



# SWA NEWS

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SOUTHWEST WOODCARVERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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## Board Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2007 - The Board of Directors convened a meeting at 8:10 a.m. All Directors were in attendance. Primary topics were:

1. Evaluation of options for continuing the membership newsletter. Contact had been made with two graphics companies. One company would not quote a price because printing volume was too small. The second company quoted a price that would have ended up costing \$2.68 per newsletter, including postage. The Board did not accept this as a viable alternative.
2. A second alternative was presented which the Board unanimously approved. This option focuses on the use of an electronic newsletter produced by a contractor (daughter of Jim Thompson) who would charge a reasonable price of around 50\$ monthly to produce the document and send it out electronically to those club members who have email. The majority of our members have email and it is time the club begin to use electronic communication more effectively. There will be no more mailed copies. For those members who do not have email a small supply of printed copies of the newsletter will be available at each monthly meeting. The newsletter will be more streamlined and efficient providing just the most important information required keeping members abreast of events such as meeting minutes, show dates, monthly workshops, and special meetings or events. Jim Thompson will be the coordinator of the electronic newsletter and the club representative with the contractor (his

daughter) who will compose it for electronic mailing. An advisory letter to the membership will be sent by snail mail as well as email to advise the membership of the Board's decision and also confirming email addresses. Additionally, the Board is looking to make the website much more effective in communicating with members. The electronic newsletter will be put up on the site monthly as well as other important communications like the annual calendar of activities, show dates and show rules, important events or communications. Members may access the website at [wwwswwoodcarvers.org](http://wwwswwoodcarvers.org) to read the monthly newsletter or stay abreast of the calendar and other events. Jim Thompson will coordinate with our webmaster in getting useful material added that will give the website greater utility for our members.

3. The Board approved the purchase of several carving "how-to" books at cut-rate prices to be used as raffle prizes.
4. The Treasurers report was made and approved.
5. The Board advised the Secretary that the only meeting minutes required by the By-Laws is the quarterly membership business meeting. However, each monthly meeting the President holds an informal meeting conveying information to the membership and seeking

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEXT MEETING</b> <b>SATURDAY, AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup></b> Catalina Room, Voyager RV Resort 8701 S. Kolb Road Call or email for lunch reservations at least three days in advance</p>
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## MINUTES

input. Minutes of these informal meetings will also be taken by the Secretary and provided to the membership to keep everyone informed of what is going on to the highest extent possible. The Board also gave feedback to the Secretary that they appreciated both the content and the humor in those minutes feeling that the humorous approach is appreciated more than a dry, factual presentation.

### REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND REPORT BY PRESIDENT JACK YANCICK

The meeting was opened at 12:15 p.m. with 26 members present. Jack introduced guests and we had one new member, Peggy Schroder, join. Welcome Peggy! Christel Busby did her usual superlative job reporting on health and welfare of our membership. Jack asked Secretary Rob Arnberger to report on the Board's decision on the Newsletter, which is articulated above in the

minutes of the Board meeting. Jack then introduced his "word of the month" as *oblique* and defined it as "not straight forward". A hush enveloped the room as each member cogitated on this word straight from the brain and mouth of our illustrious President and everybody came to the same conclusion - that no one could ever, ever, ever define Jack's style as "*oblique*". Most of our club members appreciate the "straight forward" style of business rather than the "*oblique*".

Show and tell was held as was the raffles. One comment was overheard by the Secretary that the lunch was still "pretty poor". However, the Secretary had personal discussions with at least 6, if not more, other people that thought the sandwich, bean soup, salad and desert offering was a big improvement over the past.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

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### DICK BROWN, WORLD'S SLOWEST WOODCARVER

Dick Brown is a charter member that has been instrumental in helping the club in any way he could. His wife, Audrey has also helped out at the table for years. When Dick served as president, it seemed the meetings went a lot smoother because he couldn't hear if someone objected to a proposal. Dick has been the newsletter editor two different times. He has helped raise money for the club over the years by getting projects started like friendship canes and wooden quilts and has served as President, Vice President, Treasurer, Board member, historian, librarian and has never refused to help when asked. He can usually be found after the meetings helping clean the floor with a vacuum cleaner he brings from home.

Dick has a saying that he is the world's slowest woodcarver. Turns out he is one of the world's fastest woodcarvers.

Thanks Dick for all your contributions!

James and Louise Thompson

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## WOODCARVERS MINIATURE WORLD

Our **Grand Opening Celebration** will be Saturday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 127 E. Hwy 70, Pima, Az. Starting at 10:00 AM there will be a flag ceremony followed by music, entertainment, refreshments and your chance to see the Woodcarver's Miniature World Museum.

Adults - \$5 Children \$3

This is Jerry Berg's lifetime dream coming to fruition.

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See the website for a map to the museum.

## Upcoming Events

October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Pumpkin Carving at Foothills Mall
November 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>	Foothills Show
December 8 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Party

## HEALTH & WELFARE REPORT

Dick Fink – had an aneurism repaired, we hope Dick continues to improve.

Nancy Ubinger – had her gallbladder removed. Our best to Nancy.

## OTHER NEWS

Bob McConkey and Dottie Mish will be moving to Pennsylvania on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Have a safe trip and we will miss you. Their new address will be:

170 Oak Ridge Dr., York, PA., 17402  
717-428-0342

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### RAFFLE - JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup> – Raised \$39

	<u>Donated By:</u>	<u>Winner:</u>
Warren V Tool	SWA	ROY GASKIN
Mammals by Desiree Hajny	SWA	MAX KUEHNLENZ
Arkansas Sharpening Tool	SWA	LEFTY THOMAS
Bottle Stopper Cut Outs	Dave Rushlo	MARIE ROBERTS
Oak Platter	George Korytko	GARY SLOCUM
Four Sanding Sheets	Dave Rushlo	LEFTY THOMAS

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### SHOW & TELL – JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup>

Robert Arnberger	Woodsman	Basswood / Acrylics
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Jerry Berg	Whole Museum	
Joan Eerkes	Chain Saw Bear	Juniper
Jim Thompson	Walking Cane	Diamond Willow

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50 / 50 June 14<sup>th</sup> won By Peggy Schroder

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New Member – Peggy Schroder – 1068 N Rama Rd,, Green Valley, AZ 85614 520-207-2615

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The June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting had 27 members in attendance, same time last year was 31.