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September 17, 2006

Due to the unintentional double booking of our club room, President John Lovett called the meeting to order in the back room down the hall with 25 people present . Even though Jim Hiser apologized for scheduling The Harley Schmitgen seminar at the same time as the meeting, it turned out to be an advantage. Folks that have never attended a seminar had a chance to observe and see what it is like to attend one. Hopefully this will encourage more people to sign up for the classes. Jim Hiser works very hard to get highly talented carvers to East Berlin to teach our seminars and it is a shame when he has to cancel one do to lack of students.

Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets have been going reasonably well, but we can do better. So, if you haven't turned in any tickets (or the money for them), now's the time to grab a picture of the ark, and a hand full of tickets and hit up your family, friends, and neighbors -- it's for a good cause (helping the EBACC pay their A/C and heating bills). Tickets are \$1.00 each, or 6 tickets for \$5.00. !

Treasury Report

The beginning balance, as reported by Charlie Lockwood, was \$6,642.05 with income totaling \$2,029.50 and expenses in the amount of \$2,324.79. This leaves us with a balance of \$6,336.76 in the bank.

Extra Mile Award

Extra Mile Award nominees are due. If you want to nominate someone for this coveted award, contact John Lovett (717) 624-4068 , or any of the club officers. The award will be presented at the Banquet in November.

Silent Auction

Ernie Castelli has already received some goods for our silent auction, however, more items are needed (including non-carving items) Contact Ernie at (717) 308-0769 if you have an item you wish to donate for auction.

Welcome Back

Rich Schrader a long time charter member from New Oxford. Rich builds carousels in his garage!
Also welcome back **Rick Baker** who we have not seen for quite a while.
Joe Legore and Joe DeAngelis were also present and on the road to recovery! Keep them both in your thoughts!

Join Us

Next Meeting is October 15, at 2:00 at the EBACC. Vern Blank will do a "Bits and Tricks of Carving/Showing Bird Carvings!" and we will discuss last minute preparations for our annual show coming up on October 28-29!

Banquet

Our banquet is Nov. 4 at 6:00pm! Get your reservation in to John Lovett! It is only \$8.50 per person for a great meal, entertainment, and the company of fellow carvers!



2006 seminars : If you are interested in a seminar please contact Jim Hiser by email hiser@pa.net or phone at (717)243-0644. If the class you are interested in is full you will be put on a waiting list. Jim is setting up classes for 2007 so let him know if there is a special carver or type of seminar you would like him to set up!

November 11-12 **Jack Miller** Fish decoy \$40 + blank \$5-\$10 openings

Payment policy is listed on the web site <http://conewagocarvers.tripod.com/> Make checks payable to "Conewago Carvers" and mail to: Conewago Carvers, C/O Jim Hiser, 314 Enola Rd, Carlisle Pa. 17013

Show Update

Our show is approaching quickly! The theme is Winter Wonderland and it will be held on October 28-29.

- The sign up sheets to help with ticket sales and raffle sales are on the tables in the club room! Sign up for an hour or two. We need your help!
- Linda Murphy is still looking for **Reliable** judges. If you know of someone, Please let Linda know!
- The new show signs are in and look great! We have both 3x5 and 8x20 all with "peel off" dates and arrows! Thanks for getting them Jim Hiser!
- Most (if not all by now) of the tables are full
- Get your silent auction donations in to Ernie! The sooner the better! If you still would like to donate, contact Ernie Castelli at (717) 308-0769. Money collected from the Auction goes to the club!
- **SELL, SELL, SELL** the raffle tickets, we would like to make a large donation to the Community Center to help with their heating costs this winter!



2007 Officer Nominations

President– Ernie Castelli

Vice President– George Maurer– pictured below

Treasurer– Charlie Lockwood

Secretary– Ed Otto

Newsletter Editor– Nikki Otto

After these nominations were accepted, Nick Sciortino quickly made a motion to close nominations! However, if you would like to make additional nominations please contact a current club officer.



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Show and Tell

Joe Legore- a chestnut hooded merganser

Ernie Castelli– a man with a bottle of wine

Nick Sciortino– A butternut cat finished with tongue oil

Bill Zech– Moravian Stars, "Professor Nick" learned to do in Honesdale and taught the Tuesday night carvers.

Janet Maurer-her first carving! An old world Santa she completed "with help from friends!"





Making A Buster Crank Organ (or Monkey Organ)

By (appropriately dressed) Galen Leshar of Yorkcarvers

Galen Leshar first became interested in Organ Grinding at a cabin fever expo in York. He has since joined a Music Box Society appropriately named the “Happiest Music on Earth”. He created his Organs using plans created by John Smith and decorated by carving and woodburning. He bought the plans for the organ off the web site www.busterorgan.com. Since this web site comes from England, Galen had to send a check converted into English pounds before he could buy the plans. The website contains a lot of information on organs, however the plans were in metric and contained confusing “cereal box” referenced measurements. Being a retired shop teacher gave him the experience necessary to overcome the plans shortfalls. The organ still took a couple of agonizing months to build.

Each of 20 basswood pipes within the box are individually turned allowing the organ to play 20 different notes. Bellows force air into a pressure chamber blowing through holes in the music into plastic or PVC rubber hoses connected to the pipes in order to play the notes. The outside of the boxes were made of the best plywood he could buy and totally Galen’s design.

Galen buys his paper music from a company in England that charges about \$80 for it. With his stuffed monkey sitting next to his organ he shared many songs with us including, “Knees up Mother Brown” in which Galen says the words are “Nasty”! The wonderful music caught the attention of the folks down the hall in the Harley Schmitgen Seminar and also inspired Bill Zech and Ernie Castelli to “Cut a Rug!”





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