

AUGUST 11, 2026 MEETING:

Our August 11th 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 Jon for teaching us about several different kinds of finishes.



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continue to support this effort by carving as many angels as you find time for. Frank has patterns and cutouts from February's mini seminar's angel that can be used for this purpose. Frank has upped the ante by offering a chance to win one of his custom-made knives. Everyone that turns in 5 finished angles will be entered into a drawing for this knife.

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

MEETING MINUTES:

The 2026 July Meeting Minutes are posted on the Club web site. Please take the time to read and review these minutes before the August 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:

I hope you are all further along than I am on my president's challenge carving. I finally decided on what I am going to carve, got my pattern sized, my wood selected, marked up and ready to go to the band saw for cutting out..... Next phases – That don't look right!! – How in the world am I going to fix that?? – What in the world was I thinking?? – Is it too late to find something else???? – Well, that's just going to have to do!!! – Hey, at least I have a plan. Right???

Happy Carving.

The Club members continue to carve personal angels for Chemo Buddies. Please

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

I'd like to begin by welcoming our newest member, **John Wilkinson**, to the Tri-State Woodcarvers Club. We're glad to have you join us and look forward to getting to know you and seeing your carvings.

It's hard to believe, but we're down to **90 days until the Wonders in Wood Show** opens its doors! Time has a way of sneaking up on us, so I hope everyone has started working on this year's President's Challenge. The goal is to carve something you've never carved before and stretch your carving skills. I hope your project is coming along well. I have to admit... **mine isn't!** But there's still time, and I'm determined to get it finished.

Speaking of the show, I hope preparations for your display table are well underway. Whether you're planning a simple display or something more elaborate, now is the perfect time to make sure everything is coming together the way you envision it. A well-planned display helps showcase your work and makes our show even more enjoyable for visitors.

Be sure to mark your calendars for our **September mini seminar**, where **Alan Bailey** will be teaching a fun Halloween-themed project. It promises to be an enjoyable program and a great way to pick up a few new carving techniques while getting into the spirit of the season.

As always, thank you for everything you do to make our club such a great organization. I look forward to seeing everyone at our August meeting—and remember, every chip you carve today is one less you'll have to carve in October!

JEFF Hancock
President
Tri-State Woodcarvers Club

PICTURES FROM LAST MONTH'S SHOW AND TELL:



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