunteers to man this table. Sandy Prentice will be contacting folks as the show date approaches, to work at that table as well as at the entry table. There will also be a variety of prices this year which will be at the discretion of the person in charge of the table.

New Business

Woodworking Show

David announced that the Woodworkers Show is coming up the last weekend of January. Dennis Broockerd has handled that for many years in the past but Dennis wants to pass the job on to someone else. The deadline to let the Woodcarving Show Committee know of our intentions is December 3rd, just 3 days away. David said that he needs someone to volunteer for this job and that Dennis would work with whoever takes it.

After some time of coaxing, and no one volunteering, David felt we needed to put it to a vote as to whether we participate or not participate. Receiving only silence, David said that we would be dead in the water on the issue if there was no motion.

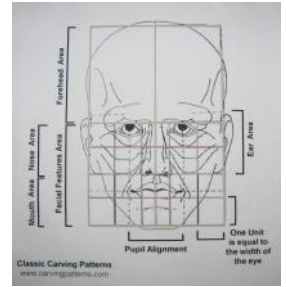
There was some discussion but still no volunteers to head up the event and no motion was ever made. David said that no action on this would kill our participation. David then, after waiting a time, stated that due to no action, "We would not be participating in the Woodworking Show this year". Mike Resch said that he would send the email to the Woodworking Show advising of our intentions.



November Program - Carving Santa's By: Randy George

Introduction by: Paul Cast

Santa Carving



Randy said that when carving Santa faces, he likes to start with the correct proportions. He said that this is one of the main things to getting the carving started right. He said that with the method he uses, the face is broken up into three sections which are: 1. From the bottom of the chin to the bottom of the nose, 2. From the bottom of the nose to the eyebrow, 3. From the eyebrow to the top of the face. Randy emphasized that the "top of the face" mentioned in item #3 does not mean the top of the head!

Randy passed out a pattern he made of a Santa face. He mentioned a couple of web sites he said are good for reference. They are "woodbeecarver.com" and "carvingpatterns.com".

Randy said that once you get the proportions right, all you have to do then is just take away everything that doesn't look like Santa.

One of the tips Randy gave us was that when carving the beard, don't use straight lines. He said you should make random curved cuts, for example, in the shape of "C's" or "S's".

He said a lot of people get stressed out trying to carve eyes exactly the same. He said that if you study a persons face you will find that they are not symmetrical. One eye will always be a little different from the other. So if the eyes don't look exactly the same that is probably more realistic. He said the more you practice carving facial features, just like anything

else, the better you get at it. He showed us practice sticks on which he practices carving the different features of the face. This helps him carve better faces. He also recommends using all the reference materials that you can such as photos, books, magazines or try to take a picture of Santa as he comes down your chimney!

Thank you Randy for your excellent presentation on carving Santa's. Everyone really enjoyed it!



Carving of the Month



1st Place Wood Spirit, by: Joel Johnson



2nd Place Indian Bust, by: Fran Cast

Indian Bust, by: Fred Arnhold

Driftwood Eagle, by: Charlie Baker



From The Show Table



Mahogany Lion, by: Joel Johnson



Snow Bird, by: Ed Burton



Pilgrim Couple, by: David McCool



Wooden Spoons, by: David McCool

Our President said that he finds it so interesting when folks bring in their carvings with all the varieties of styles that we have, from detailed decoys down to the very simplistic. He encouraged us to not be afraid to bring in our carvings. It's always good to see what everyone is doing. David also suggested that if you don't have a name tag, you carve one for yourself. You'll enjoy it.



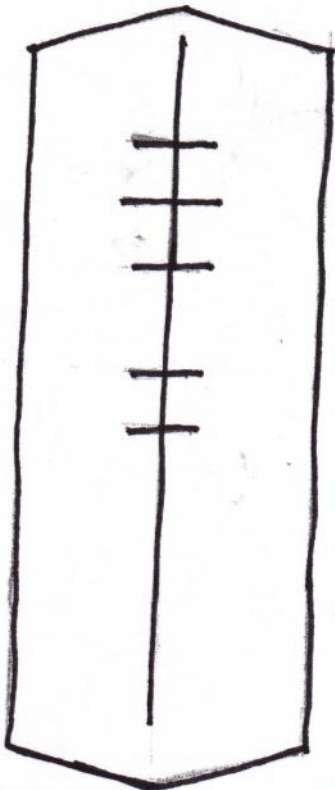
Scouting

Paul Cast talked about our participation in the Boy Scout Woodcarver's Workshop out at Camp Naish on Saturday, November 20th. Paul said that he only had ten or twelve scouts this time and a good turnout of our members to do the training. Those members in addition to Paul Cast were, Larry Everitt, Harvie Farnam, Bill Fitzgibbons, Randy George and Mike Lawrence. The scouts carved the three slides that Paul brought in at last month's meeting. Paul said the scouts had some concentrated help so they did a pretty good job. The workshop began at 8:30 am and lasted until about 3:30 p.m. Our members as well as the scouts enjoyed the day!



WOODCARVING WORKSHOP

Below: Santa Pattern from Randy George's Santa Carving Program



1/4" block cut diagonally



Randy George 2010



BULLETIN BOARD



- **December Meeting - Christmas Dinner & Gift Exchange** - Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2010, 7:00 pm, Faith Lutheran Church, 67th & Roe, Prairie Village, KS. This will be a pot luck dinner so bring a dish and come enjoy with your fellow wood-carvers! There will also be a carving gift exchange. If you bring a gift (woodcarving or woodcarving related) you will receive a gift. The gift should be relatively inexpensive.
- **December Carving Theme** - There is no carving theme and there will be no carving of the month or show and tell in lieu of our annual Christmas dinner and gift exchange.
- **The December Program** - There will be no program this month in lieu of our pot luck Christmas dinner and gift exchange.
- **Show Advertising & Work Group Meeting** - is scheduled to be held at 7:00 p.m., on January 10, 2011, at the Faith Lutheran Church.

Carving Opportunities		
Roger T. Sermon Community Center Truman and Noland Roads Each Monday morning at 8:00 am For info. Call 816-325-7370	Faith Lutheran Church 67 th and Roe, Prairie Village, KS Each Monday evening at 6:00 pm Info. Call 913-897-2521 or 816-322-0094	North Cross United Methodist Church 1321 N.E. Vivion Road, Kansas City, MO Each Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm For information call 816-741-8718
Blue Springs Parks & Recreation Building 400 N.W. Vesper St., Blue Springs, MO There is a \$1.00 per person fee. Each Wednesday afternoon 1:00pm - 4:00pm	Tomahawk Ridge Community Center 11902 Lowell Street, Overland Park, KS There is a \$3.00 per session fee. Each Tuesday morning at 9:00 am	Covenant Presbyterian Church Neiman and College Blvd, Overland Park, KS Each Thursday morning at 9:00 am Free - For information call 913-491-5422

Member and Carving Related Web Sites			
<u>Kansas City Wood Carver's Club</u>	<u>Barbara Akers Gallery of Artwork</u>	<u>Marty Epping Epping Creations</u>	<u>Lynn Doughty Out West Gallery</u>
<u>Lynn Doughty Out West Blogspot</u>	<u>Mike Lawrence The Woodcarvers Cabin</u>	<u>Loren Moseley On The Cutting Edge</u>	<u>Tim Rundall The Woodchip Shop</u>
<u>Rod Schrivener Rods Woodshop</u>	<u>Jim Willis Wild Life Woodcarver</u>	<u>Ed Zinger Woodcarving Rendezvous</u>	<u>Andy & Joyce Anderson The Knot Hole</u>
<u>National Woodcarvers Association</u>	<u>Carving Magazine</u>	<u>Woodcarving Illustrated Magazine</u>	<u>Wood Magazine</u>
<u>Woodcarver Online Magazine</u>	Contact information for the editor, Mike Lawrence E-mail: mike@thewoodcarverscabin.com 8108 NW Miami St., Weatherby Lake, MO 64152 Phone 816-651-0379	<u>Caricature Carvers of America</u>	

The Kansas City Wood Carvers Club was organized for the benefit of amateur and professional woodcarvers. Its purpose is for education, competition and fellowship with other carvers.

