

Tri-City Carvers Club

October '08 Newsletter

Bay City, Saginaw, Midland

From Our President, Ed Hak

The Membership Meeting this month will be October 7 at Station 1 on Shattuck at 7:00 pm.

Third Tuesday, October 21st will be at Station 1 on Shattuck. We have on-going projects you can work on and we may even have another small ornament.

I want to extend a thank you to Dave Arndt our show chairman this year for a job well done. The show was a little smaller this year but we had probably the best competition of any year I can remember. Even the carvings in Youth and Novice were outstanding. I want to acknowledge the great work of Phil Westendorf in selecting the ribbons, pins and awards for the competition. My compliments to all, who participated and thanks for taking the time to do a good job. And finally may I say that the carvings displayed by Mike Ford, our featured carver this year were just incredible. The Heron carving that stands about 4 foot tall is hard to imagine the thought and work that must have gone into it. A great job Mike!!

Those of you interested in the Bob Guge class next year please think about the bird you would like to carve and send a card to Jean Barber indicating your choice. Bob asked us to choose from a Yellow Finch or an Indigo Bunting. Please respond soon if you want to state your preference as we need to get back with Bob with our answer.

October Meeting: The meeting will be **Tuesday October 7 at Station 1 on Shattuck.** The Board meet-

ing will start at 6:00 followed by the membership meeting at 7:00 PM.

Board Meeting News:

- The Board will investigate new locations for our 2009 show. Attendance has dropped since we left Saginaw so we will look at church halls, fire halls, and schools. Having the show on Saturday will also be considered.
- Unsold raffle tickets must be returned to Joe Dubey and the money needs to be turned in right away.

Show report: - Dave Arndt

I would like to start by thanking all those club members who pitched in to help at this years show. I also want to thank the spouses of several of our members who help out each year. We still need more members to step up and get involved if we want to continue having a successful show.

Featured carver Mike Ford had a beautiful display of his birds and Ben Donaghy was surprised to receive the Caricature Carvers of America Award, presented by Floyd Rhadigan, for his on going commitment to caricature carving.

About 75 carvings were entered in the competition with the following receiving top honors:

Master Class:

First Place; Mike Ford, Sanford, MI Titmouse

Second Place; Floyd Rhadigan, Saline, MI Caricature Trolls

Third Place; Mike Ford, Sanford, MI House Finch

Open Class:

Best of Show; Gene Gubbins, Burt, MI Bluegill

Second Best of Show; Mike Mielens, Bay City, MI Hen Goldeneye

Third Best of Show; Bob Thurston, Chesaning, MI Halloween Scene

Intermediate Class:

Best of Show; Edward Kimbrue, Caro, MI Caricature Hunter

Novice Class:

Best of Show; Dave Harmon, Beaverton, MI Kestrel

Porter Partridge Award for best bird

Mike Ford, Sanford, MI

Peoples Choice Award:

Dave Harmon, Beaverton, MI Kestrel

Thanks to club member Larry Dubey and his wife for photographing the winning carvings this year.

Many positive comments were heard from guests about the quality of the carvings at this years show. Lets all work toward keeping our show one of the best in the state.

General News:

It is that time of year again. That's right----election time. This is the time when we (your club) ask you to step up and help us run our club. We have some openings to be filled this year and we need some good club folks to fill them. It is not that hard to take over these positions and do a good job; just ask

those who have done them in the past. It can also be very fulfilling to do it. You get a very close feeling to the club and it's workings and add much in making decisions and help the club to run smoothly. Those offices that are opening will be President, Secretary, and a Trustee. You have heard me say this many times in the past that THIS IS YOUR CLUB AND IT IS WHAT YOU MAKE IT. Right now we need your help to make it be all that it can be. At our October meeting, we will be taking nominations for those offices and I hope that some of you will step up to our need this year. Feel free to ask any of the board members about their job and find out that they are not a great deal of work but very gratifying. Don't let OUR club go the way that others have because no one will step up to lead. Leading is not that hard. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting to volunteer to run for office.

Thank you

Dick Henning

Future Meetings

Membership and Board November 4 Station 3
3rd Tuesday carving November 18 at station
1.Christmas Party December 2 6:00 p.m. Station 1

Board meetings start at 6:00 and Membership meetings are at 7:00

Station 1 is on Shattuck west of Wieneke, Station 3 is on Center just north of Gratiot, and Station 2 is on McCarty Rd just west of Bay.

Upcoming Events

- October 4, 2008 – Carving at the Antique Warehouse in Saginaw. Contact is Lee Roberts

- October 12, 2008 – Saline Carving Show, UAW Hall, Saline
- October 19 - Frankenmuth Show, Frankenmuth High School, Frankenmuth.
- November 1 & 2, Fruitbelt woodcarvers Carving Show, Cass County Fairgrounds in Cassopolis

A Few Items From The Minutes Of Our September Membership Meeting:

- Gerald Willis and Dick Henning will run the annual election.
- Possible seminar leaders for next year are: Peter Ortel, Ben Donaghy, Cleve Taylor, Jim Silva, Debbie Edwards and Mike Ford.
- Members were encouraged to inform Lee Roberts of any events in the families of other members so that he can send an appropriate card.
- All were encouraged to wear name badges to our meeting to aid in getting to know each other.
- 50/50 drawing winner – Tristan Watson

Mailing & Email Addresses

If you have changed your mailing address or e-mail address this year please let Tom Stevens know so our list can be updated. Contact Tom at tom3fan4ever@aol.com or call Tom Stevens at 989 797-6123.

2008 Officers:

Ed Hak, President (989 781-3846)

Dave Arndt, Vice-President (989 793-3520)

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Bob Britton, Historian (989 686-2189)

Lee Roberts, Hospitality (989 793-6782)

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Gene Gubbins (989 770-4482)

Joe Dubey (989 686-5137)

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