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***CLUB NEWS *SHOW REPORT *MWCA MEETING *UPCOMING EVENTS**

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NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

Good September to you all! How has your summer gone? Mine just flew by and now I am getting ready for Fall, Sigh! Hope everyone has enjoyed the carving out of doors, going to shows and maybe even got some swimming in this summer. I know I have. In fact I even picked up a new use for my used electric toothbrush heads. A carver/exhibitor at the Tri-City Carvers show was sanding small areas on a carving with this cordless sander. It was an electric toothbrush. He had cut the brushes off and glued on a sanding disc. Thanks for giving us a new DIY tool.

Now for happenings this fall. Saturday, October 15, General Membership meeting in Owasso, MI. It's that time again to gather a committee for nominating new officers. Comes around fast does it not? April will be two years since the last election and we will have to elect all the officers over again. How about staggering the elected officers positions? That way we don't have the possibility of having all new officers in the same year. Think about how this could be done and bring those thoughts to the October meeting.

Enjoy the Fall season with these shows: Spit N Whittle September 9–11 in Evart, Membership Meeting October 15 in Owasso, Rhadigan Carve–In September 22 – 24, Saline Carving Show October 8, and the Frankenmuth Wood Carvers Show October 15. Last but not least the Fruitbelt Carving Show Nov. 5-6 at the Cass County Fairgrounds in Cassopolis. For more information check on MWCA web site under Events. Have a good start to fall and see you at the meeting on October 15 in Owasso.

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NEWS FROM THE MULICKS

Where has our summer gone this year? We had so many 90 degree days and don't get me started on the monsoons of the last few weeks. As someone said on face book the other day, first we mowed lawn every 10 days and now we will mow twice a week to Christmas!

The fall season brings a more active carving schedule to most of us. The first show of the "season" was held August 27th by Tri-city carving club. They had wonderful things on display and for sale and it was great to see so many old friends. Thank you Ed Hak, for finding us a quiet spot to hold a quick MWCA executive meeting.

Spit n Whittle is next on the calendar. Sept 9, 10th and till noon on the 11th at the Evart fair ground. Attendance has been declining in recent years and I would love to see that trend come to an end. This is a very relaxed few days to get together with carvers from all over. There may be a few new projects available, but plan on bringing a UFO from home and put some time in on it away from the normal every day stuff that keeps you from carving at home. Check your MWCA calendar for all of the events scheduled this fall.

The semi-annual meeting of MWCA will be held on October 15th at 11AM at the Ponderosa Restaurant, in Owasso. All members are invited to attend and give us your input on some important things that will be up for discussion. We will of course have our 50/50 drawing and someone will get a nearly free lunch. All those in attendance will also be invited to help themselves to some good size pieces of basswood as well as habitat and bases.. A former carver has had to move to assisted living and is no longer able to carve. Garry and I drove to Detroit to pick up 4 boxes of wood and we told her son-in-law that we would do our best to find it a good home with current carvers. We hope to take home empty boxes!

The newest issue of *CHIP CHATS* arrived in our mail box today and in the back is our advertisement for the 2017 Learning Seminar. You will be getting a tri-fold with this mailed copy of MWCAs very own Chatter. Denny Serkenes has a supply of the tri-folds and it is also available on our web site. We currently have 47 students signed up and have rooms for lots more. Now is the time to think about what class you would like to take and also give some thought to what you might be able to do to help the seminar committee put on that great seminar.

CARVING CLUB NEWS

FRANKENMUTH WOOD CARVERS GUILD: The Frankenmuth wood Carvers just finished a Beginning Wood Burning class taught by Joy Sansburn. In Sept. she is offering an Advanced class which is already full. Preparation is in full swing for our October Show to be held **Sunday, October 16th.** Bill Sansburn is the Show Chair for 2016 and is working hard to get plans in place. If you still want a table please **contact Mike Madeja (810-412-4350)** for details or go to our website. **http://woodcarvers.webplus.net**

Did you know that there are references to carving in scriptures? Look at Exodus 35:29-33. The earliest wood carving found, dates from about 2500B.C. and was found in an Egyptian tomb, it was a three dimensional figure. Wood carving was banned in the Dark Ages also called the Early Middle Ages (400-1000A.D.) as creating images was forbidden. By the 15th century carving was flourishing in Europe with great carvers like Tilman Riemenschneider & Gregory Erhart (c.1470-1530). In the 17th century carving had spread throughout Europe, into the Scandinavian countries and many other places. An English carver, Grinling Gibbons (1648-1721) was employed as Master Wood Carver to the Crown of England. The first carvers in the United States were the artisans of the American Indian tribes, but much of their work was lost due how perishable wood is due to moisture, insects and air-borne fungi. Thankfully wood carving is still popular today.

TRI CITY CARVERS: Our July picnic at the Saginaw Zoo was great despite the hot day and accompanying storm, thirty-eight hungry folks came to share the picnic bounty.

Some of our members may be putting some of their carvings to sell in the new Frankenmuth Farmers Market store opening in the next few months.

Our "Woodcarving and Art Show" on Aug 27th was again a great day even though it rained a good portion of the day. BEST of SHOW was won by Mike Murdock who carved a beautiful owl and is a member of the Tri-City and Metro carvers. A relief carving of an old wood workers shop received 2nd Best of Show by Gregory Nye, who also won 3rd Best of Show with a caricature carving of a man carrying a brief case with "National Wood Carvers Museum" sign on it. Floyd Rhadigan from the Saline Wood Carvers won Best of Masters with a carving of a rock band. Gene Gubbins won People's Choice with his Walleye chasing a perch. There were 51 carvings entered into competition with Mike Murdock, Dave Harmon and Mike LePage judging the entries. Although it was raining our chainsaw carver Tom Gilman from Bay City managed to create quite a pile of chips and sawdust under his pop-up. To see more just "google" Tom Gilmam chainsaw carver. Close to 500 people visited our show.

The 2016 Michigan Waterfowl Conservation Stamp Commemorative Plaque of a Rudy duck Pair donated for the raffle by Colson Financial Services was won by Bob Holder of the Chief Osceola Wood Carvers and the carving bench donated by Dick Henning was won by Denny Sekrenes of the Mid-Michigan Wood Carvers.

Tri City wood Carving & Art Show Eagle Head Competition

The 2016 Tri City Wood Carvers included another "MWCA Eagle Head carving competition" in their Annual Wood Carving & Art Show, hosted by show Chairman Phil Westendorf. This year (8) eagle head carvings were entered into competition with an additional (10) for display. All the carvers entering the competition received an "Eagle Head Cane Competition" patch. The winner was selected by People's Choice voting during the Saturday show and Mason Mooney from the Mid-Michigan Wood Carvers won the competition and received a Certificate and $25.00 cash prize.

TRI CITY TIPS FOR NEW CARVERS:

Do not be discouraged If your first carving does not come out the way you wanted, don't be discouraged and quit carving. This is a new hobby for which will take time and practice to master. Learn from your mistakes and apply that learning to the next carving. Stay interested in woodcarving. I have found that wood carvers are a friendly lot. Get help from experienced woodcarvers at your local wood carving clubs and interest groups. And take opportunities to participate in wood carving classes. They will help you to enjoy the art of wood carving as you grow into an accomplished woodcarving artist.

MID-MICHIGAN CARVERS:

From Mid-Michigan Woodcarvers Club, we are still open every Tues & Thurs, Noon till 8:00 pm. if your ever nearby, stop and see or carving place. We will be open Oct 15 following the MWCA meeting.

FROM PROMOTIONS: we have new window stickers, so you can promote MWCA will your traveling, also have new supply of tote bags, Sat show at Tri-City was great. See me at all the upcoming shows, Spit & Whittle, Washington Carve Fest, Saline, Frankenmuth, and Cassopolis, for all promotion stuff, or you can call for mail order 989-277-5739 Denny, Safe travels and carving to all.

CHIPS & CHATTER

MWCA INSURANCE INFORMATION: Does your club do outside carving events or activities other than for MWCA? If you do you are eligible to purchase your own insurance through MWCA to cover that event. All you need to do is call the Hacker-King-Sherry Agency Inc. at **517-337-6000** and talk with Diane Scarlett. Her email is **dscarlett@hksagency.com** The cost would be negotiated with and paid for by the club.

REMEMBER: the Dayton "Artistry in Wood", will be held at the Roberts Centre located at 123 Gano Road, Wilmington, Ohio 45177. The weekend of September 3rd and 4th , 2016 (Which is Labor Day Weekend). More information is available at **daytoncarvers.com**

MWCA "Patriot Cane Program" Completed 94 canes for July and August 2016
From June 2007 thru August 2016 3464 canes have been completed.
Thanks to everyone that has contributed to the "Patriot Cane Program" program.
Without your help and support this program would not continue.
As you can see by this report the Cane Teams have been very busy. We could use more Eagle Heads.

Pfc. Albert J Peglow – Army Vietnam – Carver Vincent J. Rosolowski – Tri City Wood Carvers
SP/5 Phillip Morse – Army Vietnam – Carver Ray Pfenning - OWL Wood Carvers
SH2 Richard Breza – Navy Vietnam - Carver Vincent J. Rosolowski – Tri City Wood Carvers
Wallace A. Greene – Army – Carver Edward Hak - Tri City Wood Carvers
EN2 Steven Engle – Navy – Carver Gene Gubbins - Tri City Wood Carvers
Cpl Richard Haney – Army – Carver Richard Hanson - Wood Carvers Guild of Frankenmuth
FTG2 Thomas Marlette – Navy - Carver Gene Gubbins - Tri City Wood Carvers
Cpl William Fegan – Army – Carver Wesley Stewart – Midland Wood Carvers
FN1c Arthur R. Camirand – Navy - Carver Vincent J. Rosolowski – Tri City Wood Carvers
Rolland J. Aumann - Carver Gene Gubbins - Tri City Wood Carvers
Sgt Mickey E. Potter – USMC Vietnam - Carver Bill Hastings – Sunrise Side Wood Carvers
SP/4 Richard W. Kehrer – Army Vietnam - Carver Bill Hastings – Sunrise Side Wood Carvers
Tec5 Earl Chervus – Army Korea – Carver Mike Thorne – Happy Chippers
Pfc John Rice – Army WWII - Carver Mike Thorne – Happy Chippers
Sgt James D. Flynn – Army WWII – Carver Fred Turner - Happy Chippers
Tec5 Fred D. Cline – Army Korea - Carver Mike Thorne – Happy Chippers
SSgt Richard E. Danforth – USMC Korea – Carver Harry Hoig – Happy Chippers
Pfc Edward P. Duffey – Army Vietnam - Carver Harry Hoig – Happy Chippers
Cpl Ken R. Maynard – Army Vietnam - Carver Fred Turner - Happy Chippers
SP/4 Garry L. Gotham – Army Vietnam - Carver Mike Thorne – Happy Chippers
Capt Maxwell L. Carnet – Army Vietnam - Carver Mike Thorne – Happy Chippers
SMSGT Daniel L. Hamblin – USAF Desert Storm - Carver Mike Thorne – Happy Chippers
SP/3 Louie H. Kohloff – Army Korea - Carver Harry Hoig – Happy Chippers
Pfc Art Goatgy – Army Vietnam - Carver Fred Turner - Happy Chippers
TSgt Nathaniel P. White – USAF Iraq - Carver Mike Thorne – Happy Chippers
SM3 W. D. Hufsteadler – Navy WWII - Carver Fred Turner - Happy Chippers
SSgt Thomas Devine – Army Vietnam - Carver Mike Thorne – Happy Chippers
Tec3 Chester F. Wolanin – Army WWII – Carver Art Bucholtz- Metro Carvers of Michigan
Sgt Dustin J. Maansour – Army AFGH - Carver Ray Pfenning - OWL Wood Carvers
SPC Tory J. Taylor – Army AFGH - Carver Len Mathis - South Central Woodcarvers
Sgt Ralph J. Hilborn – Army Vietnam - Carver Richard Hanson - Wood Carvers Guild of Frankenmuth
SSgt Theodore N. Tees – Army Vietnam - Carver Gary Gracey - Fruitbelt Wood Carvers
LCpl David C. Wells – USMC Vietnam – Carver Wayne Neff – Metro Carvers of Michigan
SP/5 James Taylor – Army Vietnam - Carver Paul LePage - Sterling Heights Senior Center Wood Artists
SP/4 Ronald A. Wilburn – Army Vietnam – Carver Pat Weller - Lake Shore Carvers
BT3c Michael G. Vance – Navy Vietnam – Carver Bill Kilburn - MID Michigan Wood Carvers
Sgt James Claus – Army Vietnam – Carver Bob Paslawski – Washington Senior Activity Center
EN2c Roger E. Schlee – Navy Vietnam – Carver Chuck Sandeen - OWL Wood Carvers
AO2c Gary Musselman – Navy Vietnam - Carver Bill Hastings – Sunrise Side Wood Carvers
SSgt Leroy J. Meinders – USAF Vietnam – Carver Ron Vanderboegh – Lake Shore Carvers
TSgt Jeffrey R. Pohl – USAF SWA – Gary Arens – Dewitt, MI
Cpl HerbertWallace – Army WWII - Carver Ray Pfenning - OWL Wood Carvers
Cpl James H. Turner – Army Korea - Carver Richard Hanson - Wood Carvers Guild of Frankenmuth
YN1c Robert J. Hemingway – Navy WWII - Carver Gary Follbaum - River Raisin Wood Carvers
YN3c John Wallace – Navy WWII - Carver Bob Dixon - OWL Wood Carvers
SFC John H. Converse – Army WWII – Carver Keegon Mebert – Alto Active Achievers – 4-H
Coxswain Edward E. Anderson – Navy WWII – Carver Mason Mooney - MID Michigan Wood Carvers
LCpl Willis J. Penfold – USMC Vietnam - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
HT FN Frederick P. Dietz – Navy Vietnam - Carver Pat Weller - Lake Shore Carvers
SP/5 Andrew J Van Doren – Army Vietnam - Carver Gary Dentino - Fruitbelt Wood Carvers
LCpl Phillip R. Hill Sr. USMC Vietnam - Carver Jerry Francis – Flat River Carvers
SP/4 Richard N. Schoder – Army Vietnam – Carver Art Bucholtz – Washington Wood Carvers
SP/4 Ronald E. Monette – Army- Vietnam – Carver Bob Dixon - OWL Wood Carvers
SP/4 Randy A. Peterman – Army Vietnam - Carver Keegon Mebert – Alto Active Achievers – 4-H
SP/5 Lonnie G. Pearo – Army Vietnam - Carver Gary Dentino - Fruitbelt Wood Carvers
Capt. Marvin H. DeVries – USMC Vietnam – Carver Chris Floyd - Hartland Area Wood Carvers
Cpl John Salera – Army Korea – Carver Paul LePage Sterling Heights Senior Center Wood Artists

CDR Allan R. Carpenter – Navy Vietnam – Carver Jim Phinney - Sunrise Side Wood Carvers
Cpl. Ronald E. Balog – USMC Vietnam – Carver Wally Walcutt – Gladwin Carving Crew
Pfc. Brian A. O'Grady – Army Vietnam – Carver Chuck Sandeen - OWL Wood Carvers
BM3c Terry R. Vejr – Navy Vietnam – Carver Virginia Harthan – Woodwackers Carving Club
Pfc. Edward Mosley – Army Vietnam – Carver Robert Strobel – Greater Lansing Wood Carvers
SP/$ Charles C. Haskin – Army Vietnam – Carver Tom Bailey - Metro Carvers of Michigan
SP/5 Norman L. Cook – Army Vietnam – Carver Kurt Sherwood - Wood Carvers Guild of Frankenmuth
AME2c James H. Muys – Navy Vietnam – Carver Bill Weatherly - Blue Water Carvers
SP/4 David F. Foglesong – Army Vietnam - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
SP/4 William G. Hartman – Army Vietnam – Carver Donna Tripp - Sunrise Side Wood Carvers
SP/4 William V. Carter – Army Vietnam - Carver Donna Tripp - Sunrise Side Wood Carvers
Sgt Floyd E. Carmichael – USAF Vietnam – Carver Charles O. Smith - Hartland Area Wood Carvers
SH3c Michael J. Lutz – Navy Vietnam – Carver Paul Peach - Lake Shore Carvers
Sgt Larry D. Groothuis – Army Vietnam – Carver Pat Weller - Lake Shore Carvers
SFC Donald D. Roush – Army Vietnam – Carver Len Mathis - South Central Woodcarvers
SP/4 Sammy B. Jones – Army Vietnam - Carver Richard Dunham - OWL Wood Carvers
SP/4 Cecil R. Mark – Army Vietnam - Carver Gary Dentino - Fruitbelt Wood Carvers
MNC Richard D. Pfouts – Navy Vietnam – Carver Richard Pfouts - Sterling Heights Senior Center Wood Artists
Tec/5 Earl W. Wangelin – Army WWII – Carver Bill Przybylski - Metro Carvers of Michigan
BT2c Daniel A. Fowler – Navy Vietnam - Carver Ray Pfenning - OWL Wood Carvers
Pfc George L. Nail – Army Vietnam - Carver Ray Pfenning - OWL Wood Carvers
CM3c David B. Carter – Navy Vietnam - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
SP/4 Logan E. Werth – Army Vietnam - Carver Ray Pfenning - OWL Wood Carvers
SP/4 Allen G. Hauch – Army Vietnam - Carver Wendell Smith – North Woods Wood Carvers
Sgt William M. White – USAF Vietnam – Carver Bruce Olsen - Metro Carvers of Michigan
BMSN Steven A. Gregory – Navy Vietnam - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
SP/4 Arthur A. Straley – Army Vietnam - Carver Richard Dunham - OWL Wood Carvers
SP/4 Albert A. Lepeer – Army Vietnam - Carver Wendell Smith – North Woods Wood Carvers
T/Sgt Albert G. Williams – AAF WWII – Carver Howard Isham- Metro Carvers of Michigan
SFC James D. Clark – Army Korea – Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
SFC Verland A. Loveland – Army Korea - Carver Ray Pfenning - OWL Wood Carvers
EM2c Joseph Szabo – Navy Korea - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
Sgt Robert R. Murphy – USMC Korea - Carver Ray Pfenning - OWL Wood Carvers
Cpl. Gordon R. Wilson – Army Korea - Carver Richard Dunham - OWL Wood Carvers
Cpl. Emil S. Wieleba – Army WWII – Carver Rick Heaman
SP/5 David M. Bird – Army Vietnam - Carver Len Mathis - South Central Woodcarvers
SC1c Louis R. Van Cuyl – Navy WWII - Carver Ray Pfenning - OWL Wood Carvers

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	INFORMATION
9/3-4	Dayton Artistry in Wood show	Roberts Center, Wilmington Ohio	webmaster@daytoncarvers.com
9/9-11	Spit and Whittle	Evart Fairgrounds	231-734-5125
9/16-18	Rhadigan Carve-In	Floyd's Studio, Clinton MI	734-649-3259
9/23-24	Washington Center Carvefest XII	Washington Sr. Cntr Washington Twp	248-224-2902
10/8	Saline Carving Show	Liberty School – Ann Arbor Saline Rd	734-757-4342 734-944-5323
10/15	MWCA Membership Meeting	Ponderosa, Owosso	989-640-3551 616-340-6114
10/16	Frankenmuth Carving Show	Frankenmuth High School	810-412-4350
11/5-6	Fruitbelt Carving Show	Cass Co. Fairgrounds-Cassopolis	269-663-6096 574-825-2450

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