



# ROCK RIVER VALLEY CARVERS OF WISCONSIN

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## June 6, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

- Call to Order: Vice President Mark Ludois called the meeting to order at 5:58 p.m. Tom and Rosie Kautz are on vacation. Brad Crandall, Gerry Lesch, Jim Svobada, Mark Ludois, Mike Hughbanks, and Robin Rios attended the meeting. Vern Morris dropped off his chili he carved for Chilimania.
- May 2019 Treasurer Report (Mark Ludois): Mark gave the treasurer report in Rosie Kautz's absence. The beginning balance was \$4,861.94, and the ending balance was \$4,300.51. The Year to Date beginning balance was \$5,194.50, and the ending balance was \$4,300.51. Mike Hughbanks made a motion to accept the report as written. Jim Svobada seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Additions/Corrections to May Board/Monthly Minutes: Jim Svobada made the motion to accept the 2019 May Board/Monthly Minutes as written. Brad Crandall seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Website Report (Mike Hughbanks): The last 7 days had 53 page views and 11 file downloads; the last 30 days had 231 page views and 33 file downloads; and the last 365 days had 2,212 page views and 219 file downloads.
- Illness/Sunshine Report: Mike Hughbanks reported that Rosie Kautz sent a get-well card to his wife.

### Old Business

- Tuesday Evening Open Carving Sessions: Mark Ludois finished his classes on carving a 5 Minute Owl which were held on May 7th, May 21st, and June 4th. Ernie Tucker will start his intermediate class on carving a Comfort Bird on June 18th.
- Get to Know a Fellow Carver (Robin Rios): Ed Hogue will be featured in the June newsletter.
- Roles/Responsibilities of RRVC Board Members (Robin Rios): Gerry Lesch will help Robin with this project.
- 2019 Show Update (Brad Crandall): Everything is on track for the upcoming show in September.

### 2019 Officers

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**Don't Be Afraid to  
Make a Mistake,  
or You Won't  
Make Anything**

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.

## New Business

- Chilimania Update: Tim Banwell still needs a co-chair. Mark Ludois and Jim Svobada said they would ask Randy Callison if he would consider taking the position tonight.
- Upcoming Programs: Jim Trumpy will talk tonight about Basic Painting Techniques. July 11th is the annual RRVC Picnic at Carver Roehl Park. There will not be a Board Meeting that night.
- Adjournment: Vice President Mark Ludois adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Robin Rios, Secretary.

**No Meeting Thursday, July 4th**

## July 11th –Summer Picnic

**Our club picnic will be held once again at Carver Roehl County Park from 4:30 until 9 pm! The club will supply chicken. Bring your spouse, a dish to pass, something to drink, and your place settings (plate, silverware, napkin).** The park is located at 4907 S Carvers Rock Road, Clinton. Take Hwy. 14 or Avalon Rd East from Janesville, take Hwy. 140 South. Turn East (left) on E Larson Rd and then right (south) on Carvers Rock Rd. to the park. **Come for the good food, visit with fellow carvers, and see all the carved chili peppers!**

## June 6, 2019 RRVC Monthly Meeting

- Call to Order: Vice President Mark Ludois called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Attendance:18
- Sad Announcement from the Woldanski Family: Gary Woldanski, the son of Gloria and Gary Woldanski, who are members of our club, announced to the group that his father Gary passed away on Sunday, June 2, 2019. Gloria wanted us to know that she needs some time to deal with her loss and would like members to wait for a few weeks to contact her. There will not be any public service or announcement of Gary's passing put in the paper per his request. Robin Rios will bring a sympathy card for club members to sign on June 10th and June 13th at the morning carving sessions.
- May 2019 Treasurer Report: See Board Meeting Minutes for details.
- September 14, 2019 Show Update (Brad Crandall): Please see Co-Chairs Brad Crandall and Reggie James to sign up for a table(s). Everything is on schedule. Jim Trumpy says he has enough segments for the Friendship Cane to be raffled off at the show.
- Chilimania Update (Tim Banwell): He still needs a co-chair to help him. Chilimania wants 17 chilies this year. Sixteen chilies have been turned in. We need one more chili to fulfill our commitment this year. We pay our rent for the Senior Center with the money Chilimania donates to the club for the chilies. Gus Helling, Randy Callison, and Ernie Tucker made the bases for the chilies. Tim needs volunteers to help him mount the chilies on the bases.
- Upcoming Programs: Tonight, Jim Trumpy will be talking about the Basics of Painting.
- 50/50 Raffle (Randy Callison): Mark Ludois won \$10.00, and he donated it back to the club.
- Adjournment: Vice President Mark Ludois adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Robin Rios, Secretary.

## Tuesday Evening Open Carving Sessions

June 18th, July 2nd and July 16th are our next open carving sessions. Ernie Tucker will be holding the first class in his intermediate carving class on June 18th. The sessions are from 6 pm until 8 pm at Trinity Episcopal Church in Ortmayer Hall, 419 E Court St., Janesville. Enter through the door on the west side of the building.

## 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.

## Shows & Seminars Coming Up

**August 3: Oconomowoc, WI** Lake Country Carvers Show at Life Enrichment Center, 1306 W Wisconsin Ave, Oconomowoc. Sat. 10-4, free admission. Ray Burow 920-474-4075, [rburow1@wi.rr.com](mailto:rburow1@wi.rr.com)

**August 21: Converse, IN** CCA's national caricature carving competition. Carvings due by August 20, [www.cca-carvers.org](http://www.cca-carvers.org)

**Sept. 14: Our Show!** 9 to 4 at Craig Center, Rock County Fairgrounds. Reggie James 608-295-0264 or Brad Crandall 608-931-0188, [www.rockrivervalleycarvers.com](http://www.rockrivervalleycarvers.com)

**Sept. 21-22: Stevens Point, WI** 19th Annual Show/Competition/Sale at Holiday Inn, 1001 Amber Ave. Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4, admission \$5, 12 and under free. Ron O'Kray 715-570-2534 or Greg Wirtz 715-323-2035, [www.wisconsinriverwoodcarvers.org](http://www.wisconsinriverwoodcarvers.org)

## Get to Know a Fellow Carver

Ed's first carving project was a boot. Then Ernie Tucker got him started on carving "... all kinds of spoons and comfort birds. They were all a lot of fun. It just makes me feel good to take a piece of wood and carve it into something. I'm also trying to learn wood burning to give my hands a rest. Everyone at RRVC have been so very nice and very helpful and encouraging."

Ed was born in Alton, Illinois. He and his wife Nancy married in 1968, and they had three children named Monica, Eddie, and Jamey. The family moved to Clinton, Wisconsin in 1974. Ed was an employee at Scott Forge for 25 years. During that time, he and Nancy were foster parents for 30 children. They ended up adopting three of those 30 kids at the ages of 6 months, 12 years, and 16 years. He says "They have all turned out to be a blessing." He and his wife now reside in Janesville, Wisconsin. They enjoy many outdoor activities like fishing, hiking, and camping with their adult children who live in the area.

(Article submitted by Robin Rios)

Here's a simple Owl design you can trace and modify to create a beautiful Christmas ornament.





Jim Trumpy gave an educational and interesting presentation on painting your carvings at our last meeting on June 6th.

## Show & Share



Ernie Tucker carved this Wood Spirit in Cottonwood Bark



Bud Hilgendorf's Red-Headed Woodpecker

Ray Douglas' Carved Coat Hanger

