



CARVING TALK

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Presidents Notes: Well I made it through my first meeting as your new president.

First off, I want to thank all of you who voted for me to serve you as your president for another 18 months.

For any new members, I served a two year term 2006 & 2007. I'm not new at the responsibilities that go with the office, just a few years older and a little slower. You will find me to be a person who firmly believes in having chairpersons serving. This is not my club, it is yours, and I am here to work with you and for you. So I need your support all the way.

We have a great group of people and we have fun and enjoy the talents we have and love to share with others. If people like us don't keep it going, the art will die as so many others have.

I look forward to working with you and for you for the next 18 months. If you need to talk to me or have questions or directions, please don't hesitate to ask me and if I don't know I will direct you to someone who can answer your questions and advise you.

Keep the Chips flying and the Smoke rising.

Jackie Huston



2011/2012 RVWC Board RVWC Club Officers

President: Jackie Huston

V. President: Ed Carlson

Secretary: Rex & Sandee Sansfacon

Treasurer: Pat Scott

Trustee: Ron Collins

Past President: Dick Middleton

Chair Positions

Open House: Ed Carlson

Tables: Don Potter

Donations: Don Hogue

Awards: Jackie & Mickey Huston

Awards Dinner: Donna Waller & Jackie Huston

Seminars & Shows: Mickey Huston

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Ornaments for Kids: Ferd Kruetzkamp

Club Exchange: Bob Trame

Oregon Exchange: Mickey

Demos/Library: Dick Middleton

State Fairs: Don Hogue

Librarian/Sunshine: Pat Scott

Newsletter/Webmaster: Ron Collins

Interim: Rex & Sandee Sansfacon

Ron and Lucy update:

Ron has moved to a new facility . Progress is slow. But it is Progress! Lucy sends her Thanks to all who have sent cards & prayers.

Go to the club website and below the message for Ron and Lucy you will see a [send message](#) line if you would like to say hello or let them know you are thinking about them.

Keep the prayers coming!

New Address for Ron & Lucy: The Arbors of Milford
Room 203,
5900 Meadowcreek Road,
Milford, Ohio 45150

Club Happenings: Promoting and Sharing our Craft

Row by Row at Gorman Heritage Farms

Date: July 31 Time: 4pm till 7pm

This family oriented fundraising event for Gorman Farms, will feature locally produced food and businesses while raising money for the GHF Market Garden. Stroll the gardens in a country fair-type setting, taste local wines and other foods and enjoy a dinner made with the farm-fresh meats and vegetables. We'll have entertainment, informational booths, silent auction and shopping opportunities.

RVWC: Gorman Farms will give us a room to set up for carving and selling. Our tables will help show our support for Gorman, who in turn supports us, with the use of their facilities for seminars when needed.

To signup:

mickey@rivervalleywoodcarvers.org

For more information about and directions to

Gorman Heritage Farms:

<http://www.gormanfarm.org>

Sunflower Festival at Gorman Heritage Farms

Date: October 1 & 2 (Sat.& Sat.)

Time: 10am-4pm

A time to slow down and appreciate the sunflowers, the leaves turning, a walk through the GHF working farm and gardens.

A tent and tables will be set up for us to carve and promote our craft. You can also sell items if you have them.

Any questions:

mickey@rivervalleywoodcarvers.org



Library Showcase RVWC will do an exhibit at the Scheben Library, Union KY, for the month of September this year.

Please bring your items for display to the last meeting in August. They will be returned right after the first of October. The club will furnish boxes (which will have your name on them) to hold the display items.

However you will have to furnish your own wrapping or packing and it must have your name or initials on it. We look forward to your cooperation and participation as in the past.

If you have any questions, contact:
Dick Middleton
859/384-6634



Our Club: The River Valley Wood Carvers

For me, the club is a source of pride, accomplishment and friendship. From conversations I hear, from all the varied personalities and talents amongst us, the feeling is mutual.

While taking on the newsletter and website temporarily, my eyes have been opened to the many "hats" that every member dons to help make our club "A source of Pride".

I started to make out a list of members, their chair positions and what I am aware they do quietly to help out the club, or its members, while still carving competition pieces, gifts, or something for themselves.

The list got HUGE and the newsletter only had this space left, so I started thinking. I could enlarge the page size, shrink the writing, and make a picture out of the writing of our accomplishments that you could read with a magnifying glass and save a few trees. After thinking on that for awhile, my course of action was clear.

THANK YOU, RVWC!

Our Membership
is the National Treasure of our Club!

2011 RVWC Club Gift Exchange

Will be held at the Club Christmas/Recognition Dinner in December.

Bob Trame is the incoming chairman. The general suggestions are:

- Put your name on the sign up sheet stating you want to be included in the exchange. This sheet will be at most meetings. (9 members have signed up already)
- Bob will have Club wood available for your carving(2x2x7), burning(5x7), or chip carving(5x7) with him at the meetings.
- You can not add to the wood, only take away. (as much or little as required)
- When completed, you will need to wrap your gift and bring it to a meeting.
- It will be numbered.
- Gifts will be exchanged by drawing a # from a hat.

Past gifts can be seen on the RVWC website. Click on About our Club, then click on Recognition Dinner pics on the right, about 10 pics in, you will see all participants and their treasures after the 2010 exchange.



Oregon "Coastal Carvers" Club Ornament Swap update:

Sign up sheets at club meetings or email Mickey at:

mickey@rivervalleywoodcarvers.org

Due date: Nov. 17, 2011 (meeting date)

Create your signed ornament, place it, along with a short Bio of yourself in a zip lock bag. The bags will be numbered at the club and vice-versa for Oregon, like-numbered bags will be exchanged at the first meeting in December.

Oregon has already challenged us. Three of their young carvers have already completed their offerings and are ready for delivery. What are we waiting for.....carve, burn, carve.....Let the Spirit of Giving and Sharing our craft begin. And just maybe you might also enjoy a new friendship from across the nation.

Club Library

Have you looked in the club Library lately. What are you waiting for. Pat Scott our Head Librarian has been working to straighten up the books, DVD's, and magazines.

Here are a few that might have a gift idea or two to carve:

10-14 Celtic Carving Love Spoons

10-31a Carving Wooden Animals

10-07 Carving Boots & Shoes

10-15 Relief Carving

You can sign the book out for two weeks at a time. If you still need it, let Pat know, it's that simple.

If you have any books to donate to the library, Bring them to the meeting and leave them with Pat also.

Thank you.

Ornaments for Kids

- Is an annual RVWC Service project that all wood carving and burning talents can participate in and has been very successful



- with the children over the years. This year we have expanded to include St. Elizabeth Pediatrics and Redwood School.

All ornaments should be created with the children in mind and ready to hang on the tree. They should be turned in by the October 15th RVWC Open House to be entered in competition. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will receive ribbons and bragging rights. The final date for collection is Nov. 17th to give workers enough time to decorate the 2 trees.

This project and competition is open to all who would like to share their talent and the spirit of the season with these children.

For further information or if you would like to help decorate the trees, please contact Ferd K. at:

ferd@rivervalleywoodcarvers.org



Bits & Pieces



Congratulations
To RVWC member
Travis Wilson
for winning a place in the
Kentucky
Governors Scholarship Program

“A wise man’s day is worth a fool’s life”

Carving Tip: Always wear your glove and thumb protection, but if you do cut yourself here’s something to think on: **Black Pepper.**

Yes the kind on kitchen table.

As long as the cut isn’t real big, pour it over the cut. It will help to stop the flow of blood and it doesn’t sting.

Don’t Forget: Keep your Dues up to Date!

Wood Burning Tip: OUCH!

Hold your board at an angle to dissipate heat.

Do not hold your hand piece (pen) straight forward, you can’t see thru your fingers. Hold it at an angle. By doing so you increase:

1. Your view
2. Possible length of stroke.
3. Maneuverability. Keep your hand at a comfortable position. Turn the board, not your hand.
4. Puts a sheen on each feather or hair of your bird or animal.



Condolences

To the John and Barbara Dotson family on the passing of his mother July 21.

River Valley Wood Carvers website:

www.rivervalleywoodcarvers.org

Getting to know Us:

Bob Trame



How Long have you been carving: 34 years.

1st project completed: a dog and he still has it.

How did you get started: He joined the Cincinnati Carver’s Guild because it sounded fun and interesting. Years later, he would be President of CCG. He then joined RVWC and later became our President for a term.

Noteworthy: Served in the military for 3 years in Hawaii when it was still a territory and married Joan, his wife of 51 years, soon afterwards.

Bob is an Engineer. Garden Railway Train Engineer that is. He has been playing with trains for years, dabbling in HO and N scale, in the past. His first outdoor track was just dismantled recently in order to build a 2nd, 34’x 9’ layout, that contains 2 loops, crossings, and switches. He will be able to run 2 trains simultaneously, the first being The Hogwarts Express and the 2nd is a train for Muggles. This particular world would not be complete with out the Weasley’s flying Ford Anglia car which he is currently carving. (and looking good)

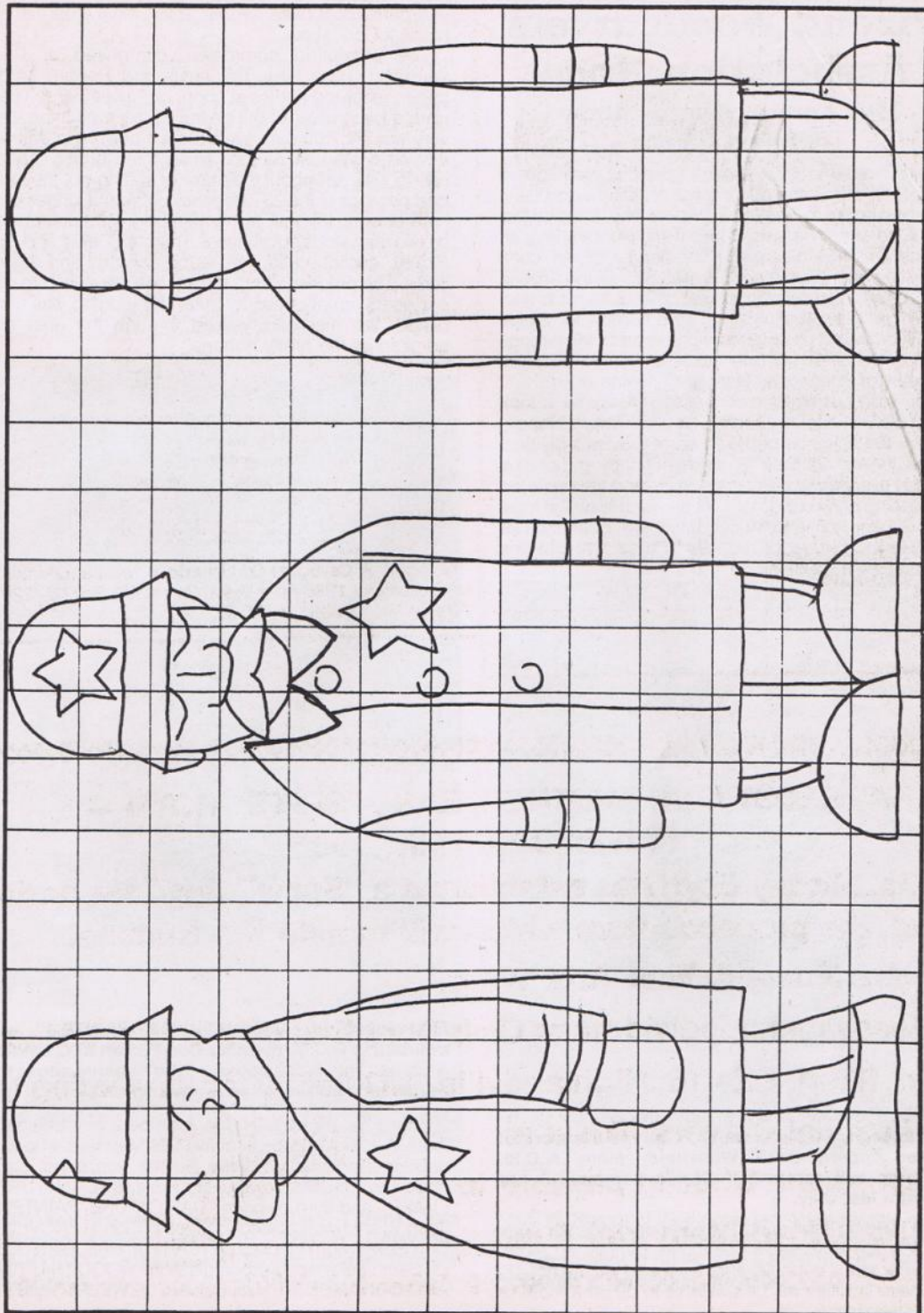
We are all invited to come out to see and enjoy his creation.

Side Note: 2 interviews = 59 years carving experience.

I wonder how many years will add up when everyone has been interviewed.



To new Member
Ryan Neu



The Mallet/February '86/ 45

Pattern courtesy of "The Mallet" from the National Carvers Museum

For any who are interested, there are also relief carvings of The Department of the Navy, Army, Defense. If interested email sandee@rivervalleywoodcarvers.org



Wood Burners Corner: Wood to Burn

Tops, of course, is Basswood. Birch, Poplar, Maple, and light colored wood will also do. Do Not burn Oak. The Odor will kill you! I love burning on natural basswood rounds with the bark on them. My supplier is: Au Sable Millworks (1-800-248-9261). Pieces run approx. \$1 for 3x3x5 to \$12 for 14x17x26.

