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MAY 12, 2026 MEETING:

Our May 12th Meeting will be in the 4H Fair Grounds Banquet Hall. We will have open carving and visiting, "Happy Hour" starting at 3:30 pm. The business meeting will start at 6:00 pm. Our mini seminar will take place after the business meeting. Thank you to Kathy for teaching us how to carve an angle last month.

MEETING MINUTES:

The 2026 April Meeting Minutes are posted on the Club web site. Please take the time to read and review these minutes before the May meeting. Thank you to Robin for recording the minutes and to Neil for posting them.

SHOW:

2026 Show planning starts early this year. Please plan to support this effort.

ORNAMENTS:

Time to start work on those Christmas Tree ornaments for use as 2026 Show door prizes. We have remaining and will have new ornament blanks available, so plan to grab several and make chips.

Library:

Please check out the Club library in 2026. There are a lot of resources available for your use.

Random Thoughts:

If you are looking for some ideas for the president's challenge of carving something new, consider giving our Club library, Pinterest, or YouTube a look.

This Month's featured Club Library book you might want to consider is: Freshwater Fish Carving by James Fliger. This book was copyrighted in 1989 so some of the carving tools showcased may be a tad dated but the carving and painting processes are sound. This book contains a load of reference material including very detailed patterns, carving and painting steps for the four featured fish. These fish are Bluegill, Crappie, Rainbow Trout and Channel Catfish. I hope you will give this book a read and maybe carve your first fish. Happy Carving.

At an earlier meeting Frank proposed we, as a Club, consider taking on doing some carvings for charity. The club discussed and voted to support this effort and donate the carvings. Kathy is looking into options for places to donate. Frank has patterns from Februrary's mini seminar's angel that can be used for this purpose. Other considerations are the comfort crosses or comfort birds that the Club has done in the past.

Please, see previous Club minutes for other items we discussed.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

As we look ahead, our upcoming Outdoorsman Show—held over Father's Day weekend—is quickly approaching. This is one of our biggest events of the year, and your participation is what makes it a success. Sign-up sheets are available now, so whether you're planning to demonstrate, sell, or help behind the scenes, please take a moment to get your name on the list.

This event is a great opportunity to share our craft with the public while celebrating the weekend together. A strong member turnout truly makes a difference, and we encourage everyone who can to be involved.

Also, a reminder about the President's Challenge Project—if you've been thinking about getting started, now is the time. Don't let time run out. We're looking forward to seeing the creativity and craftsmanship that come from this challenge.

Finally, we are still searching for a tool vendor for the show. If you have any leads, ideas, or suggestions, please reach out. Finding the right vendor will help make this event even better for both members and attendees.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement. Let's make this a great event.

JEFF Hancock
President
Tri-State Woodcarvers Club

PICTURES FROM LAST MONTH'S SHOW AND TELL:

PICTURES FROM LAST MONTH'S MEETING:

ROMP
BLUEGRASS ALLSTARS
Boise

What do you call stacks of wood?
Board Meetings!

The draw knife slipped while my brother was using his shave horse to carve a spoon blank…. Now he is my half-brother.

My Boss Told me to attach two pieces of wood together…. Totally Nailed it..

5 things I like almost as much as Woodcarving.

1. Looking at new woodcarving tools.
2. Talking about woodcarving.
3. Watching YouTube videos about woodcarving.
4. Searching for websites about woodcarving.
5. Bacon.

-Remember to breathe!
-Everything will be all right in a second!
-I would prefer to be a cordless drill, but this is okay!
-It could be a whole lot worse!
-It's not the end of the world!!

-- Things a Coping Saw might say --