



April 2009

**MEETING NOTES FOR MARCH 14<sup>th</sup> 2009  
by Bob Sorensen, Secretary.**

- Meeting was called to order by President Jack Yancick at 12:10 p.m.
- Word of the month. Jack corroborated that he forgot to pick one for this month. He asked Trish Jennings to pick one from his famous Bathroom Reader. She chose "corroborate" and Jack corroborated her choice.
- County Fair in April - Gary Slocum has signed volunteers to be at the club table from 12:00 to 5:00 each day. Chuck and Doris Trinko will be setting up the display cabinet to display members carvings. Please bring a carving for display to the Fair or to the next meeting. Chuck and Doris are willing to take some carving with them when they set up.
- Picnic - Joan and Dave Eerkes have agreed to host the spring picnic at their house again.. April 4<sup>th</sup> breakfast starts at 8:00 a.m. with pancakes, bacon, coffee, juice etc. Please stay for lunch, bring something to barbeque and a dish to share. Don't forget your tableware and your favorite beverage.
- Gary Mims demonstrated his method of painting and finishing his chip carved boxes etc. He had a table full of interested members soaking up his knowledge. THANKS GARY.
- April demo - Will be Tool Sharpening by Hap Chandler.
- Membership - Jim Thompson indicated that our membership is down to approximately 75. There are currently 25 last year members that have yet to sign up for 2009.
- Area carving clubs - There are currently 6 or 7 clubs that meet weekly in the Tucson and surrounding areas. Check out the SWA web site @ [www.swwoodcarvers.org](http://www.swwoodcarvers.org) for locations and contacts.
- Lunch - Jim Thompson was approached by the Chef at the Voyagers as to why aren't our members signing up for the catered lunch at our meetings. Several reasons voiced by our members suggested that the price was too high for the quality of the food, some would like a choice {menu} of food. Several options that were presented were a choice of 3 menu items, every one goes into the restaurant at staggered times. Jack Yancick stated that he would have the executive board discuss this. The main item of concern is SWA agreed to have its members purchase lunch in exchange for a meeting room at no charge. The chef expects at least 20. We don't want to jeopardize this plan and loose our room.
- Carving at Greer Az - Memorial weekend Sat, Sun, Mon. This is the 20<sup>th</sup>

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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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consecutive year. We meet at the Quaker Barrel where you set up a table to display and sell your carvings, socialize and carve.

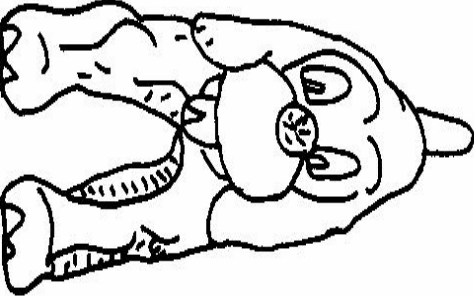
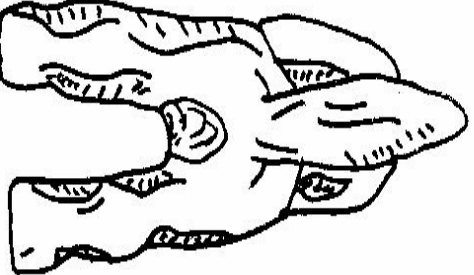
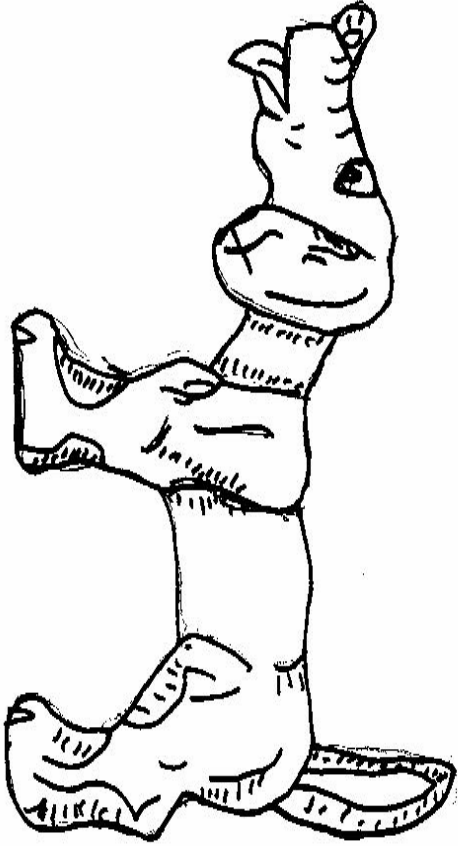
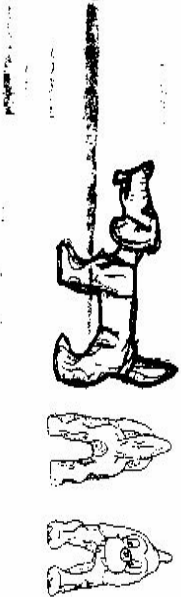
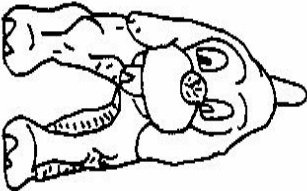
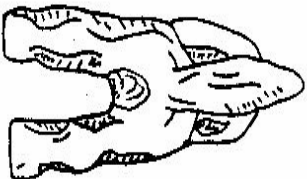
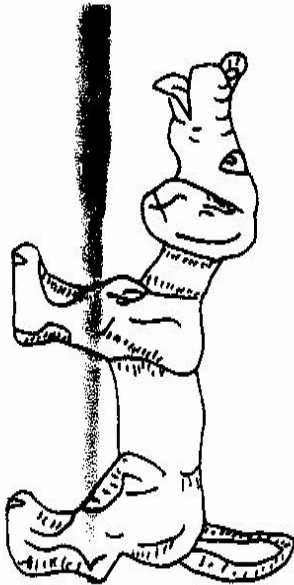
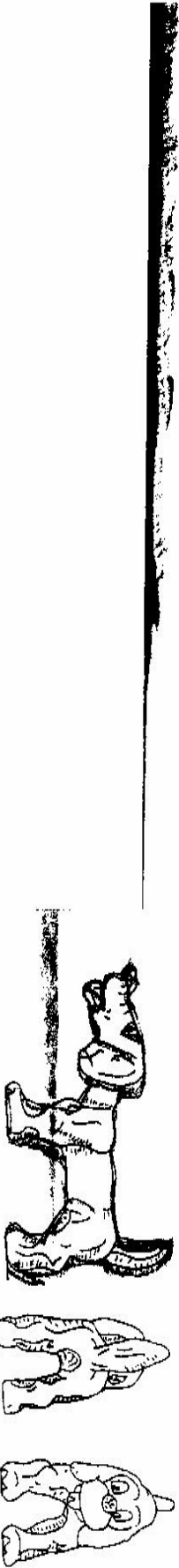
- Show and tell, we had a great showing by 10 of our members.
- Jim Thompson showed his litter of miniature dogs. Jim is going to teach this at a future meeting. He will have cutouts available
- Chuck Trinko showed his newest creation "skunk whistle" You lift the tail and blow in a certain orifice and the skunk whistles, could be worse I guess. He then presented Joan Eerkes a Mule whistle and Jack Yancick with a Bull whistle. There seems to be some connections here.
- Bob Sorensen showed his caricature carving entitled "one more"
- Chuck Hutler showed his first attempt at fish carving ,producing a very nice Trout.
- Joe Pinter, a fairly new member explained his two carvings, one is a cane that he is donating to the disabled veterans and a bark house carving.
- Joan Eerkes showed her three gourds that she completed at a workshop in Casa Grande. Very nice painting technique. Maybe a future topic for a monthly demonstration.
- John Dittmar showed his two Hummingbirds. They looked real.
- Doug Raine explained why he had to make eight more cowboy boot toothpick holders. He then donated a boot for a raffle item for next Nov. SWA show at the Foothills Mall. He has too many friends and relatives. He also showed his Cowpoke sitting on a fence rolling some weed.
- Trish Jennings showed her Maple leaf that she made at Roy's demo last month. She then embellished it with some nice wood burning.

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# MORE CARVINGS FROM THE MESA SHOW



PATTERNS FOR MAY



- Jim Thompson showed a Quilt that a former members wife made from patterns from a woodcarving book
- 50/50 won by Tom Terrall
- Raffle winners

Jim Thompson picked a gift certificate

Doris Trinko chose a set of Diamond bits

Marie Roberts chose a woodcarving book

Trish Jennings picked a nice wildlife book

Chuck Hutler chose a gouge

Bill Milligan picked a knife

Sheri Goade chose 2 cutouts

Don Allman chose a knife

Larry Finch chose a knife

- THANKS TO JOE PRESELY, DAVE RUSHLO AND SWA for all the great donations for the raffle.
- Meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

### **PICNIC – April 4<sup>th</sup>**

If you need directions to Dave and Joan's place for the picnic please call Joan at 520-297-8089. The picnics are always a lot of fun so please plan on being there if you can.

### **HEALTH & WELFARE**

Hope Christel Busby and Vern Preater can make it to the meeting in April. Our best to Dick and Audrey Brown, we miss you. You all take care of yourselves until we meet again. Not many charter members are making it to the meetings any more.

### **LUNCH**

The menu for April will be Meatloaf plus other things.

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

#### **April**

Hap Chandler will give instructions in tool sharpening at our April meeting. Hap will be leaving to go back to his summer home after the April meeting.

#### **May**

Jim Thompson will lead a program named "Going to the dogs." We will carve some little hound dogs. I expect that we will finish one or two and paint them. I will have a series of patterns and will try to have some cut out. Price will be \$1.50. In 1987 when this program was put on the price was \$2.00.

#### **June, July & August — No programs**

Larry Finch will need someone for the Fall and Winter months.

### **OUR CLUB POET**

I asked our poet if he could come up with some more poems for the newsletter. He indeed came up with five. We will have one a month. By the way the poet is Al Jensen. Al is also the author of several books. One of his books is on his WW11 experiences. It is very interesting and once you start reading it you will not want to put it down until you get to the end.

## **POEM FOR APRIL**

At Woodworkers Source

Huddled in a close corner walled by trophies  
Of their crafting, and joyous in their free association  
Are gathered a few men and women  
Exercising their wood carving skills  
Not for great gain nor for fame  
But simple companionship, the little group's members number  
Eight, or a dozen, seldom more  
They bestride chairs or stools or boxes  
Deftly they use treasured hand tools  
On basswood and pine, butternut, mahogany  
Saguaro or walnut chatting and laughing,  
Some silent and centered.  
On one wall hangs wooden quilt, some thirty panels of signed carvings  
Names burned in of present and past group members  
A memorial to the fellowship of the Western Whitters  
No dues, no officers, no meetings, no rules—  
And next to this quilt, under which no one sleeps stands  
A tall tree unpatterned by branches or leaves but rather incised  
With deep-carved designs and figures by group members past.

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