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JANUARY 10, 2023 MEETING:

We are planning to have our January 10, 2023 Club meeting in the 4H Fair Grounds Banquet Hall. We will have open carving and visiting starting at 3:30 pm and the business meeting will start at 6:00 pm. Following the business meeting we will go back to carving. The 2023 Club Officers are listed in the Newsletter Heading. Mark is looking forward to serving the Tri-State Woodcarvers as their president for 2023. Appointed positions will be updated after Mark has time to make contact with his appointees.

Please remember that if the Vanderburgh School System cancels school due to weather on the day we have a meeting scheduled, our meeting will be canceled as well.

MEETING MINUTES:

The November 2022 Meeting Minutes are posted on the Club web site. Please take the time to read and review these minutes before the meeting. Thank you to Kathy for recording the minutes and to Neil for posting them.

SHOW:

TBD.

MEETING PROGRAMS:

Please be thinking about what programs, mini seminars and full seminars you would like to see presented / offered in 2023. Your Club officers have no idea what you are interested in if you do not speak up.

This month's suggested web page:

SEMINARS:

Read the above request please.

NEWBURGH:



1985-2023
38 Years of Woodcarving

Just a reminder that there is Thursday morning carving in Newburgh at the Kiwanis club building from 9 am to noon. Face coverings are not required if you have had your vaccination.

The address is 524 Filmore Street. If you go in to Newburgh from Evansville on the Lloyd you will turn right at Bell (or you can go all the way to State and turn right), Take Bell South until it tees into State. Turn right on State. Travel South on State until you get to Third. Turn right on Third. The Kiwanis building is two blocks down on the corner of Third and Filmore.

POWER CARVING:

Ken Alvey is still hosting power carving on Wednesday evenings. If you are interested in trying power carving, contact Ken about time and space availability.

ORNAMENTS:

Yep, we will once again be asking for Club members to carve Christmas Tree ornaments for use as 2023 Show door prizes. We have new ornament blanks available, so grab several and make chips.

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS:

Strive to carve on something every day. I hope you will continue to support the Tri-State Woodcarvers Club as part of your personal woodcarving journey. As stated in the Club bylaws "The objective of this Club shall be to promote the art of woodcarving, and to provide activities for woodcarvers." I sincerely hope that we have, and continue to strive to fulfill this objective.

PICTURES FROM LAST MONTH'S
CHRISTMAS PARTY:



THE WOODCHUCK BROTHERS

WOODY AND CHUCK.

THEY WILL BE HOSTING NEW CARVING PATTERNS, BOOK REVIEWS, AND GENERAL WOOD CHUCKEN NONSENSE IN 2023:



Hey, Chuck here. I swiped Jack's glasses and his book "Carving Little Caricatures" by Karen Scalin. OK, yes, I "borrowed" his knife and some basswood as well. That is what Woodchucks do, right?

Any-a-who this is a really neat book. Karen starts out talking about types of wood used in carving, then a quick introduction to carving tools. She covers carving safety, sharpening and stropping. She tells you about different types of cuts used in carving and then shares some good tips and tricks. She does all of this in the first 20 pages of the book and the rest of the book is devoted to getting down to making chips.

Once the chips start flying it is nonstop from beginner, to intermediate and on through advanced projects. A total of 14 different and challenging projects in all. Each project includes patterns and suggestions on ways to modify the carving to make it a bit more interesting and challenging. After that she includes a section on painting the projects. Every project is designed to be carved on a 1"X1"X2" block of basswood, but can be scaled up to fit whatever size block you prefer.

So far, I have only carved three of the projects but have a few more circled to do as I get time. I hope you will consider picking up this book and trying your hand at Carving Little Caricatures.

Your Carving Friend,
The Younger Woodchuck,
Chuck



Woody "The Elder Woodchuck Statesman" here. While Chuck was keeping Jack busy looking for his glasses and knife, I swiped borrowed his new Ryobi battery powered reciprocating carver. Talk about sweeeeeet. This tool really does a job on basswood. OOPs! the ghost of Paul Harvey is telling me that I need to start at the beginning of the story before I get to "The Rest of the Story".

It all started at Christmas this year when Jack received a Ryobi reciprocating carver as a Christmas gift. I thought the old feller was going to have the "Big One" while waiting for a chance to try this new little baby out. He takes it out of the package, charges the battery and sends it in attack mode after a piece of basswood. Welllll, the bits that came with it were not sharp enough to cut anything harder than ivory soap, but it seems that was to be expected and did not deter the old fool. He got out a set of tools he knew were sharp and started in again. The carver, as the old saying goes, "Started, Farted, Stumbled, and Died!". It seems the on-off switch was defective and would keep shutting the unit off. A quick trip to return it to Home Depot and pick up a new one solved the problem. This is where I step in with the rest of the story, Paul.

I snagged the little puppy and put it right to work. All I had was a chunk of basswood with gnarly twisted grain to test it out on, but to my surprise the little carver took right to it. In about 40 minutes, including a learning curve, I had the face you see in the photo above carved into that old chunk of wood.

The unit is light and easy to use. It uses a 4v. lithium battery pack that charges from a standard USB cable. I will have to let you know later about overall durability and battery life.

Woody, The Elder