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NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2008

Meeting Minutes for Business Meeting of May 10, 2008 – submitted by Secretary Rob Arnberger

- President Jack Yancick opened the meeting and welcomed all guests and new members. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the last business meeting in January 2008, as printed in the newsletter accordingly. Motion passed unanimously. The treasurer's report was made. A motion to accept it was made and it passed unanimously.
- Jack introduced his word of the month as **Reputed**. The dictionary defines it as "believed or generally supposed to be".
- The County Fair effort went well, although there still seems to be problems with Fair management regards to passes to the Fair for workers at the booth. If this can't be worked out to the club's satisfaction next year the recommendation is that the club sit out the event. However, much thanks to **Doris Trinko** and **Barb Sorenson** who manned the voting station. Without your help we could not have gotten the public votes in for a "people's choice" award. There is a **reputed** winner, but it was not announced. **Gary Slocum** was also publicly thanked for his hard work in lining up the volunteers to work at the club booth.
- Membership...don't forget to nominate officers for the coming year in the September meeting, so that it can be printed in October and voted upon in November. It is **reputed** that one or two of the present officers might not run again, so it is important to give some consideration for volunteers to fill their posts.
- There was some discussion about the Foothills Mall Show to locate a possible **reputed** empty store within the Mall, central to the show area, to put carvings in overnight on Saturday, rather than leave them out on the floor. The proposal will be turned over to the show committee led by **Jack Erickson**.

Show and tell was held and the raffles conducted accordingly.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous voice vote.

HEALTH & WELFARE

We have some sad news to report this month. **Reed Muir** passed away on Saturday, May 17th. Reed was a Southwest Woodcarver member since 1995. Services were held on May 22nd in green Valley.

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each month starting at 9:00 AM:

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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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We were very sad to learn that **Nancy Ubinger** will not be coming to any more of our meetings. Nancy has been helping out at the table for many years and always had a smile and hug to give. She also brought donuts and sweet rolls to our meetings for us to enjoy. She is one of the nicest and sweetest persons and she will be missed.

MAY 10TH MEETING

There were 41 members and 1 guest at the May meeting. **Doug Raine** gave a class with the help of **Bob Sorensen**. The title of the class was picking noses. Carvers got to draw their noses and pick which one they wanted to carve. A lot of fun and laughs at the big noses some of us carved. Thanks Doug and Bob.

Jack Erickson has put together new rules for the people's choice tables at the Mall Shows. Everyone that enters an item must agree to these terms or otherwise you cannot enter. This plan was approved by the board and Jack will have a copy of the rules on the web site and in the newsletter.

The 50/50 was won by **Jack Yancick** and **Sherrie Goade** won the free lunch. Raffle prizes were won by **Max Wilkind, Sherrie Goade, Larry Finch, George Korytko, Vince Ferrari, Bob Sorensen** and **Lefty Snyder**.

Show and tell – **John Dittmar** had a barn owl, **Bill Milligan** a maple walking stick, **Lefty Snyder** a 49er and **Bob Sorensen** a court room scene in the style of Master carver Nick Accordino.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 14th

Bola Tie with Lefty Snyder

July

No class

August

No class

September 12th

We need a teacher.

October 10th

Autumn leaves with Roy Gaskin

November 14th

Painting techniques with Tom Terell

December 12th

Christmas and Holiday Party

TREASURER'S REPORT

There were 23 members that did not pay their 2008 dues. A few forgot and also we always lose some and pick up new members. We still have close to 100 members. We should remember that dues are due in Jan. of each year. Some of us have been getting later and later each year. \$15.00 is not a lot of money. It will soon buy 3 gallons of gas.

Beginning Bal, Jan 1, 2008 \$5,336.82

Ending Bal, April 30, 2008 \$6,222.86

Income for the four months:

Raffles \$257.00 Membership \$1060.00
50/50 \$56.00 Vests/aprons/caps \$131.00

Total income \$1,504.00

Expenses:

Vests/aprons/caps \$78.51 Petty Cash \$57.50
Liability Ins \$247.00 Newsletters \$162.72
Christmas luncheon \$27.23
Raffle prizes \$35.00 AZ Corp Comm. 10.00

Total expenses \$455.24

PIMA COUNTY FAIR

The Pima County Fair was a huge success. Jack Yancick spent a lot of time there and also spent a lot of time disagreeing with Peggy who is the lady in charge. Jack threatened to pack up and leave several times but cooler heads prevailed and the carvers stayed to the end. A lot of people came by to see and admire the carvings including a lot of school children. Thanks to Gary Slocum for all his work and everyone that came out to help.

I got a call from one of the school teachers from Apollo School. One of her classes went to the Fair and some of the kids were interested enough in the carvings that she invited us to come to her school and give a demo and talk on our art. Jack and I went and gave a 45 minute lecture to one class that the teachers thought was great and invited us to talk to another class for 45 more minutes which we did. We were invited to come back in the fall. Everyone was impressed with Jack's three pigs and big bad wolf.

Getting back to the Fair, Jack won another blue ribbon for his pigs. (Don't you think he is getting a little piggish?). Larry Finch won a blue for a relief of an elk scene. Gary Slocum won a second for his bark carving, George Korytko won a second for his clock, Chuck Trinko won a third for his carving of a bear family and Bob Sorensen won a third for his carving of a plumber and girl. This was what the people liked at the County Fair. It was judged by the people and not professional judges.

ANNOUNCEMENT & ADS

Peggy Taylor would like to find a good source of boxes, suitable for carving. She has sold all the ones she had in the gallery. You can get Peggy's phone # from the editor or secretary. If anyone wants to sell or needs anything pertaining to woodcarving they would like to buy give a note to the editor for the newsletter.

EDITOR'S CORNER

Lets all thank **Bill Tickner** for the outstanding work he has down on our web page. He has supplied our web page at no cost to the club now and continues to be our web master. Thanks Bill.

SWA picnic at **Dave and Joan Eerkes** Ranch in the country was a huge success. **Bob and Barb Sorensen** and **Glenn and Betty Greeley** were stuck on the freeway for a long time due to a bad wreck. They called and said save some breakfast and they would get there as soon as they could. **Jack** supplied the coffee, bacon, waffle maker and other things for a real enjoyable breakfast. There were 21 folks there. After a few hours of carving and story telling or as some call it b.s. it was time to put on the steaks, hot dogs, hamburgers, and chicken and fill our plates with more good food. The desserts were yummy. Dave had to go to bed because he worked that night and had to go to work

again Saturday night. The weather was perfect and everyone enjoyed the food, the companionship, and the hospitality of our hosts. Thanks to Dave and Joan for once again offering their place for our spring picnic.

Western Whittlers has been carving at Woodworkers Source for 20 years. Yes, I started there in 1988. We have our own logo and patch designed by Al Jensen. We have had carvers join us from other states in the winter including California and The Windy City of Chicago.

Dick D'abate the manager has been putting up with us for many years and treats us like his sons and daughters. (Some of us are in our 80's and 90's) We will be adding more carvings to our wooden quilt hanging on the wall there. Some newer members of the whittlers are busy carving their contributions. Our members range in ages from 11 to the 90's.

-- **Jim Thompson**