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IMPORTANT MESSAGE:

**There will be No Monday and Thursday morning carving sessions
No Tuesday evening carving sessions
No monthly meetings for now.**

Thoughts from The RRVC President's Carving Bench

We are still waiting to make a final decision on conducting our September Show & Sale based on:

- State of Corvid 19 virus
- Use of the fairgrounds building
- Size of allowed occupancy limit for visitors and exhibitors

Please let your Board of Directors know your concerns regarding conducting our show. Plus, your input is needed on how we should proceed with the project of possibly providing air conditioning for the room we use in Ortmyer Hall for Tuesday evening carving in the summer.

Look for news regarding Jerry Heyerdahl's donated tools and wood in the next few weeks. The club's Board of Directors will review the items donated and formulate a 'Best Plan of Action' to get the items into the hands of carvers whether this be via auction, sale, E-Bay sale, etc. Any suggestions will be welcomed by the board. Next month we will distribute photographs and descriptions for club members to review. Club members will be able to make offers prior to opening up any sales to others. The proceeds of the disposition of the donated items will benefit our club.

Please stay safe and healthy until we can all get together again!

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**If the sun isn't
shining when you
wake up, carve!**

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.

Membership Updates

Please remember to contact RRVC President, Tom Kautz, or Newsletter Editor, Rosie Kautz, if you are moving to a new address, changing phone numbers or email addresses. We don't want to lose track of our important members!

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Shows and Seminars – Check Websites for Latest Information

August 1 – Lake Country Carvers: Cancelled

August 6-8 – Carv Fest: Fairbault, MN, www.whittlingshack.com/carv-fest

Sept. 19-20 - Wisconsin River Woodcarvers: Holiday Inn, 1001 Amber Ave., Stevens Point, WI, www.wisconsinriverwoodcarvers.org

Sept. 26 – Rock River Valley Carvers: Craig Center, Janesville Fairgrounds, www.rockrivervalleycarvers.com

Get to Know a Fellow Carver



Tom Marty has been carving for three years, and he has been a member of Rock River Valley Carvers of Wisconsin for the same length of time. Tom says “I have done spoon and chip carvings. I am learning how to carve owls and Little Folk by Harley Refsal. I also do some wood burnings.”

Tom is a retired semi driver for Frito Lay located in Beloit, Wisconsin. He resides in Elkhorn, Wisconsin with his wife, Leeann. She is a retired CNA. They have been married for 10 1/2 years. Tom adds “We are a blended family. God has blessed us with three daughters and one son. We also have one granddaughter and five grandsons.” Tom sends out the following greeting to his fellow carvers: “Happy Carving and God Bless You.”

Article submitted by Robin Rios.

Chili Pepper Information from Mark Ludois:

Hello fellow carvers,

Hope everybody is doing OK during this Corvid-19 pandemic. Please everyone be safe.

It's getting to be chili pepper time again and I'm compiling a list of people that are going to carve a trophy. Please see the enclosed diagram for the dimensions we have to carve them by and when they have to be completed. We will be needing to carve sixteen trophies this year. Just email me back if you are going to make one or you can just call me at number listed below.

(P) 608-371-3838

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Thanks,

Mark Ludois

WARNING Carving Flu

Extremely Contagious

Symptoms:

Constantly complains about not having enough carving tools, wood, or sharpening supplies. Has blank expressions, sometimes deaf to spouse and kids. Frequently reads carving magazines and books. Hangs out in woodworking stores longer than usual. Makes secret night phone calls to Harold Enlow. Will share tips and secrets with anyone who asks. Always giving away things that they just carved.

NO KNOWN CURE

Treatment: Medication is useless. Disease not fatal. Must attend carving seminars as often as possible.

Club Members' Carvings



Complete
Farmstead Carved
by John Eiden



Bark Lighthouse by
Bernie Fields



Barflies Carved by John Raisbeck



Spoon and Face in Progress
By Denny Pryce



The 'Old Rocker' by Jim Svoboda, basswood figure, walnut speakers, approx. 8" tall



Ernie Tuckers' Beard Combs and Comfort Bird



Gold Ball Faces by Mark Ludois

Comfort Crosses

Ernie Tucker delivered 50 comfort crosses and 8 hearts to the SSM Medical Oncology Center on April 28. We received a letter from the Director of SSM's Radiation Oncology Center stating how beautiful they were and requesting 30 for their center which serves different patients. Ernie is coordinating a second delivery of additional crosses for a modest club donation.