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Club Web page: <http://www.tristatecarvers.com/>

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2014 Show Co-Chair –

Jeff Hancock & Jack Winkleman

JANUARY 2014 MEETING:

The January 14, 2014 meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. in the Vanderburgh County 4H center banquet hall. As normal the business meeting will roughly run from 6:00 until 6:30

A new year is once again upon us. This means cold weather and indoor project time, of course, CARVING TIME, for woodcarvers. show and tell time at club meetings should be interesting.

The club is eager for you to share your creative carving skills. Sign up to give a mini seminar. No matter how you feel about your skill level, give it a try and we all will learn something new. Like Henry Ford said, "Whether you think you can or think you can't, you will be right." You receive a stipend of twenty five dollars and may charge for your carving blanks. Give it a try and tell me which month is best for you and what you will carve, burn or paint.

Once again the carving Show was a success and "two knives up" for the chairman and all those connected to this great activity. We once again helped others of the community with these efforts. New members were signed up at the Show. We welcome these individuals who share our passion for woodcarving. We are excited to meet them to share our craft and art.

I have a few ideas for us to think about and look forward to another great year with the membership and wood.

As always if the Vanderburgh School system cancels school on a meeting night the meeting is automatically cancelled.

2014 club dues (\$25.00) are now due. The roster will be finalized at the March meeting. Please settle up with Steve Oliver before that time, if you have not already.



The club made a profit on the Show while the overall income from the 2013 Show was down, ticket sales were up by 10% over the 2012 Show based on Mr. Oliver's show treasurer's report. Going into the 2012 planning sessions we were most concerned about how moving the Show date

would affect attendance, and it looks like we did OK on that front. The Show Committee has several leads for new wood and tool vendors, as well as chainsaw carvers. Filling these spots will help the income side.

Please start thinking about what you can carve for Carvings for Charity. We plan to have ornament blanks available at this club meeting so we can get started on the ornament carving for the 2014 Show.

Our next Show committee meeting is scheduled for Saturday January 18, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at Sister Anthony's. Please come join us as we start the 2014 Show planning process.

INFORMATION:

The December meeting was the Christmas party so there were no minutes. A couple of pictures from the Christmas party are included on the next page. Please visit the club web page (address in the header of this document) for archived meeting minutes, seminar schedule, club history and other information.

2014 MEETING PROGRAMS:

We currently need commitments for the following monthly meeting programs in 2014:

Jan. 14–	Aug. 12–
Feb. 11 –	Sept. 9–
Mar. 11–	Oct. 14 –
Apr. 8–	Oct. 25 & 26 – 2014 SHOW
May 13–	Nov. 11–
June 10–	Dec. 9–2014 Christmas Party
July 8–	

SHOW:

The 2013 Show close out and 2014 Show kick off meeting was held Nov. 16, 2013. Several people have asked how we did with the 2013 Show, so I am including a quick breakdown here. More detailed information will be available at the club meeting.

Richard Hitch

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2013



SCRIBBLES:

In 2013 I used this space to share original designs. In 2014 I will be using this space to share some links to resources, as well as, some of my interpretations of some of their projects. If there is something you would like to see here please let me know.

These January entries are based on 1" X 1" basswood blocks.

My first entry is based on the Steve Brown "Pen Carving" book that can be found in the club library or purchased from Steve's web page. The pen blanks are available from Steve or from The Woodcraft Shop. My interpretation is of a Santa on a snow mound. The snow mound is a separate block of basswood drilled to accept the end of the ink pen insert. I carved two of these and gave them away as Christmas gifts. Enjoy!



If you get a chance, go to the club's web site then click on the "Links" selection. There are several good links on this page. I suggest trying out the "Woodcaver Online Magazine" link or go directly to the web site <http://carverscompanion.com/ccwom/> . Once you are there click on the "WOM" selection. The first item you will find under this selection will be a "Santa with list" ornament pattern by Pete LeClair. This carving pattern is well worth the visit but you will find even more patterns and information as you scroll down through the document. You can also go back and select past issues of this online magazine for even more articles

The next entry is based on two separate reference points. The first reference point is an article "Pocket-size Gremlins" by Tom Borecki, in issue 63, summer 2013, of the Woodcarving Illustrated magazine. The second reference point is a web page article by (www.woodbeecarver.com) Donald Mertz titled "Whittle Dwarfs".

I first attempted to carve the example from each source then took off on a few carvings that had my own personal twist. These simple carvings take very little wood and are quick carves but the best part is that they are great carving practice. You can carve them with a knife only or choose to use gouges as well.

Have fun and carve something. Talk with you next month. Jack



2014 SEMINARS:

Please start thinking about what seminars you will be interested in for 2014.

Renegade Woodcarvers Roundup

17 March 2014 - 21 March 2014

Lebanon, TN. 25 miles east of Nashville, TN.

Carve one day with each of these instructors: P.J. Driscoll, Don Mertz, Gary Falin, Mitch Cartledge, and Chris Hammack. – For details go to Steve Brown's web site through the club web page link.

FOR SALE:

STIHL chain saw equipped exclusively for chainsaw carving. Used once and like new. My first offer is to the Tri-State Woodcarver's Club. I paid \$319 and am asking \$265. If interested call Dave Wood 812-626-1800. Straub's will have no problem selling it for me on consignment if there's no interest from the club. Many thanks, Happy New Year, Dave Wood