

# AUGUST MEETING NOTES

## August 21, 2005

Carl Smith kicked off the meeting at 2:00 with 22 members present and promptly circulated the name tag can. President John Lovett was on vacation and will return next month or face Carl who is willing to infringe a penalty!

### Annual Picnic and Banquet

There were 46 people in attendance at the annual picnic this year! Thanks again to Bill Zech for his hard work. Nov. 8 is our banquet this year (see the attached flier.) Anyone interested in planning our next picnic and/or our annual banquet please see a club officer. Bill Zech has decided to pass his reigns along to someone else. You have always done a great job Bill! Thank you to Don Stiven for suggesting Larry Lerew draw caricatures of us at the picnic, it was a big success!

### Honesdale Update

Nick Sciortino who is a closet power carver let us know that Bill Martin and Joe DeAngelis had come out of the closet as chip carvers! Nick also told us that the two were the King and Queen of the Roundup (It still has yet to be determined which is the Queen!)

### Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers in several areas:

1. A few members to establish a board to set up our monthly programs.
2. 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.
3. Willing person(s) to relieve Bill Zech as our picnic and/or banquet organizer.

Please contact a club officer if you are

### Mechanicsburg

Is hosting a wrench carving contest for their New Years Eve drop. Get the details from Carl Smith or Ed Otto if you are interested.

### 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.

### Treasury Report

Charlie Lockwood reported we have \$5309.20 in the Treasury.

The beginning balance was \$7,412.00 with income totaling \$500.00 and \$2602.80 in expenses.

### Rose Huth

Had a hip replacement in August. We all wish Rose a full and speedy recovery!

### Show and Tell

**Ed Otto**- 2 cougars and a "Poopy Puppy" finished with tongue....oops that's Tung oil

**Jack Moxley**- a black bear

**Nick Sciortino**-An Eagle from Jack Kochan's class (not chip carved) :(

**Joe DeAngelis**- A Cedar Wax Wing carved from February to May. Also a relief carving of a ship he did at the Roundup in Honesdale.

**Bill Zech**-A relief carving of a horse done in Butternut and a train whistle with a face carved in it.



## Show Notes

The show preparation is coming along very well.

The show badge was chosen and Dave Murphy has again agreed to have the badges made for us, Thanks to those who entered the badge competition. Congratulations to Nikki Otto for her winning entry.

There were still 10 tables available as of the meeting get your reservation to Carl Smith now before it is too late!

If anyone knows where we can borrow more tables for the show please let Rick Baker know. 717-334-1292 The club voted to allow George Rienfried to distribute fliers about his carving cruise at the annual show. A couple of phone calls have brought up minor concerns to address in future shows. 1. We need to come up with a precise definition of "Miniatures" for our miniature category. 2. People should not be in the judging room when the pieces are being judged. 3. We should consider getting outside judges in future shows to eliminate favoritism since we all know the work of our members so well. 4. It was pointed out that even though chip carving is not "real carving" we did fail to list it as a category in our show flier. Yes Nick, Chip Carving will be included in our show this year. Joe DeAngelis did comment that overlooking the mistake would be "no great loss".

### Woodburning by Nick W. Sciortino

Nick was introduced by his cousin Nick S. Sciortino (Koz) where upon Koz was presented 2 jewelry box tops to chip carve by his cousin.

Pyrographics, meaning "Writing with Fire" was developed long ago. Many different materials can be burned including wood, paper and leather. Nick usually burns wood. Paper is also good as long as it is at least 140lb paper.

Any thin light colored wood will work for burning, some wood is toxic however so it is essential to have a well ventilated spot to do your wood burning. The first step to a woodburning is to sand, sand, sand down to a 220 grit sandpaper. After the board is smooth, clean the board and seal it with an acrylic sealer (this will keep the pattern from smearing). Next using wax free tracing paper, transfer your pattern to a board.

Three factors every good woodburning must have is Contrast, Contour, and a light source. Contrast can be established using things such as lights and darks, close and far away, varying colors, or small and large.

Contour may be achieved for example with adding rounded logs or a folded paper to your picture. There also must always be a light source from one direction in your picture.

Before starting to burn always wash your hands! You will only need a few tools, a burner, a skew tip, a shading tip and a strop to keep the tips clean.

Always practice your strokes on a practice board before actually touching your art work. Woodburning is permanent and not easily corrected. If a mistake is made you will have to start over. Practice is essential!

Start with the board tilted so the heat does not burn your hand. Use your Pinky for stability and make your strokes by pulling the tip toward yourself. Some techniques used include cross hatching, stippling, and scribbling. Thin lines are usually made with a skew and a lower temperature setting. For heavier lines turn

the heat up or use a slower stroke. Use a shader for thicker lines. Nick finishes his art by again spraying it with sealer, sometimes he will use oil paints for color after it is sealed. Thin wood can be framed to give it a finished look. Thanks for your interesting program Nick!



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**CONEWAGO CARVERS BANQUET**

2005

**DATE AND TIME:** November 8, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.  
(Doors Open At 5:30 p.m.)

**LOCATION:** Zwingli United Church of Christ  
403 West King Street  
East Berlin, PA  
(Across From Our Meeting Room)

**COSTS:** \$8.50 Per Person

**MENU:** Roast Chicken *and* Roast Beef,  
Filling and Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, One  
Vegetable, Cold Lettuce, Coffee, Tea and  
Dessert  
Served Family Style

**ENTERTAINMENT:**

**Magic Man Jim Diehl**  
**(with audience participation)**

**8<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL EXTRA MILE AWARD** (Who will be chosen  
this year?)

***HELP MAKE THE BANQUET A SUCCESS !!!***

(Detach Here And Return Bottom Portion With Payment)

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Make check payable to "Conewago Carvers".  
Please reply by October 30, 2005

Enclosed is a check for the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_  
persons.

Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Send Check to: **William A. Zech**  
**1739 Oakley Drive**

**Attention:  
Lost Deer**



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.

**UPMAH2**

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



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"No Kiddin, I didn't know Bird's Fly"

Thank you Bill Martin for your winning caption to this picture of Jim Hiser and Vern Blank. Instead of a caption this month send us your thoughts on our local "Deer Slayer" seen on the left. Known to us as Nick S. Sciortino to [ottoe@pa.net](mailto:ottoe@pa.net).