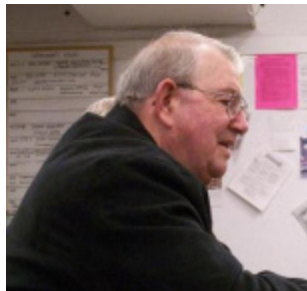


March 20, 2005

President John Lovett called the meeting to order promptly at 2:00 pm. Approximately 32 people were in attendance at the meeting. Donald Smith, Phil Adams and Kathy Bogen were visiting.

Membership

Membership dues are now **overdue**. Those members who have not paid their dues will be taken off the mailing list. Please contact Bill Zech 1739 Oakley Dr., Dover PA 17315, (717)764-2586, if you have questions about your membership. If your mailing address or email address has changed, please let one of the officers know.



Treasury Report

Charlie Lockwood reported we have \$6,746.74 in the Treasury and the account is still headed in the right direction. The beginning balance was \$6,490.09 with income totaling \$1,225.00 and \$968.35 in expenses.

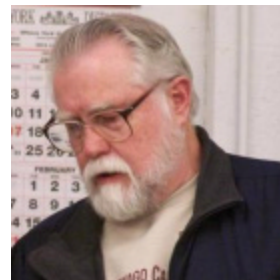
Club Patches and Name Tags

Donna Krone needs to place an order for name tags. Please see Donna if you need a name tag and wish to place an order. It is nice to have a nametag at the meetings to avoid contributing to the "Little White Can!" The club patches also make wonderful gifts!



Library Corner

Linda Murphy was unavailable for official comment this meeting but we can be assured to get a Library update at our next meeting!



Seminars

If you are interested in taking a seminar, contact Jim Hiser who was off honing his presidential skills at the West Shore Club during this meeting. Jim is temporarily taking care of our Seminars while Butch Dahl is hiding from the Pennsylvania winter in Florida. (Good luck Jim with the West Shore Presidency!)



- Gary Akers - Antler carving** - March 12, has 4 openings, \$65
- Jack Kochan - Eagle Head** - June 11-12, has 1 opening, \$50
- Kirt Curtis-Cougar with Cub** - July 9-11, has 5 openings, \$200.
- Harley Schmitgen- Relief** August 26 (evening)-28, has openings, \$175.
- Pete Ortel - Caricatures** - October 7 (evening)-9, full waiting list, \$130
- Vic Hood - Human figure** - October 26 (evening)-28, has openings, \$175

For a full seminar list see:
<http://conewagocarvers.tripod.com/seminar.htm>

Please contact Jim Hiser for more information (717) 243-0644 or hiser@pa.net

Join Us

The Next Meeting is April 16, at 2:00 at the EBCC. We will welcome a panel of experienced show Judges to give us hints on what they look for while judging carvings. They will have advice on improving your carving and how to win more Blue Ribbons.

Tuesday Carvers

Our Tuesday night carvers welcomed Henry Lysy into their group! Henry decided he enjoyed this and we welcome him as a new member to our club!

Health News

Lee Anske is recovering from the successful removal of a brain tumor. **Bob Lusk** had a lung partially removed and is currently doing well.

Our sympathy goes out to Karen (the EBACC director) and her family on the passing of her father.

Show Report

Our show Chair Rick Baker is calling a show meeting on **Tuesday April 12 at 7:00 pm**. Please plan on attending! We can always use more volunteers! We will be judging show Badges at the picnic in July so started your creative thinking!



Walking Sticks and Canes

By
Phil Adams



Phil Adams of the Carroll County Carvers has been interested in walking sticks most of his life. He became more active in learning about them once he retired. Phil has also carved canes but prefers walking sticks. Phil makes most of his walking sticks out of found tree wood best when cut in the late fall. Hardwood (Apple is a favorite of his) makes the best sticks. Spicewood is weighted just right and is very tough. Old pool cues found in the trash also make great walking sticks!

The perfect height for a walking stick is chin high so you won't have to bend over to lean on it! a cane is made elbow high for the same reason. Phil puts his grips level with an extended forearm to maximize comfort. If a walking stick needs to be heightened, a doorstep works very well!

Phil even carves his sticks out of square lumber using an angle grinder with cutsall bits to round the stick, and a Stanley scraper takes the Bark off.

There are several different tips to use on a walking stick. Phil even suggests that a dab of hot glue also makes a great easily replaceable tip!

Phil prefers to attach a top to his sticks using a 3/4 inch dowel. He matches his stick and top with a leather washer. He started out buying tops at flea markets but has since advanced to carving them. He had several great cane tops to show us including a circus stick, a backpack tip, a stick with a hook, and a stick with an "uptometer" (an arrow which will always point up! See the cane in the picture at the right.) The hook stick is handy in the woods, but can also be used to get stuff out of the back of his truck! Phil gets many supplies from Treeline and Smokey Mountain woodcarvers. He is involved in the Carroll carvers, who invite all to their show on September 10-11, for more information email tarheelcarver@msn.com or go to <http://groups.msn.com/CARROLLCARVERS/>. Look for the link to Phils Phun Phactory! He also has a photo gallery in <http://www.stickmakers.org/>.



Join us next month to learn how to win more blue ribbons from our special panel of judges!

Show and Tell

Ed Otto– A bark sailor he started as a go-by piece while teaching his class and a santa/snowman done from a Harley Schmitgen rough-out and a mountain man.

Jack Moxley– The "early worm gets the bird" with a circling duck.

Don Stueven– brought his ship Hull in to show his progress. Don also brought 2 pieces from **Dave Sabol** one was a baby bird in a nest of leaves and the other was a chipmunk done similar to the bird. Both pieces were carved out of tupelo.

John Lovett– A Bark buffalo Soldier carved in Ed Otto's Seminar and a santa with a staff carved in Bill Zech's Tuesday night seminar.

Braden Ausherman– A black panther on a rock base.

Carl Smith– A bird house made by his wife. A hand tooled picture frame made of sugar maple and a set of "tree wood" salad forks steamed and bent.

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Caption Contest of the Month

March 2005

Thank you for all 10 caption entries this month! It was a tough decision, but once again Linda Murphy wins the non-existent caption prize with the following:

I'll point to this so they will think we are talking about chip carving, but did you hear the one about when the Priest, the Rabbi, and the Monk met at the pearly gates?



Submit your caption for this April Photo of the president opening the club vault to ottoe@pa.net.

The winner, who receives absolutely nothing, will be selected by Ed and Nikki Otto.

Please send any digital photos to ottoe@pa.net to be used in future newsletters!

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