

Newsletter



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Club News

With 23 members attending the April 3rd meeting, this is what was discussed.



The Fresno Home Show last month was helped by six or seven members sitting at our table. They were able to sell \$32 in raffle tickets for the staff Don Cathey had donated. The lady that won the staff seemed very excited about winning it. People stopping by the table were interested in the carving class, which started on the 10th, but no one signed up at the show.



Sacramento's Capitol Woodcarvers are having their "Spring Show" on May 1st and 2nd. They have presented us a 6' table for the show. To take them up on the offer, we would need to have two to four people that

would want to sit at the table. The show is in Sacramento at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, on H Street. Those wanting to help would need to arrive on Friday, April 30 to set up. The teardown and leaving would be on Sunday. Anyone interested should contact Jim Hickey.



Eagle Head Cane Update – Clovis Unified isn't getting back to Don Lenz about turning the shafts. He's not sure how this will be accomplished at this point. But there are 17 heads that are done so far.



The 3rd Annual Oakhurst Wood Carvers Rendezvous starts Sunday, April 18th thru Sunday the 25th. Our own Bud Sanders will be one of the instructors.



There is no word about another display at the Clovis Library. This is due, in large part, to the unfortunate passing of the Clovis Librarian (Joe Augustino). Joe was also the influence behind the Olivette ship restoration project and our liaison with the Library. How this will impact us has yet to be seen. However, we will continue as originally commissioned.



Clarence brought in a quantity of items for the raffle that will take several months to go through. And Mike Fair brought in a box of golf balls for anyone wanting to carve them.



At our next meeting on May 1st, we will be having a hot dog and chili bean fiesta. Come hungry!



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- ☞ *Next Meeting* will be held on May 1, 10:00 am

Location:

1745 N Cornelia
Fresno, CA

*Between Olive and McKinley
About 3 miles West of Hwy 99*

- ☞ *Weekly carving sessions every Saturday (10 to Noon) at Bert Frazier's (see address above) for learning, teaching, or just plain carving.*

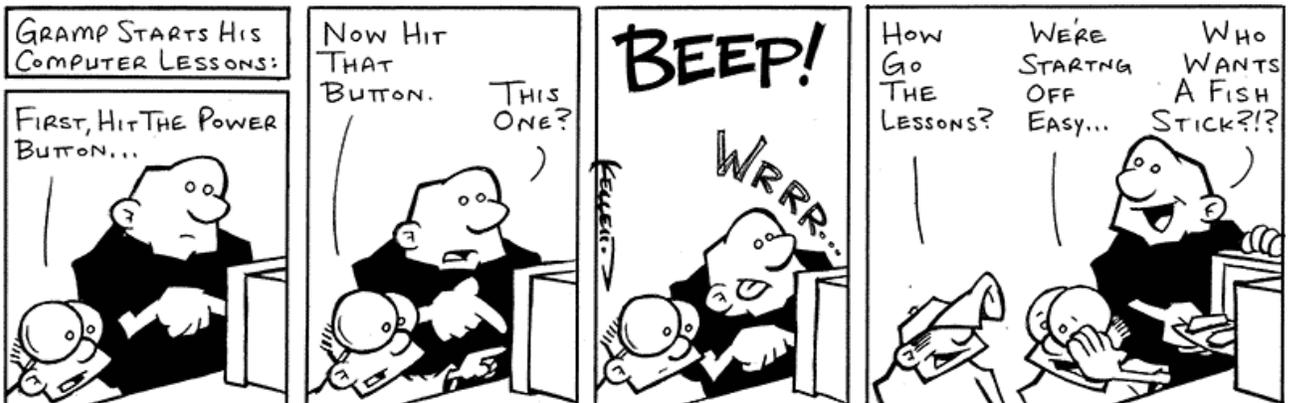
- ☞ *FOOD at the May 1st meeting.*

Pictures



Here are just some pictures from the last meeting. From milling about to what's on the raffle table to Jimmy Satterfield, these were all at the last meeting.

(Some objects may appear larger than in real life.)



Show & Tell

Four members brought in carvings to the March 6th meeting. And in addition, Lloyd showed us his new toy.



Roger Prechtel finished his Popeye carving. Even after throwing it in the trash . . . twice.



Roger's Popeye

Frustration mounted because of the skinny upper arms and massive forearms. They had to be glued back numerous times. It took Roger a couple of weeks to complete the carving which he used umber for the skin tone.



Lance Leitch brought in a scroll saw work that was graciously done for



Lance's Name

Lance by a guy he met from the foothills. It can be displayed with it either shifted forward or backward.



Johnnie Grigsby had a giraffe he did. It took him about three weeks to do it



Johnnie's Giraffe & Camel

including the burning in of the spots. He is also in progress of completing a camel.



Class Projects

Donnie Cathey showed the examples of the six projects for the carving class he'll be teaching.



Lloyd Moore demonstrated his new Gesswein carving machine. After his old one finally failed he was able to replace it with one that is cheaper (at just over \$300), smaller, and quieter than the previous one. The one he got is the Power/Hand 2 X Marathon System with a



Lloyd's New Toy

3/32" collet. It included a speed control, a 35,000 rpm handpiece with quick-change collet, variable-speed foot peddle, handpiece cradle rest, and safety glasses.



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brain cells is finally down
to a manageable size.

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Online Resources

Some videos and a website that I've run across that you might be interested in. Copy everything in at the bottom of the section into your browser.

Dremel

Since Lloyd showed us his new carving tool I looked at some videos about Dremel carving. The first one has no sound but shows different bits and has text discussing their use.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w9I0oNMfUQ0>

Some Knives & Such

More than strictly beginner in nature but still a description of

his basic starter set of tools.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QNPRIAyG6tE>

Carving The 5 Minute Wizard

Check out the demonstration from the featured article in Woodcarving Illustrated Magazine.

Part 1: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I9sObqxmYJY>

Part 2: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F-XCEJHxzxI>

Part 3: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yigQwhZvIck>

Making a Walking Stick

A little different version. How to make

a basic English walking stick. Huw Edwards shows how he goes about making his sticks. Including how he straightens them.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FzIAEtQBd5M>

FREE patterns & how to lessons

This Canadian site has many things to checkout. Numerous patterns, from dragons to tigers to grapes. Lessons from carving safety to drinking coasters. They also have stuff to sell, but FREE is nice.

<http://darkwood-woodcarving.com>

