



# ROCK RIVER VALLEY CARVERS OF WISCONSIN

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## March 7, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

- Call to Order: President Tom Kautz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Reggie James, Brad Crandall, Vern Morris, Dave Thill, Mike Hughbanks, Gerry Lesch, Jim Svobada, Robin Rios, Tom Kautz, and Rosie Kautz attended the meeting.
- January/ February 2019 Treasurer Report (Rosie Kautz): The January beginning balance was \$5,219.50, and the ending balance was \$4,979.04. The February beginning balance was \$4,979.04, and the ending balance was \$5,076.94. Copies of the reports were given to each person. Reggie James made the motion to accept the Treasurer Reports as written. Mike Hughbanks seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Addition/Corrections to February 2019 Minutes (Robin Rios): There are no minutes for February, because the meeting was cancelled due to bad weather.
- RRVC Website Report (Vern Morris and Mike Hughbanks): Since the end of November 2018 until today there has been 469 hits on Facebook with 83 hits in the last 30 days. The website has had a total of 83 hits over the past 30 days, with 10 over the last 7 days, and 3 since yesterday. Vern has now transferred the reins of Webmaster over to Mike. Thank you to Vern for his many years of service as the RRVC Webmaster.
- Illness/Sunshine Report (Robin Rios): Cards were sent to Julie Morris, Dave Thill, and Ron Duffy. Rosie Kautz will be sending a card from the club to Bernie and Bev Fields. The Fields have decided not to renew their membership this year. Gerry Lesch made a motion to continue sending the newsletter to Bev and Bernie Fields. Vern Morris seconded the motion. The motion carried. Rosie suggested sending a get-well card to Mark Ludois. Robin said she would bring a card to Monday morning carving.

### 2019 Officers

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**Most Gifted  
Carvers had to  
Work Long and  
Hard to make  
Small Gains**

We meet on the  
first Thursday of the month  
at the Janesville Senior Center,  
Second Floor  
69 S. Water St.  
Janesville, WI  
Meeting or Carving  
begins at 7:15 p.m.  
Board Meeting at 6 p.m.

## Old Business

- Evening Open Carving Sessions (Tom Kautz): The next sessions are scheduled for March 19, 2019, April 2, 2019, and April 16, 2019 at Trinity Episcopal Church Ortmayer Hall from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The eight people who took Ernie's class all became members. Reggie James suggested we needed to somehow keep in touch with new members. Robin Rios said in past years she had sent cards to new members to welcome them to the club. She asked Rosie Kautz to give her the names of the new members, so that she could send them each a card.
- Get to Know a Fellow Carver (Robin Rios): The last two carvers whose names have been drawn decided not to be interviewed. Two new names need to be drawn at tonight's regular meeting.
- Board Member's Roles and Responsibilities (Robin Rios): Dave Thill handed this task over to Robin after becoming President of the Janesville Golden-K-Club. Robin handed out copies for Board members to look at and give her their feedback.
- 2019 RRVC Show & Sale Update (Reggie James and Brad Crandall): The following people have volunteered to help: Vern Morris and Mike Hughbanks (RRVC Website & Facebook Updates), Randy Callison (Goodie Bags), Mike Hughbanks (Raffle), Jeff Navarro (Show Kitchen), and Robin Rios (Media). The posters and quarter sheets are printed. The chainsaw carver is Zoli Akacsos from Monroe, Wisconsin. The following publications have been contacted to advertise the show: Wildfowl Carving, Chip Chats, and Carving Illustrated. Randy Callison will be teaching his class on carving icicles, Ernie Tucker will conduct a class on carving an eight-point star, and Danny Neubauer will demonstrate how to sharpen carving tools. Reggie suggested setting up a two-tier application process next year to encourage exhibitors to sign up early for the show.

## New Business

- Chilimania Update: Tim Banwell has agreed to be a co-chair this year. Please contact Tim or Tom Kautz if you are willing to be a co-chair with Tim. Ernie Tucker and Gus Helling will make the bases for the chilies again this year. The club needs 17 chilies.
- Possible Expansion of Carving Class Reimbursement: Reggie James suggested lowering the \$50.00 reimbursement amount to prevent running low on funds. Rosie Kautz thought the club could include classes held at Raven's Wish or sponsored by the club in addition to classes offered by Christian Hummul. Vern Morris said it important to offer some amount of reimbursement for classes to encourage members to keep carving. Discussion was tabled until the next meeting.
- Ernie Tucker's Beginning Carving Class: Eight people took the first class. Each of these carvers became club members. Eight more people are on a waiting list to take the next class. Mike Hughbanks is working with Ernie to schedule the next beginner's class.
- Financial Review (Rosie Kautz): Ray Douglas and Dave Thill have volunteered to review the financial records of the club.
- Need for Second Signer on Club's Bank Account (Rosie Kautz): Dave Thill said he would stay on as the second signer.
- Disposal of Club's Old Printer (Rosie Kautz): Following discussion it was decided by the Board to dispose of the printer at a recycling center due to its age.
- Upcoming RRVC Club Programs (Tom Kautz): Tom Kautz will present a program on Sharpening in April, and Brad Crandall's program about Caricatures will be held in May. Dave Thill is talking about Pyrography at tonight's regular meeting.
- 2019 Above & Beyond Award Committee (Vern Morris): The committee which includes Gloria Woldanski, Gary Woldanski, Ruth McNally, and Joe McNally has chosen this year's winner who will be announced at September's show.
- RRVC Club Membership Application Revision: The application will now include the Release of Liability and Photo Form.

- Affiliated Woodcarvers (Rosie Kautz): Affiliated Woodcarvers sent the club a letter asking for a donation. The club usually gives a \$100.00 donation every year. Vern Morris made a motion to give a \$100.00 donation to Affiliated Woodcarvers this year. Brad Crandall seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Other Items: Rosie Kautz handed out an updated information sheet to each officer that explains how to cancel a meeting on WCLO and WJVL.
- The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2019.
- Adjournment: President Tom Kautz adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Robin Rios, RRVC Secretary.

### **March 7, 2019 RRVC Monthly Meeting**

- Call to Order: President Tom Kautz called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Attendance: 24.
- Introduction & Welcome of Guests/New Members: Two new members David Anders and Steve Johnson introduced themselves.
- Treasurer Report (Rosie Kautz): See Board meeting minutes for details. The club paid \$385.00 for rent to the Janesville Senior Center for 2019. A copy of the report was sent around for members to view.
- Chilimania Update: Tim Banwell has agreed to serve as co-chair, so he needs someone to volunteer to serve as co-chair with him. Chilimania wants 17 chilies. The chilies should be 10-12 inches tall. The chilies must be family friendly.
- 2019 Show Update (Reggie James and Brad Crandall): The set-up date will be on September 13th. The show information on the website is up to date. John Raisbeck just volunteered to chair the Greeters Table. Robin Rios agreed to be the photographer. See Board meeting minutes for further details.
- Club Historian: Bev Fields has stepped down from this post. A volunteer is needed to replace her. Randy Callison pointed out the good job Bev has done.
- Get to Know a Carver: Robert Tyson and Tom Kautz's names were drawn to be interviewed.
- Other Items: Cindy Kryshak announced that Christian Hummul has bought the Woodcraft Shop. This makes Christian Hummul the largest woodcarving supply business in the United States. Hummul will offer a class by Alec Lacasse May 10th - 12th, and a class by John Engler May 24th - 26th. Tom Kautz let the group know about the upcoming Wood Carver Show to be held by Lake County Carvers on Saturday, August 3, 2019, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., 1306 West Wisconsin Avenue, Oconomowoc, WI.
- 50/50 Raffle (Randy Callison): Ray Douglas won the raffle, and he donated his \$13.00 back to the club.
- Adjournment: President Tom Kautz adjourned the business portion of the meeting at 7:50 p.m. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Robin Rios, Secretary.

#### **Tuesday Evening Open Carving Sessions**

April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> are our next open carving sessions. We meet from 6 pm until 8 pm at Trinity Episcopal Church in Ortmyer Hall, 419 E Court St., Janesville. Enter through the door on the west side of the building. **Mike Highbanks and Ernie Tucker class for new carvers will take place there on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and May 7<sup>th</sup> at the same time. The class is advertised on our web site. Local newspapers and radio stations have been contacted to publicize the class also.**

## Area Carving Opportunities!

Janesville Senior Center: Mondays & Thursdays from 8:30 – 11:00. Meet and carve with fellow carvers. A wide variety of carvings is always going on. Helpful instruction is available.

Edgerton Senior Center: Tuesday morning carving with Bob Phelps, 9 am until whenever.

### Our Club Needs You! Can You Help?

A person is needed to work with Tim Banwell and **Co-Chair our Chili Pepper effort**. This person will help Tim get members signed up to carve a chili pepper for Chili Mania, collect the chilis, and mount them on already-made bases. Minimal time required.

A new **Club Historian** is needed. This position maintains a scrapbook of newspaper articles, photos, and other materials on our club.

**Contact Tom Kautz (868-4522) or Tim Banwell (752-3426) to volunteer**

### Shows & Seminars Coming Up

**April 13: Sheboygan, WI** Kettle Karvers Annual Woodcarving & Wood Sculpture Show at Lakers Ice Center, 1202 S Wildwood Ave, open 10 to 4, Bob Lawrence, 920-458-4947, [www.kettlekarvers.org](http://www.kettlekarvers.org)

**May 5: Oshkosh, WI** Mid-Wisconsin Chippers Show, Competition & Sale, Oshkosh Convention Center, 2 N Main St, 9am to 4 pm, <https://midwisconsinchippers.weebly.com>

**June 8-16: Maquoketa, IA** International Woodcarvers Congress Competition at Jackson County Fairgrounds, 1212 E Quarry St, 10-5 daily, 10-4 Sunday, [www.awcltd.org](http://www.awcltd.org)

## Show & Share



Chip Carved Plate and Boxes by Bud Cunningham



### Boy Scout Merit Badge Class

Tom Kautz has organized a Boy Scout carving class to be taught April 6. Members of our club who have worked on samples and will be teaching the class are Ernie Tucker, Randy Callison, Mark Ludois, Darrell Higley, and Reggie James. Each scout will be carving the simple Santa shown here plus one other item to earn the badge.





Wood Spirit by John Raisbeck



Bunny (on left)  
by Jim Svoboda  
and another Bunny (on Right)  
by John Raisbeck



Owl Pins Woodburned  
on watercolor paper  
by Rosemary Kautz



Hot Chili Pepper  
by Jim Svoboda



Reversible Thanksgiving and  
Christmas table decorations  
by Rosemary Kautz



8 and 12-Point Stars  
By Ernie Tucker



Wood Spirit in Catalpa  
By Ernie Tucker