



MARCH 2008

**Meeting Minutes February 9, 2008
submitted by Rob Arnberger, Secretary**

The general membership meeting was called to order by President Jack Yancick at 12:30 p.m. Jack welcomed all new members and visitors. He announced the **word-of-the-day** was **Stymie**, defined as "to block or impede". The membership experienced a collective sigh of relief that the word was a simple one, easy to apply, and one everyone recognized. So as not to **stymie** the good will of the membership Jack quickly moved on to, as it turned out, a mercifully short meeting!

Announcements:

1. Jack and Marie will soon meet with the County Fair officials to set up details about the SWA booth we normally open at the Fair. There is a need for two or three volunteers per day to man the booth and answer questions and to demonstrate carving if they wish. The Fair runs from April 17 through 27 and we need a strong showing of volunteers. Please notify Jack immediately if you can volunteer because he needs names in order to get the free entry passes. Not enough volunteers will **stymie** the club's ability to cover manning the booth.
2. On March 29 the club will hold its annual Spring Picnic at Joan and Dave Eerkes home. Please sign up during the March meeting to indicate if you are coming. A map will be provided. They live on the far northwest side of town and we are grateful for their generosity in hosting this event. The picnic starts in the mid morning and continues to around 2 pm. Bring food to share and grill for lunch!

Your lack of attendance will **stymie** your gastronomical enjoyment.

3. The normal March meeting will be held where we had the February meeting. Your lack of attendance will **stymie** your carving enjoyment.
4. Jim and Louise Thompson reminded the membership that they need contact from the membership each month indicating whether they intend to eat the buffet provided by the dining room. Prior notification is a must and if you do not make that notification it will **stymie** the cook's ability to prepare the right amount of food.
5. Membership Renewals are severely lagging! You must renew your annual membership at \$15.00 immediately. Late renewals are charged a late fee. Come on folks... get your renewal's to Jim Thompson. Failure to renew will **stymie** your membership in this great club!
6. Jim Thompson spoke about the relative effectiveness of putting the newsletter on the website. The newsletter is being sent direct e-mail and also placed on the website for everyone to see. Use the website address www.SWWoodcarvers.org to access the newsletter, the updated calendar, notice of activities and other news. Make it an effective site for YOU! But, you must have the Adobe Reader program installed in your computer so that it can "read" the information and not **stymie** your ability to get into the website. If you do not have Adobe installed, go to www.Adobe.com and download the free program that takes just seconds to accomplish.

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Board meetings are held four times a year in
February, May, August and November. The
Board members will determine the exact
days each month and they will be posted in
the Newsletter. Any member can attend a
Board meeting although they cannot vote.

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7. Notify Jim Thompson if you plan on attending the annual **Greer Carving Get-together** in Greer, Arizona up in the White Mountains. Rooms are limited in the area. Camping is great if you want. But, "Prior Planning Prevents Poor Performance" and is important in order to get a place to stay. Procrastination will **stymie** your attendance and enjoyment!

Show and Tell and Raffles were held. The meeting was adjourned around 1:00 p.m.

Raffle and Show and Tell

We had nine items on the raffle table in February. Winners were **Susan Kleismit, Lefty Snyder, Vern Preator, Dan Williams, Roy Gaskin, Jack Yancick, Andy Martin, Dick Johnson** and one person who didn't sign the sheet.

The show and tell table was full with a lot of excellent carvings. **Larry Finch** had a relief carving of an elk in a clear cedar slab donated by **Conrad Slonaker; Jack Yancick** – a bear carved in basswood; **Lefty Snyder** – a bola tie in mahogany; **Bill Milligan** – a cowboy in bass wood; **Andres Quiroz** – race cars in pine, **John Martin** – an angel and loon in tupelo, and a chicken and warrior in black walnut; **George Korytko** – a clock in maple and walnut; **Susan Kleismit** – a caricature of Bill Milligan and a hillbilly in basswood; and Chef **Regan Bach** – carved fruit, mango and honeydew.

Apologies to last month's show and tell participants omitted from the newsletter. They were **Chuck Hutler** – buffalo horn and bark carving; **Steve Trowbridge** – Trout; **Tom Terrall** – fish, Coho Spirit and a Native American; **Dave Myers** – an Indian condo in cottonwood bark; **Vern Preator** – a relief carving; **Chuck Trinko** – an Indian; **Darlene Burson** – a baby in basswood finished with oil; **Dave McVey** – bears in bass with oil; and **Bill Bartolic** – a bird man, woodruff and Viking ship.

Health and Welfare

It as good to see Dick Brown and his lovely wife Audrey at the meeting. Dick has been on the sick list, but he is looking well now.

Other February News

Roger Hasey brought sweet rolls to the February meeting. Thanks Roger.

There were 41 members present and 6 guests. The March meeting will be held in the Arizona Room again. It was a little crowded in the parking lot last time because of a swap meet going on.

Doris Trinko won the 50/50 of \$13.00 and **Louise Thompson** won the free lunch. **Chef Bach** also got a free lunch for giving a program on carving fruit. This was great, because you could eat your mistakes.

Future Programs

March 8th –Three Minute Owl – Chuck Trinko

April 12th – Bark Carving – Dave Myers

May 10th – Carve a Bola Tie – Lefty Snyder

June 14th – Carving Noses – Doug Raine

July – no class

August – no class

Treasurer's Message

There are about 30 members who have not paid their annual dues. Remember you will be dropped from our membership if you do not pay by the March meeting. After that March meeting you will need to pay an additional \$5 (\$30 per person) to rejoin.

Finishing Techniques

The following suggested techniques for finishing carved projects is a compilation of tried-and-true methods used by our members. The club has not tested each formula and therefore takes no responsibility for the effectiveness of suggested methods. They are offered to you with thanks noted to each contributor.

Mike Kowalski learned this from a Bishop's class:

1. wash finished carving with diluted soap & soft brush
2. paint with very diluted water soluble colors
3. dip or brush on boiled linseed oil; this will bring out color
4. after it dries, cover with wax to produce a dull sheen

Dan Masterson says, "I prefer to show the character of the wood, so I use butternut for many

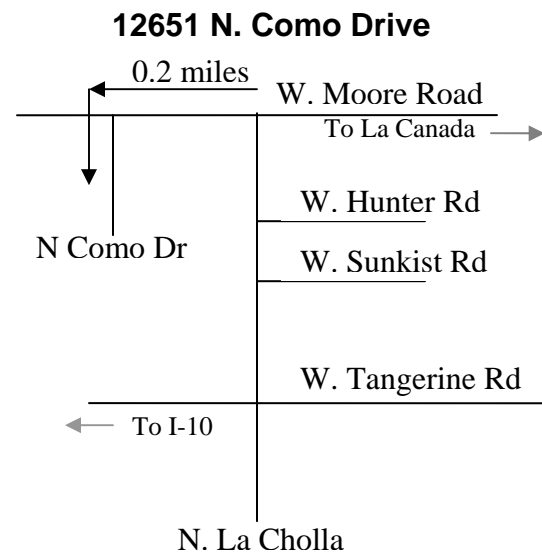
projects. I photograph impressive bronze statues and reduce them to drawings which I transfer to wood. I finish these with tinted varnish-stain. For birds and kachinas which need colors, I paint directly on the wood with oil paints (as you would a picture) then spray over with clear or very lightly tinted varnish.

Daniel Williams removes pencil marks by scrubbing with soap and water using an old toothbrush. Wipe thoroughly and air dry.

Neil Everincham uses emery cloth then cleans his carving with turpentine. Next apply several coats of a mixture of boiled linseed oil and turpentine and allow to dry between each coat. This really penetrates the wood. Finally, hand rub to highlight the grain.

Picnic – March 29th

Dave and Joan Eerkes have graciously offered their home for our annual picnic. Bring your projects and be ready to carve after we chow down. Non-carvers bring your cards, dominos, etc.



From Saddlebrook - take Oracle to Tangerine; turn east and go to La Cholla; then right (north) to Moore Road; turn left on Moore and go about .2 miles to Como; turn left onto Como Drive

From Other Directions – get to Orange Grove, Ina or Tangerine Road; go north on La Cholla to Moore Road; turn left on Moore and go about .2 miles to Como; turn left onto Como Drive