



## June Newsletter

**June 19, 2007** President Ernie Castelli opened meeting at 6:30 pm with 11 people present. Eventually three more people straggled in for a grand total of 14 people.

Charlie Lockwood reported the beginning balance was \$5870.85 with \$1009.5 income and \$112.00 in expenses, leaving a balance of \$6767.55.

### Treasury Report

#### Health news

- Charlie Lockwood is out of the hospital and recuperating at home under the firm guidance of Denise!
- Joe Legore and Dave Graybill were present at the meeting. Both are still "recooping!" It was good seeing both.
- Braden Ausherman has been under the weather for some time...anybody seen or heard from him?

### Dates to Remember

- July 15 will be our picnic, see the attached reservation form. It must be sent by June 30! This will include the show badge contest!
- Tuesday Nights carve ins at the EBACC club meeting room have begun to have FREE seminars! Volunteers are always needed to do these programs.
- Vic hood is returning for another seminar March 3,4 & 5 of 2008! Jim is taking reservations now!

### BANQUET

Will be held at the Zwingli UCC on the first Saturday in November (Nov 3rd). Cost, time, etc are expected to remain the same as last year. Entertainment is still TBD.

### The Prez Sez.....

Greeting from Ernie. Viv and I have been quite busy for the last month or so and may have not been home if any of you have tried to call. John tells me we have 34 people signed up for the picnic on the 15th.. I'm sure we will have a great time. Remember Dick Watkins and his son a going to put on a special program. So bring your comfy chairs and a extra drink if you wish Dale Buffington will be doing the program in August info to follow. I was in contact with Bill Zech he tells me he has been in and out of the hospital as his hip replacement popped out & he can't drive. I'll check again to see if he wants a ride. The last meeting was a great success George kill and cut up a Buffalo for us. We even had a visit from Dave Graybill & Joe Legore great to see you guys. Kudos to Rod Flinchbaugh for the story in the Hanover paper. For those that have not seen it I placed a copy on the bulletin board. See you Sunday. Ernie



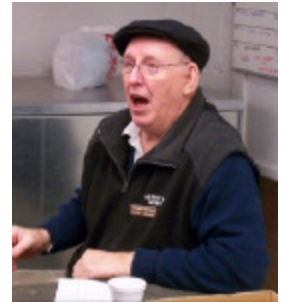
**The badge contest will take place at the July Picnic. The badge is to be circular, 2 1/2 inches in diameter, it may be in color this year but must be reproducible. It usually includes Conewago Carvers and the show dates however the design is totally up to you! The theme for this year is "Holidays" The dates will be October 27-28, 2007.**

## Show and Tell

Prez Ernie showed a walking staff decorated with a carved wood spirit and a (carved and painted) vine trailing down the remainder of the staff.

John Lovett had a couple of Love Spoons that he was still working on....another of his Tuesday night projects! One was basswood, while the other was "Mystery" wood!.

### "Mystery" Program by George Maurer



Another Mystery for the evening was the program. "Big George" Maurer talked to us about another type of carving...AKA butchering! (My kind of carving)

First he told us about the differences between Buffalo and Bison.

Buffalo are found in India and other southeast Asian countries. They are domesticated and used as "farm" animals.

Meanwhile, Bison are native to the western United States. They are wild animals (not domesticated) and were desired for their meat and hides by Native Americans. An adult male bison can weigh between 1600 and 2000 pounds, while the female will hit the scales at about 900 pounds. (And that's a pretty good sized scale in its own right!)

Then George went into a much more detailed discussion on butchering (carving?) the animals. I don't even pretend to understand all that he was talking about, but I'm sure that many of the hunters in the club would understand the finer points of "stun guns" being replaced by high power rifles; the use of "Schimmer" knives made of a softer steel to cut through the heavy thick coat of the bison. Apparently one reason for this was the stones and caked dirt embedded in the hair of the bison. Then a "lamb" knife was used to separate the hide from the meat.

George was very knowledgeable (as he should have been following his many years as a butcher) on the various cuts of meat.

He also told us of some "buffalo farms" down around Lineboro, MD. Apparently, they are raised for a specialty meat market. George also said that a mounted head would cost in the neighborhood of \$3000. (Pretty expensive neighborhood!), while a hide would cost about \$300. A cleaned skull would probably cost \$150.

Joe Legore mentioned the Scottish Highlander cattle raised by Pete Shepherd down by the Hanover Shoe Farms on Lover Lane, as another example of a specialty breed of cattle. Jack Moxley also spoke of the Long Horn cattle off Highway 97 just north of Westminster, MD.

So, if anyone is looking for "real live" reference material for a carving, it's not necessary to go far from home.....we've got it all, right here on the Mason-Dixon line!!

Reported in the absence of our regular Recording Secretary by John Lovett. (Would have had pictures too, but my wife took the camera with her to southern Maryland. Somehow she thinks pictures of the great-grandkids are more important than any of George!)

## 2007 Seminar Schedule

If you are interested in a seminar please contact Jim Hiser by email [hiser@pa.net](mailto:hiser@pa.net) or phone at (717) 243-0644.

Date	Instructor	Project	Price	Openings
August 17 (evening) 18,19	<b>Peter Ortel</b>	Caricature Carving	\$145 + roughout	No, call Jim to be put on a waiting list
September 14, 15, 16	<b>Harley Schmitgen</b>	Caricature Carving	\$185 + roughout	Yes
October 29,30	<b>Dennis Thornton</b>	Caricature Carving	\$145 + roughout	No, call Jim to be put on a waiting list
November 10,11	<b>Jack Miller</b>	Carving and painting a shore bird	\$45 + Blank	Yes
March 3,4 & 5, 2008	<b>Vic Hood</b>	Carving found Wood	TBD	Yes

**Jim is busy setting up classes for 2008 already!  
Sign up now to reserve a spot!**

