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**We welcome our newly elected MWCA Officers**

**FROM THE NEW PREIDENT’S CARVING BENCH:**

Well we had a very good Metro Show, I want to thank every carver that turned in an Eagle head, at Metro and Dewitt Shows. I received a call asking me to take the new title of President, I said wait a minute I will call you back. Well it took 3 days of discussion with Pat, (my better half ) she said go ahead, so I said yes I ‘wood’ run, so we had the meeting no one else ran and you got me. We had a very good show at Greater Lansing. Now, most who know me think I would have more to say. But the best thing to do is call me 989-277-5739, and if you can’t call, see me Sunrise side Show May 6-

7, then Seminar Midland May 15-19, and in June Evert Roundup 7 thru 10.

I want to thank every carver that turned in an Eagle head, at Metro and Dewitt Shows.

More next time, thank you, your new president Denny.

Thank you to all the clubs who voted for me for president.

Denny Sekerenes, President

I have been carving for 19 years, been at roundup for 9 yrs, promotions for past 5 years. I am looking forward to being president of this great organization.

**NEWS FROM THE MULICKS**

In just two short weeks, the 2017 Learning seminar will be going " full steam".

The last month has brought some cancellations to our student body. Those that are not able to come are experiencing some major health problems; needing a pace maker, chemo therapy, back surgery and complications from shoulder surgery to name a just a few. They all need to be kept in our prayers for strength and healing. We have been lucky enough to fill their chairs except for the opening that just happened in the Stenman's class. This means a constant shuffling and fine tuning the many lists that make our seminar run smoothly.

If you are interested in attending, it's really not too late to sign up. The following classes have room for students: Wayne Barton, chip carving, Gary Bityk, bark carving, Carol

Jean Boyd, cottonwood carving, Chris Howard, native American bust, Dick Lamphier, caricature, Floyd Rhadigan, caricature, Silvano Salvador, cane/walking stick or deep relief carving, Fred and Elaine Stenman, shallow relief and painting and Bob Thurston, caricature carving.

We have made arrangements to have a catered lunch every day, the raffle prizes are assembled and plans are underway for our Thursday night potluck. We welcome visitors to come over to Midland and look around. Wednesday seems to be the day that most projects are well underway and we can see what they are making. The instructors will happily sell you rough outs and the Cedar Bird Shoppe is bringing their "stuff" so you can pick up what you need.

Mary Lou and Garry

**APRIL MWCA ANNUAL MEETING**

We are happy to report that 35 of the 40 MWCA clubs were represented at this annual meeting. Thank you to all the clubs for attending the meeting. As you probably guessed the results of the elected officers for MWCA for the next two years are: President - Denny Sekerenes from the Mid-Michigan Carvers, Vice President- Larry Howard from Trial and Error Carvers, Secretary – (incumbent) Willy Stewart from the Midland Wood Carvers and Treasurer – Mary Lou Mulick - (incumbent) from the Grand Valley Carvers. Congratulations to all the officers.



**WILLY STEWART    LARRY HOWARD    MARY LOU MULICK    DENNY SEKERENES**

At each meeting someone wins a free lunch and this time it was your secretary Willy Stewart, good for you Willy!!

Since next year marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary for Michigan Wood Carvers Association, we have a contest to design the 25<sup>th</sup>

year patch. Anyone (carver, school student, spouse, grandkids, etc.) can submit a design. The winner will receive a \$50 check from MWCA.

**PATCH GUIDELINES:**

Artwork must look good at the maximum size: 3" X 4" or 4" X 3" rectangle or 3 1/2" circle. Or a "ribbon" that indicates 25th anniversary to

apply under our existing patch. Maximum of 5 colors allowed. Entries will be voted on at the October general membership meeting. The new patch will be available about the same time as the new calendars. (usually at the Frankenmuth Carving Show). Good luck!! Thanks you Sandy for handling the contest. Entry guidelines are also available on the Michigan Woodcarvers website [www.miwoodcarvers.com](http://www.miwoodcarvers.com) Send entries to Sandy Maleitzke, 1856 20<sup>th</sup> Ave, Marion MI 49664. Thank you to Sandy for handling the contest.

## CARVING CLUB NEWS

**METRO CARVERS:** The 37th -2017 Annual Show is now history. This year we had 41 carvers submitting 86 carvings and we had 91 tables. However, the quality of the carvings seems to still be very good. Our attendance was around 705, and the raffle brought in \$466.00. THANKS TO ALL who helped put this show together.

This year (20) carvings were entered into the Eagle Head cane competition with an additional (14) for display. The carvers entering the competition received an "Eagle Head Cane Competition" patch. The winner was selected by People's Choice voting during the Saturday/Sunday show. Chuck Sandeen from the Oakland/Livingston Carvers came out on top and received a Certificate and \$25.00 cash prize. Carvers from eight different clubs enter the competition. Thanks to Mike Murdock and the entire Metro Show Team for a really great show.



**FRANKENMUTH WOOD CARVERS GUILD:** Everyone in the club was excited about our member, Gene Durbin, having his American flag carving be the centerfold in the March-April 2017 Chip Chats. If you haven't seen it - check it out. The American flag carving won second best of show at the Frankenmuth show in October 2016. Club members have made it through the winter and didn't miss many opportunities to carve at the Eagle Nest in Frankenmuth. We had a great time at the Metro Show and hosted a table. This is a great way to get to know carvers in other clubs. Two of our members worked as judges for the Metro Show. They said it was tough work, but they enjoyed themselves. We hosted a table at the Lansing Show in April. Good to see lots of carvers from around the state.

**CARVING HINT:** From Olga Nims, a fish carver in our club. She hunts for bracket or shelf fungi and dries them. She swears they look like coral when dry. She has been known to glue them near tropical fish for added natural scenery.

**SALINE CARVERS:** One possibility for our October Carving show is combining our show with another event, like the annual Saline Craft Show. We could also do a two-day show instead of one day. We will keep you posted. We are also hiring a food truck this year.

**BIG CHANGES FOR FLOYD'S SHOP:** After many years in the same location, Floyd Rhadigan will be closing his shop in Clinton. He says the building needs major repairs and updates, so major that it doesn't make sense to stay there. So, he's looking for a place in Tecumseh. Stay tuned for updates. Floyd is also a TV star now!!

The local Ann Arbor access channel 18 will be running an interview with Floyd and our club and this year's show.

One of our members, "Pooch" has been carving lots of projects over the years and this is his most recently completed projects, a handsome Bighorn Ram.



**TRI CITY CARVERS:** The Michigan Taxidermy Association held a show and competition for Taxidermists and Wood Carvers who do wildlife carving. Dave Arndt won the blue ribbon for best fish carved, a Blue Gill and also took the "Best of Show" award for the Wildlife Art Exhibits. Also this past March at the Grand Rapids Ultimate Fishing Show Dave had an amazing result in the fish carving competition. He won the blue ribbon for best fish carved, a Blue Gill and also took the "Best of Show" award for the Wildlife Art Exhibits; including carvings, flat art and taxidermy. Double congratulations to Dave!!

The featured carver for our August 26<sup>th</sup> show will be Dave Arndt. If you have any questions about our show you may call our show chairman Ed Hak at (989-781-3846) email ehak@chartermi.net

**HAPPY CHIPPERS:** HAPPY CHIPPERS ——— Great News !!! Our Club has had new people join during the winter months !! Snowbirds are returning! We have carvers and wood turners involved in our wood activities. We have lathes and other machines to use. We are happy to see new people involved in our fun carving and turning projects ! Come join us ! We meet at the Hale Senior Center on Mondays from 6:00 — 8:00. Call Mary Ann Stephens 989-728-4022 for more info.

**MID MICHIGAN CARVERS:** From Mid-Michigan Woodcarvers, we now call the carving place, Carving World Museum, Home of Mid-Michigan Woodcarvers Club. We have been collecting and trading pieces for 4 years and have several donations on display and we are still open for carving Tues and Thurs. noon till 8 pm. We will be closed the week of Roundup, but if you ever in the area stop by to see what we are doing, call any time 989-277-5739 if I'm in I will open up to show the place off. Denny

**FROM MWCA PROMOTIONS:** We still have about 50 calendars to sell, special price of \$2 dollars each, now that's a real bargain because you still get the 5 dollar coupon, see me at all the shows and seminar, thank you.

**GREATER LANSING:** The 2017 Greater Lansing Woodcarvers Show included an "MWCA Eagle Cane Head carving competition". There was (17) carvings entered into competition with an additional (11) for display. 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. Charles O. Smith from the Hartland Area Woodcarvers came out on top and received a Certificate and \$25.00 cash prize. Carvers from nine different clubs enter the competition. Thanks to Milton Shoup and the entire Greater Lansing Carvers Show Team for a really great show. The new location at the Dewitt High School is an outstanding location for the Greater Lansing Show.



**SUNRISE CARVERS:** The Sunrise Side Carving Show is May 6th & 7th, 2017 at the Oscoda Community Center in the former Wurtsmith Airforce Base. Contact information is available at 989-305-6780.

**CHIPS & CHATTER**

**NINETH ANNUAL INDIANA WOODCARVER'S SUMMER CAMP** will be going on this year at the Pla-Mor campground in Bremen, Indiana, Aug. 10-13 this year. The camp is open to the public and all carvers are welcome. We have rooms set aside at the Nappanee Inn if you are not into camping. Call Marcia Yrineo 574.307.3462 or you can email Marcia carvingMYway@gmail.com

**MWCA MEMBERS:** A reminder to members that anyone can advertise on the MWCA website for \$2/month as items for sale or trade will be seen by a lot of carvers. Sandy edits the Chatter and asks that if a club has a newsletter to please send a copy to her for Chatter info. Also if anyone has a pattern to share she will add it to the Chatter. Sandy: civildee@netonecom.net

Clubs need to keep Terry Zobel, the MWCA website master, updated on club info, especially contact person, location and times of meetings. The website is often a new person's source for carving groups and info. Each club has a link on the website.

**THE "CHATTER" NEWSLETTER GOES OUT BY E-MAIL ONLY** on or about the first of the months listed below. All news to be included needs to be to the editor, Sandy Holder by the 25th of the month prior to publication. E-Mail and phone listed below. You can always read the newsletter on the MWCA website at [www.miwoodcarvers.com](http://www.miwoodcarvers.com)

**Please share this newsletter with the rest of your members** who don't receive it by email and **FORWARD THE NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL** to your club members who have email. Thank you.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

| DATE           | EVENT                        | LOCATION  | INFORMATION               |
|----------------|------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| 5/6-7          | Sunrise Carving Show         | Oscoda Community Center in the former Wurtsmith Airforce Base | 989-305-6780              |
| <b>5/15-19</b> | <b>MWCA Learning Seminar</b> | <b>Midland Fairgrounds, Midland MI</b>                        | 989-640-3551 616-340-6114 |
| 6/7-10         | Evart Roundup                | Osceola County Fairgrounds, Evart                             | 734-649-3259              |
| 6/12-16        | Floydfest Carving Seminar    | Osceola County Fairgrounds, Evart                             | 734-649-3259              |

**MWCA OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

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**MWCA "Patriot Cane Program" Completed 90 canes for March & April 2017**

**From June 2007 thru April 2017 3,786 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.**

**We need more Eagle Heads.**

Cpl Robert L. Buffington – USMC Vietnam - Carver Mason Mooney - MID Michigan Wood Carvers  
SP/4 Tom Romein – Army Vietnam - Carver Richard Dunham - OWL Wood Carvers  
Sgt Ralph D. Pardo – USMC Vietnam – Carver Wendell Smith – North Shore Carvers  
Pfc Larry R. Plank – Army Vietnam – Carver Robert Gubbins – Tri-City Wood Carvers  
Sgt Richard J. Bukowski – Army Vietnam – Carver Tomas Bailey - Metro Carvers of Michigan  
SP/5 David E. Anderson – Army Vietnam – Carver Virginia Harthan – Wood Wackers Woodcarvers  
Sgt Carl M. Planck – USMC Vietnam – Carver Thomas Peterson – Fruitbelt Wood Carvers  
SP/5 Lawrence E. Willenborg – Army Vietnam – Carver Jim Brumm – Hartland Area Carves Guild

Pfc Adrian A. Cervini – USMC Korea - Carver Ray Pfenning - OWL Wood Carvers  
SP/4 Larry G. Matzke – Army Vietnam - Carver Richard Hanson - Wood Carvers Guild of Frankenmuth  
Sgt Eugene H. Kruger – USMC Vietnam - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers  
SP/4 Leroy W. Bruch - Army Vietnam - Carver Milan Maybee – South Central Carvers  
Sgt John I Slee III – Army Vietnam – James Johnston – Hartland Area Carvers Guild  
Sgt Charles E. Whorton – Army Vietnam – Carver Merle Bonter – Lake Shore Carvers  
Pfc Victor D. Lebeck – AAF WWII – Carver Bob Paslawski – Washington Carvers  
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SN Ronald C. Schaefer – USCG Korea - Carver Bob Dixon - OWL Wood Carvers  
Sgt Homer Lartigue Jr. - Army Vietnam - Carver Milan Maybee – South Central Carvers  
EN1c Ronald J. Kazmierczak – Navy Kuwait - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers  
SP/5 Edward D. McGaughey - Army Vietnam - Carver Milan Maybee – South Central Carvers  
SP/5 Dennis J. Redman – Army Vietnam – Carver Marilyn Osterhouse – Kalamazoo Wood Carvers  
SN John P. Beagan – Navy Korea - Carver Bob Dixon - OWL Wood Carvers  
QM2c James A. Vasher – Navy WWII - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers  
SK2c Ressel H. Clarey – Navy WWII - Carver Mason Mooney - MID Michigan Wood Carvers  
Cpl Lee J. Irons – USMC Korea - Carver Bob Marsh - MID Michigan Wood Carvers  
Pvt Jerald J. Lamphier – Army Vietnam - Carver Richard Lamphier – Elk Rapids, MI  
SFC Lyle D. Sutton – Army Vietnam - Carver Joani Braum – Elk Rapids, MI  
SP-5 James A. McCall – Army Vietnam - Carver Joani Braum – Elk Rapids, MI  
SSG Gary J. Plucinski – Army Vietnam - Carver Richard Lamphier – Elk Rapids, MI  
SP/4 William J. Tharp – Army Vietnam - Carver Richard Lamphier – Elk Rapids, MI  
SGT Larry E. Lelito – USMC Vietnam - Carver Richard Lamphier – Elk Rapids, MI  
SKCS Burton J. Harrison – Navy Vietnam - Carver Richard Lamphier – Elk Rapids, MI  
YN3c Thomas H. Taylor – Navy Vietnam - Carver Richard Lamphier – Elk Rapids, MI  
SN Ross B. Thompson – Navy Vietnam – Carver Dick Bishop – TRI City Wood Carvers  
Cpl Kenneth A. Berthiaume – Army Vietnam – Carver Ed Hak – TRI City Wood Carvers  
CE3c Robert H. Kritzman – Navy Vietnam – Carver Vincent Rosolowski – TRI City Wood Carvers  
Sgt William Irwin - Army Vietnam – Carver Vincent Rosolowski – TRI City Wood Carvers  
SPC Vernon M. Henning – Navy Vietnam – Carver Vincent Rosolowski – TRI City Wood Carvers  
Cpl Ray E. Chaney – USMC Vietnam – Carver Jin Brumm – Hartland Area Woodcarvers  
Cpl Don Pedro Castro – USMC Vietnam – Carver Len Mathis – South Central Carvers  
SP/4 John H. Kettunen – Army Vietnam - Carver Roger St Andre – L'Anse, MI  
SP/5 Larry H. Craig – Army Vietnam – Carver Gary Gracey – Fruitbelt Wood Carvers  
Sgt Arthur K. Darnell – Army Vietnam - Carver Mason Mooney - MID Michigan Wood Carvers  
SP/4 John H. Stephenson – Army Vietnam – Carver Wendell Smith – North Shore Carvers  
BU3c Robert A. Schlappi - Navy Vietnam - Carver Milan Maybee – South Central Carvers  
SP/5 William J. Barton – Army Vietnam - Carver Richard Hanson - Wood Carvers Guild of Frankenmuth  
Sgt Sherman E. Ellard – Army Vietnam – Carver Bud Drake – Grand Ledge, MI  
SFC Elwyn L. Helwig – Army Korea – Carver – Jim Lapan - Wood Carvers Guild of Frankenmuth  
Pfc Roy O. Milnes Jr. – Army Korea - Carver Ray Pfenning - OWL Wood Carvers  
Cpl William E. Hamilton.– Army WWII & Korea - Carver Ray Pfenning - OWL Wood Carvers  
Sgt Thomas A. Devine – Army Vietnam - Carver Mike Thorne – Happy Chippers  
Sgt Joseph J. Agnew – Army Vietnam - Carver Richard Hanson - Wood Carvers Guild of Frankenmuth  
SP/4 William W. Hikgram – Army Vietnam - Carver Richard Hanson - Wood Carvers Guild of Frankenmuth  
SP/4 Leonard L. Gerlach – Army Vietnam - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers  
SP/5 Thomas W. Grantham – Army Vietnam - Carver Bob Marsh - MID Michigan Wood Carvers  
SP/5 Edward J. Henderson – Army Vietnam - Carver Richard Dunham - OWL Wood Carvers  
SK3c Harold W. Fromholz- Navy Vietnam – Carver Bill Kilburn - MID Michigan Wood Carvers  
Tec 5 Richard J. Mossner Jr. – Army WWII – Carver Edward Reynolds - Wood Carvers Guild of Frankenmuth  
SP/4 Timothy C. Jones. – Army Vietnam - Carver Ray Pfenning - OWL Wood Carvers  
SFC Paul R. Yeager – Army Korea – Carver – Sabrina Schmidt – Alto Active Achievers  
Cpl Fred Cline – Army Korea - Carver Mike Thorne – Happy Chippers  
Cpl Kenneth Maynard – Army Vietnam - Carver Mike Thorne – Happy Chippers  
SSG Nathaniel White – USAF Agh/Kosovo - Carver Mike Thorne – Happy Chippers  
Sgt Michael D. Oleksiak – Army Vietnam- Carver Art Bucholtz – Washington Carvers  
SP/5 Stanley W. Kizer – Army Vietnam – Carver Edward Warren - Fruitbelt Wood Carvers  
SP/5 Anthony E. Ortmertl – Army Vietnam - Carver Richard Hanson - Wood Carvers Guild of Frankenmuth  
SP/4 Terry F. Burlingame - Army Vietnam - Carver Thomas Williams – South Central Carvers  
CMA3 Frederick S. Kubik – Navy Vietnam - Carver Anita Harrand - Wood Carvers Guild of Frankenmuth  
Sgt Ernest L. Haight – Army Vietnam - Carver Roger St Andre – L'Anse, MI  
Cpl Clifford R. Tue – Army Korea - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers  
Pfc Harold S. Cregeur – Army WWII - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers

BM SN William D. Gramer – Navy Vietnam - Carver Richard Hanson - Wood Carvers Guild of Frankenmuth  
Sgt Michael Giles – USMC Vietnam – Carver Jean Martin – Washington Carvers  
SP/5 Charles Cox – Army Vietnam - Carver Mike Thorne – Happy Chippers  
Sgt Ferris J. Van Zant – Army Vietnam - Carver Jerry Francis– Flat River Carvers  
SP/4 Bryce E. Ankney – Army Vietnam - Carver Richard Hanson - Wood Carvers Guild of Frankenmuth  
SP/4 Roger W. Crowley - Army Vietnam - Carver Jerry Brown – South Central Carvers  
SFC Peter G. Sorenson – Army Vietnam - Carver Gary Gracey – Fruitbelt Wood Carvers  
Sgt William B. Smith – USMC Vietnam - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers  
SP/4 Rochard J. Dixon - Army Vietnam - Carver Ken Gifford – Fenton, MI  
SP/4 David Z. Dickie - Army Vietnam - Carver Paul LePage - Sterling Heights Senior Center Wood Artists  
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SF3c Orville E. Burton. – Navy WWII – Carver Richard Hanson - Wood Carvers Guild of Frankenmuth  
Sgt Paul F. Neidhardt - Army WWII - Carver Paul LePage - Sterling Heights Senior Center Wood Artists  
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Cpl Steven E. D’Antoni – Army Korea - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers  
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