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**September 18, 2005**

President John Lovett kicked off the meeting at 2:00 with 27 members present. He promptly informed us that the bird carving program for this month has been postponed until November. After informing us of this he broke the news that VP Carl Smith would not be present and therefore we would not have snacks for the meeting either! We all managed to hold back our tears and move on with the meeting!



Ernie Castelli has had poor luck getting items for our silent auction. There is a sign up sheet circulating for those who wish to have their name and address added to a list that will be provided to vendors in exchange for silent auction donations, please contact a club officer or visit the Tuesday evening carving group if you wish to have your name added to this list. If you have any items (tools, books, carvings, other crafts etc.) that you would be willing to donate to the silent auction, please notify Ernie Castelli as soon as possible. Our show is Oct. 29-30!

**Volunteers Needed Please help**

We are looking for volunteers in several areas:

1. Someone to Permanently take charge of our seminars so Butch Dahl can go to Florida and bask in the sun while the rest of us are shoveling snow. Butch already has a few seminars lined up for next year and will be able to help his successor. REMEMBER seminars are offered free to the person who is willing to house the instructors while they are in town!
2. Willing person(s) to relieve Bill Zech as our picnic and/or banquet organizer. Bill has all of the information on these activities and is will guide those willing to take over for him.
3. A few members to establish a board to set up our monthly programs. This is to ensure we get programs that interest our members and encourage good attendance at the meetings.

We desperately need these positions filled or we will be in danger of no longer being able to continue these activities. Please contact a club officer if you are able to help in any of these areas.

**Join us for the next meeting on October 16! We will wrap up the final details of the upcoming show held Oct.29-30! Show entries will be accepted Friday Oct. 28 7:00 - 8:00 pm and Saturday Oct. 29 7:00 -8:45 am.**

**Show Notes**

Halloween is our theme carving category this year! We are hoping for many great entries! There is still time to get something carved, just keep it to the Halloween theme. It must have been carved within the past 2 years.

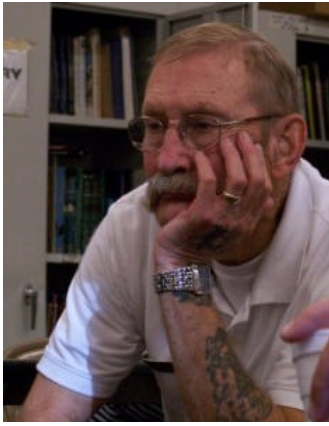
**Judging Clarifications:**

- “Miniatures” are defined as 1/2 life-size or smaller.
- There have never been nor ever will be non-judges in the room while carvings are being judged.
- Linda is open to using outside judges, however, in the past, she has encountered outside judges not showing up and is therefore skeptical about asking people she doesn’t know to judge. John Lovett is going to provide her with a list of judges from other clubs, and Linda will use her discretion in picking judges.

With a sigh of relief Rick stated” we have secured enough tables for the show from Zwingli Church.”

Rick Baker has sign up sheets for volunteers to help set up for the show, work the front door and raffle sales during the show, and also for clean up after the show.

**Help Needed**



### Don Stueven

John Lovett received a phone call from Jo Stueven requesting that we keep Don in our thoughts and prayers as they go through a hard time in their lives.

Don has been diagnosed with lung cancer, and will be going into the hospital Oct 3rd for removal of the affected section of his lungs. Jo said that the largest particle is about the size of a small pea, and though it is active it looks like there is a good chance for a full recovery because of early detection. She also said that the lymph nodes are clear, and that the other areas identified by the doctors appear to be inactive.

Making sure that Don lets everyone know that he is a true son of Pennsylvania, he still intends to get some hunting in before his trip to the hospital, and assures everyone that he intends to be at the show.

Don remains at home in East Berlin until then, so please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. If you know other club members who do not appear on the address list, please pass this message along to them.

### Annual Banquet

The banquet this year will be held Saturday Nov. 5! Doors open at 5:30. We will have a magician as our entertainment. Get your reservation in to Bill Zech. Get your nomination for the annual Extra Mile Award to John Lovett. This will be presented at the banquet. Contact: Bill Zech -1739 Oakley Dr. Dover, PA 17315.

### Seminars (2 to go)

Pete Ortel Oct. 8-9 Full waiting list  
Vic hood Oct. 26-30 Openings 18" Full Figure Indian  
Contact Butch Dahl at (717) 258-3804 or dahlmb@comcast.net to sign up.

### Honesdale Clarification

Bill Martin confessed to being a closet chip carver! He did proclaim however that he was the King and Joe DeAngelis was the one nominated as "Queen" of the carving roundup. Of course, Joe was not there to object!



### Treasury Report

Charlie Lockwood reported we have \$5563.78 in the Treasury. The beginning balance was \$5309.20 with income totaling \$1843.00 and \$1588.42 in expenses.

### Rose Huth

Had a hip replacement in August. She is doing very well John is even allowing her a little time to mow the lawn!



### Show and Tell

**Fern Hitchcock**– a Grouse from a 1993 seminar

**Butch Dahl**– a Mountain M and finished with a light then dark wax and ammonia based German stain. A cougar done in Kirt Curtis's class and a Jack Cochan eagle head on a purple heart base. **(See the benefits to being the head of our seminars!)**

**Nick Sciortino**– a piggy carved (not chip-carved) for a friend who collects pigs.

**Bill Martin**– A "Drunk Monk" for the bar.

**George Maurer**– a primed statue ready for painting, a butterfly from a photo in *Birds and Blooms*, a fox, and an eagle in flight.

**Jesse Hinson**– a wood spirit from a Chestnut barn rafter carved around a nail still in the wood.

**John Lovett**– a "Cow-A-Sockie" (cow with socks) and a chip carved spoon with a bear.



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**As a result of our “Deer Slayer Issue” we have had the following responses.**

Nick Sciortino gave us no insight into the disappearance of the deer while at our monthly meeting! The investigation is still continuing!

Jo Stueven, however, has spotted this deer in Nick Sciortino’s basement being cleaned and decorated for his next Christmas “Open House”!



Can you believe this? Nick ain't got no Deer insurance!

Thank you to Dave Murphy for the Gary Larson Cartoons!



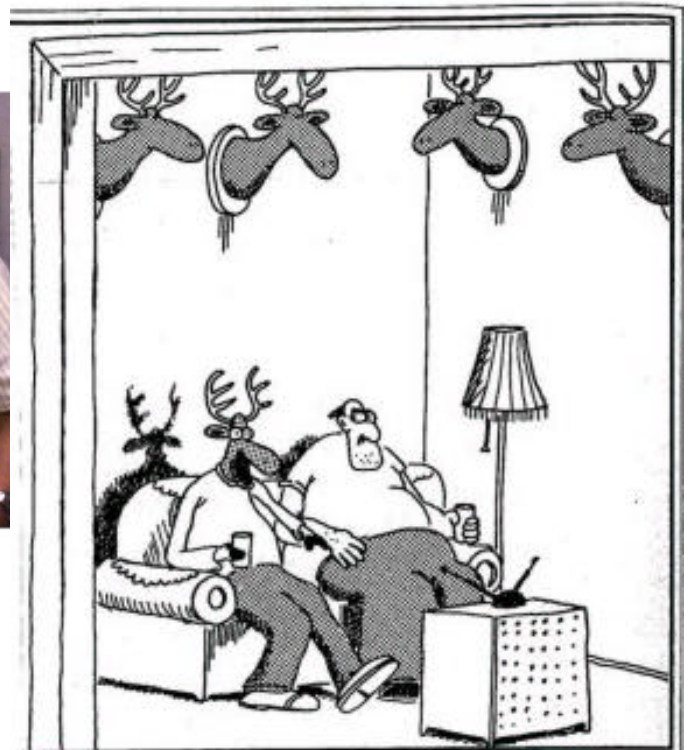
**Attention:**



Last seen riding on a Chevy grill similar to the one below. The Suburban was driven by the man on the right affectionately known as a “chip carver”



Be Advised: The insignia below may now be imprinted on the hindquarter of the deer.



I still might sue you, Nick. Get me another beer while I think on it!

Anyone with knowledge of this missing deer is urged to forward their ideas to [ottoe@pa.net](mailto:ottoe@pa.net)