



ROCK RIVER VALLEY CARVERS OF WISCONSIN

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November 1, 2022 Meeting Minutes

- Call to Order: President Tom Kautz called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.
- Introduction of New Members/Visitors: No new members or visitors were present.
- October 2022 Treasurer Report (Rosie Kautz): The beginning balance was \$6,319.01, and the ending balance was \$6,419.01. Rosie noted that the date across from the Show Commercial Tables line under Deposits needed to be changed from 8/20 to 9/20. The RRVC Show Deposit check should arrive by the end of the week.
- Additions/Corrections to October's Newsletter: No additions or corrections were made.
- Website Report (Mike Hughbanks): There were 12 hits in the last seven days, 97 hits in the past 30 days, and a total of 2,344 hits over the last year.
- Illness/Sunshine Report (Rosie Kautz): No cards were sent out.

Old Business

- 2023 Carving Show (Tom Kautz): Our next show is scheduled for September 9, 2023. The half day set up will be on September 8, 2023. Brad Crandall and John Raisbeck have volunteered to be Co-Chairmen.
- Summary of Feedback on 2022 Show/Update on 2023 Show (Brad Crandall): All the people who filled out the slips liked the show. Those responding said they heard about the show from Chip Chats, friends, club members, the website, the library, Kaufmans, and the signs on the fence around the fairgrounds. Brad said he has already contacted Chip Chats, Carving Illustrated, and Waterfowl magazines with the 2023 show information.

2022 Officers

President:	Thomas Kautz 608-868-4522
Vice President:	Mike Hughbanks 815-289-8573
Secretary:	Vacant
Treasurer:	Rosemary Kautz 608-868-4522
Librarian:	Bud Cunningham 608-853-1777
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**Why are there more
Wise Crackers
around than there
are Smart Cookies?**

**Normal meetings on the
first Tuesday of the month
at the First Lutheran Church,
Across from Fairgrounds
612 N Randall Ave.
Janesville, WI
Meeting or Carving
begins at 6 p.m.**

New Business

- Carving Requests/Opportunities (Tom Kautz)
 - 2023 Whitetail Buck Deer Class by Betty Popp
Dates: April 27-29 & May 11-13
Location: Neenah, Wisconsin
Sponsor: Mid-Wisconsin Chippers
 - International Crane Foundation
This organization wants carved life-size crane puppet heads for educational use.
Email: info@savingcranes.org
- Program Director: Tom mentioned the club still needs a member to schedule monthly programs for our monthly meetings. The idea was suggested to schedule the programs instead for the Monday/Thursday morning meetings since the attendance is better.
- Jim Hart (wood supplier) will be in the area sometime in March 2023. More information to follow.
- **Christmas Party & Ornament Exchange** (Rosie Kautz): The Christmas party will take place on December 6, 2022 at 6:00 pm. The club will supply chicken. Please bring a dish to pass, a beverage, and place settings. Please bring a carved ornament if you want to take part in the exchange. Tom has blocks of wood and patterns for Christmas ornaments. Just call him if you want one.
- Other Business: Mike Hughbanks and Bud Cunningham will be carving at Hedberg Library on November 5th. Jim Trumpy will teach a class on carving eyes at Hummul soon.
- Show and Share
- Adjournment: President Tom Kautz adjourned the business portion of the meeting at 6:38 pm. During open carving there will be a group discussion on ideas to improve the operation of the 2023 RRVC Show and Sale.

The minutes are respectfully submitted by Robin Rios.

Area Carving Opportunities!

Janesville Senior Center: Mondays & Thursdays from 9-11 am. Meet and carve with fellow carvers. Please spray your area and wipe it down with the bleach water provided by the center before leaving.

Fulton Church: Tuesdays, 9-11 am in the church gymnasium, 9209 N Fulton St.

First Lutheran Church: The 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month from 6-8 pm, 612 N. Randall Ave. (Across from the fairgrounds.)

Shows & Seminars Coming Up

April 22, 2023: 'Karve in 7' in Westby, Wis at Westby Elementary School, 122 Nelson St., Westby. 10-4 pm, free admission. John Sutton, 608-634-4396, lbarnfarms@gmail.com

April 23, 2023: Kettle Karvers Show at Emil Mazey Hall, 5425 Superior Ave, Sheboygan, Wis. Bob Lawrence, 920-458-4947, bob.kettlekarvers@att.net

June 10-17, 2023: Affiliated Wood Carvers Congress in Maquoketa, IA. Competition, seminars, and show. www.woodcarverscongress.org

Wood Buying Opportunity

'Good Wood Etc.,' owned by Jim Hart out of Turtle Lake, Wisconsin will be stopping in Janesville sometime in March on his way through town. He should have manzanita roots, diamond willow, a few twisted sticks, basswood, and cottonwood bark available for sale. We won't know exactly when he will arrive until we receive his phone call. If you're going to be around here in March, be on the lookout for a short-notice notification. Let Tom Kautz know if you are interested in being notified.

We will soon be electing officers for next year. Please consider volunteering to help run our club in the future. These are the positions and candidates so far:

President – Mike Hughbanks

Vice-President – **Open**

Past President – Tom Kautz

Secretary – Robin Rios

Treasurer – Rosie Kautz

Librarian – Bud Cunningham

Newsletter Editor – Rosie Kautz

Members At Large – Gerry Lesch & Vern Morris

Show Chairman – Brad Crandall & John Raisbeck, assistant

Club Christmas Party on December 6

We have permission to hold our annual Christmas party on December 6 at First Lutheran Church in Fellowship Hall at 6 pm. The club will provide fried chicken. Please bring a dish to share, your own plate, napkin, and silverware, and something to drink. We will do an ornament exchange for everyone who wishes to participate and brings a carved or woodburned Christmas ornament. We will need to clean up and take recyclables and trash to the dumpsters afterwards.

**Please contact Rosie or Tom Kautz to let them know if you will attend (608-868-4522).
With lower-than normal meeting attendance, we don't want to purchase too much chicken.**

Class on Carving Eyes - Jim Trumpy will be teaching a class on carving eyes at Hummul on December 7. The class will run from 8 am to 5 pm. The cost is \$30 and includes the wood. Contact Hummul to sign up.

Preparation for our 2023 Show: If you want to purchase wood from Rod Wilcox at our next show, you may pre-order your wood from Rod or let Tom Kautz know what you want. You will be able to pick up the exact wood supplies you want the day of our show.

Also, let Brad Crandall or John Raisbeck know if you will have items for sale on the clubs' resale table. If we don't have enough items, we may not have the resale table at our show next year. (Please let them know before August 15, 2023.)

Club Members Recent Carvings



Robin Rios' Framed Pyrography

Jim Trumpys' Carved Bark Faces



Tom Kautz' Spoon



Denny Pryces' Chip Carved Box



John Eidens' Detailed Bark Carving

Rosie Kautz' Cane Segment



Tom Kautz' Deer silhouette

Rosie Kautz' Sunflower Owl

