



APRIL 2008

Meeting Minutes March 8, 2008 - submitted by Secretary Rob Arnberger

President Jack Yancick opened the meeting using his stentorian voice and active gavel at 12:44 p.m. He welcomed all the members and those new members who had remained. He introduced his famous "word of the month" as "**Retrograde**" defined as a "move backward or to deteriorate". The membership, as usual began to experiment with the use of the word and the room decorum began a **retrograde** to high school sophomore level. After regaining control President Yancick made his usual announcements.

Due to conflicts the club picnic scheduled for March has been rescheduled for May 3, 2008... same time and place. If you want a breakfast of pancakes show up around 8 am. promised by cook Jack Yancick as a **retrograde** dining experience. If you come later in the morning ready for lunch bring a covered dish to share and your own fixin's for the barbeque grill. Oh... bring your carving tools as well for a wonderful carving experience.

Gary Slocum did a fantastic job contacting club members and getting them to volunteer for duty at the annual County Fair. If you wish, you can submit a carving for display at the Fair and allow the public to vote for a "People's Choice" award. In order to assure your free entry volunteers will be given passes. Thanks to all of you that volunteered—you will not regret it because it is NOT a **retrograde** experience.

Vice President Mane Roberts suffered a fall from tree at her home and broke her foot. No one could accurately report on why she was in the tree or why she fell and one can only look forward to some sort of **retrograde** report from her when she returns to better health! We wish you well Marie, but look forward to getting answers to the basic questions

posed! Oh... we also learned that she did not break her carving foot... she is still able to carve with the other foot!

Jack announced the ribbon winners at the annual Mesa show. Members of the club won an astounding number of ribbons and we can be proud of the quality of carving going on in Southern Arizona!

Dave Myers will be teaching cottonwood bark carving next month. Because of the difficulty of providing bark to everybody he recommends students to bring a sweet potato or yam. Now if this isn't **retrograde** I don't know what is... but it will be interesting to see how these carving items will substitute for cottonwood bark. At any rate, thanks Dave for volunteering to teach your famous specialty!

The Foothills Mall show has been set for the first weekend in November, 2008. The week before Halloween will again find the club demonstrating pumpkin carving at the Foothills Mall. It was announced there is room for 8 more people to take famed animal carver Maddy Pulsiver's course on April 11, 12, 13 to be held at Doug Raine's studio.

A survey of the local carving get-togethers and clubs was made and will appear elsewhere in the newsletter and will be put on the website for member's reference.

There will be a Board meeting next month starting at 8 a.m.

Show and Tell was held and the raffles saw some real winners. The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 P.M.

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Meetings are held on the second Saturday of
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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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NEW MEMBERS

Barb Sorensen, wife of Bob Sorensen, has
become a member. **Jim Crawford**, a former
member, has rejoined. His address is:

Box 42
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Welcome to both Barb and Jim!

HEALTH AND WELFARE

As mentioned in the Secretary's report, **Marie Roberts** broke her foot when she fell from a tree.

Susan Kleismit suffered a neck injury in an auto accident. She had a neck brace on but that didn't keep her from the meeting. She will need an operation.

Our best goes to Marie and Susan, for a speedy recovery. Out thoughts also go to **Dick Fink, Nancy Ubinger** and **Martha Wallis**.

MARCH 8th MEETING

Free Lunch – won by **Dan Williams**

Show & Tell

George Whitehead - Indian Ruin, Black Willow/Sealer

Larry Finch – Horse / Arrowhead, Bass / Deft

Bob Sorensen – Lumberjacks, Bass/Acrylic

Ron Leitzh – Mule

Dave Meyers – Eagle Bust, Cactus Root Inlay Bowl, Spruce Burl

Dan Williams – Clock, Plywood

Dewey Dewit – Cow/Calf, Bass

Doug Raine – Sideman, Bass/Acrylic

We had fifty-two members and five guests at our meeting in March.

Chuck Trinko gave a class in carving a 3 Minute Owl. I noticed people still carving on the owl two hours after 3 minutes. Do you think Chuck should change the title to a 30 Minute Owl? It could be because owls only come out at night.

(MARCH MEETING cont.)

We had eleven items on the raffle table. The following members won raffle prizes – **Bill Milligan, Bob Sorensen, Andy Wurtzel, Larry Finch, George Korytko, Doris Trinko, Ragan Bach, Susan Kleismit** and **Dan Williams**. Thanks to the **WoodWorker’s Source** for donating a \$25 gift certificate. Thanks also to **Don Allman’s** for his donation of a deluxe tool set (**Doris Trinko** can now build a complete model train village) and a V-gouge for the raffle table.

Thanks also to **Jim Thurnau** for bringing in a box of fresh lemons.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 11th – 13th

There will be a seminar at Doug Raine’s. The instructor will be Madie Pulsifer. Cost \$155.

Madie is a professional carver/instructor and an expert on realistic animal carvings. **Dewey Dewit** is in charge of reservations so call him at (520) 299-4563.

April 12th

Bark Carving (Yam carving) – **Dave Meyers**

May 3^d

The picnic at **Dave** and **Joan Eerkes** place has been changed to May 3rd. Pancake breakfast is at 8 A.M. Bring a dish to pass and a T-bone or burger or hotdog for the grill. Don’t forget to bring your carvings to whittle on, or dominos, cards or other games to play.

May 10th

Carve a bolo tie - **Lefty Snyder**

May 24th – 26th

Memorial Day Weekend at Greer. Notify Jim or Louise Thompson if you are going and want breakfast – all you can eat eggs, sausage, pancakes, coffee and juice. The cost of eggs, and everything else, has gone up. The cost might be \$2.50 per meal.

June 14th

Carving Noses – **Doug Raine**

October

Pumpkin Carving at Foothills Mall

November 1st – 2nd

Foothills Mall Show

Treasurer’s Report

We have a little over \$6,000 in our checking account. We will have our liability insurance due and also our annual report to the Corporation Commission of the State of Arizona. Insurance will be \$300 and the report to the State has been \$10.

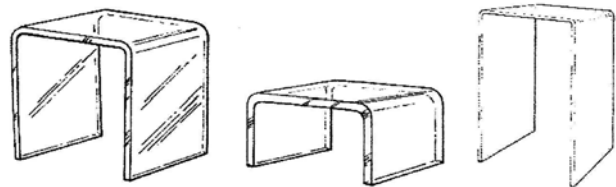
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Lightly used large collection of Plexiglass Display Fixtures called “Acrylic Risers” that jewelry and other stores frequently use to display their items. These are used stands with one flat surface upon which to display the item. They “raise” the item above the flat display table, can be covered, painted, or oversprayed to give an elegant and professional look to your display table. Using these not only adds a professional look but doubles the use of table space. I have light duty and heavy duty stands available. Both will work excellently to display carvings ranging from light work to your most heavy work.



SIZES AVAILABLE AND COSTS:

LIGHT DUTY

8 in.; 2 avail. @ 9\$ ea.
10 in.; 10 avail. @ 12\$ ea.
12 in.; 16 avail. @ 15\$ ea.
14 in.; 1 avail. @ 17\$ ea.

HEAVY DUTY:

6 in.; 10 avail. @ 9\$ ea.
9 in.; 3 avail. @ 13\$ ea.
10 in.; 5 avail. @ 15\$ ea.
12 in.; 12 avail. @ 18\$ ea.

Call me with your order and i will bring it to the next carving meeting or you can pick it up whenever!

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CONGRATULATIONS!

SWCA WINNERS ANNOUNCED, 19TH DESERT WOODCARVING SHOW & SALE HELD IN MESA, ARIZONA, FEBRUARY 16,17,2008

Our club was well represented at this prestigious show held every year, with some 300 to 400 carvers from around Arizona entering a wide variety of their carved art. Winners from Southwest Woodcarvers Association are:

Ed Snyder (Saddlebrooke group) won 1st place for his “Fan belt” plus a \$50 award for “best finish”.

Mike Kowaiski (Saddlebrooke group) won 2nd place for his intermediate level caricature; 2nd place for his intermediate level otter carving; Honorable Mention for his intermediate level mountain sheep carving.

Mark Erickson (Saddlebrooke group) won 1st place for his intermediate level Kestrel.

The Saddlebrooke group had several other ribbon winners who are not members of SWCA, but we extend hearty congratulations to them.

Chuck Trinko won a 3rd place ribbon.

Don Allman won the Chairman’s Choice Award; two 1st place ribbons and a 2nd place ribbon.

Bob Sorenson won the coveted Caricature Carvers Association Award, won three 1st places; one 2nd place; 2nd overall in advanced level, and the overall 3rd best of show.

Rob Arnberger won two 1st place ribbons; one 3rd place, and 3 overall in advanced level.

Jack Yancick won a 2nd lace ribbon, three 3rd place ribbons, two honorable mentions, and 3rd place best of group.

Roger Hasey won a 3rd place ribbon.

Susan Kleismit won 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons and also scored 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Best of Group.

Darlene Burson won a 1st place ribbon, two 2nd place ribbons and a 3rd Best of Group.

Chuck Hutler won an Honorable Mention.

Dave Myers won a 1st place ribbon.

Local Clubs & Contacts with Affiliation to Southwest WoodCarvers Association ***You can carve all week long somewhere!***

Green Valley Woodcarvers: Contact person is Don Moberg @ 520-777- 7182 or donmoberg@hotmail.com

Saddlebrook Woodcarvers: Contact person is Mark Erickson @ 520- 818-3080 or erickml@msn.com

Rincon Woodcarvers (Rincon RV park): Contact person is Chuck Ihie @ 520-572-1515

Easy Bleeders (Voyageours RV park): contact person is unknown.

Sun City Vistoso: contact person is Nancy & Gene McCullagh @ 520- 825-4813 or gnmcculla@aol.com

Thunder Mountain Woodcarvers (Sierra Vista): contact person is Gary Mims @ 520-458-4892 or cutinchips@cox.net

Western Whittlers (Woodworkers Source): contact person is Jim Thompson @ 520-747-9490 or jimcarves@aol.com

Wednesday Morning Woodcarving BS'ers: contact person is Doug Raine @ 520-297-2105.

Cochise Woodcarvers (Benson): contact person is Jim Crawford @ 520- 720-9743 at Apache Trailer Park.

Club Members Have Personal Carving Websites - Check them out!

Rob Arnberger displays his unique bird carvings and caricature carvings and takes orders for commissions: www.spiritsinwood.com

Darlene Burson displays her one-of-a-kind carved life size and lifelike babies and takes orders for commissions: www.heavenswoodenbabies.com

Jerry Berg invites you to his special carving museum over in Safford, Arizona displaying hundreds of his caricature carvings: www.jkberg@eaznet.com