



# ROCK RIVER VALLEY CARVERS OF WISCONSIN

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## April 4, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

- Call to Order: President Tom Kautz called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Mark Ludois, Mike Hughbanks, Gerry Lesch, Jim Svobada, Tom Kautz, and Rosie Kautz attended the meeting.
- March 2019 Treasurer Report (Rosie Kautz): The March beginning balance was \$5,076.94, and the ending balance was \$5,311.94. The majority of deposits were from \$290 in dues collected and the only expense was a \$100 donation to the International Woodcarvers Congress.
- Addition/Corrections to March 2019 Minutes (Tom Kautz): There are no corrections to the March 7th minutes as printed in the April newsletter.
- RRVC Website Report (Mike Hughbanks): The website has had a total of 146 hits over the past 30 days, with 41 over the last 7 days. The 146 visits resulted in 363 pages viewed and 48 files downloaded.
- Illness/Sunshine Report (Rosie Kautz): A card was sent to Mark Ludois. Another card was circulated to thank Vern Morris for his great job managing our web site for many years. A card will be sent to Darrell Higley's wife who is experiencing health problems.

### Old Business

- Evening Open Carving Sessions (Tom Kautz): The next sessions are scheduled for April 16, May 7, and May 21 at Trinity Episcopal Church Ortmayer Hall from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Seven new carvers became members at the first session of our second beginners' carving class on April 16, taught by Mike Hughbanks. The class went well and participants are looking forward to the next session.
- Get to Know a Fellow Carver (Rosie Kautz): Robin had informed Rosie that she had information on 2 members to be inserted in the next newsletters. No new names need to be drawn tonight.
- Board Member's Roles and Responsibilities: Gerry Lesch and Rosie Kautz have given feedback to Robin on the draft. Further discussion was tabled due to Robins' absence.

### 2019 Officers

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**Carving is an Art:  
"Always" and  
"Never"  
Mean Usually**

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.

- 2019 RRVC Show & Sale Update (Tom Kautz): Reggie James told Tom he would be at our regular meeting tonight, but was not present at the board meeting. Reggie asked if we should have 1 or 2 friendship canes for the show. The board decided that 1 cane would be sufficient (regular size, not a mini cane).
- Expansion of Class Reimbursement (Tom Kautz): Class reimbursement policy was discussed by board members. See the proposed policy change in this newsletter. It will be voted on by the board at next months' board meeting.
- Revision of Membership Application (Rosie Kautz); The membership brochure has been modified to include the photo/video release on the second page that the new member turns in with his contact information. The brochure will not be printed back-to-back in the future so the new member can keep the first page containing club information, meeting times, and contacts. The 'Release of Liability' form will remain separate since it is a full page long and designed for minors and non-members who take a class at our annual show.

### **New Business**

- Chilimania Update: Tim Banwell needs a co-chair this year to help him. Please contact Tim or Tom Kautz if you are willing to help. The club needs 17 chilies, 10-12 inches, and 15 have signed up so far.
- Carving Classes (Tom Kautz): A second, intermediate carving class to offer more instruction to our new members was discussed. An evening class carving a boot was decided on and an instructor will be asked to teach the course in the upcoming months.
- Financial Review (Rosie Kautz): Ray Douglas and Dave Thill completed their review/audit on March 14, 2019 of the financial records for January, February, September, and October 2018. Bank statements, checkbook register, receipts, and treasurer reports were reviewed and no discrepancies were found. Their work was circulated to board members for their review.
- Insurance Policy Renewal (Rosie Kautz): Rosie Kautz increased our coverage from 54 to 70 members. No additional cost was involved. Mike Hughbanks made a motion to pay the premium of \$250 and Gerry Lesch seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Treasurer Records Retention (Rosie Kautz): After discussion, it was decided that a notebook containing records of deposits and expenses from 1996 to 2007 and paid memberships from 1997 to 2012 will be saved along with all past treasurers' reports. A motion was made to only keep 3 years' check copies, receipts for deposits and expenses, and bank statements. Jim Svoboda made the motion and it was seconded by Mark Ludois. The motion carried.
- Junior Carver (Jim Svoboda): Jim Svoboda has been teaching carving to a 14-year-old neighborhood boy, Charles, for the past 6 months. He has obtained the mother's approval to have Charles at his table at our September show. Both Jim and his wife will be at the table during the show.
- Upcoming Events: We will be signing up for the spring "Art in the Park" day at Beckman Mill soon. Mike Hughbanks' photo was in the Discover Wisconsin brochure promoting the Tallman Arts Festival. The Beckman News pamphlet included a photo of the carvers at the Beckman Mill Days celebration last year.
- Upcoming RRVC Programs (Tom Kautz): Tom Kautz will present a program on Sharpening tonight, and Brad Crandall's program on Caricatures will be held in May.
- The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2019.
- Adjournment: President Tom Kautz adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Rosie Kautz.

#### **Next Meeting – May 2nd**

Brad Crandall will be presenting an interesting program on carving caricatures!  
Don't miss his talk on this interesting style of carving!

## April 4, 2019 RRVC Monthly Meeting

- Call to Order: President Tom Kautz called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m. Attendance: 18.
- Introduction & Welcome of Guests/New Members: New members Pat Beggs, Gary Hansen, and Steve Johnson introduced themselves.
- Treasurer Report (Rosie Kautz): See Board meeting minutes for details. A copy of the report was sent around for members to view. Thank you cards from the International Woodcarvers Congress and the family of Ron Staben were read to the attendees.
- Chilimania Update: See Board meeting minutes for details.
- Upcoming Programs (Tom Kautz): Brad Crandall will be doing a presentation on Caricatures in May. Attendees were asked who would be interested in taking a class on woodburning – Vern Morris, Ed Hogue and his wife, Carrie Zulud, and Mark Ludois indicated interest.
- 2019 Show Update (Reggie James): The set-up date will be Friday, September 13th, around noon. Table registrations have started to come in. Our chainsaw carver this year will be Zoli's from Monroe. All chairman positions for the show have been filled, with Mark Ludois volunteering tonight to head up the Ornament table. More ornaments are needed, so start carving! Randy Callison will be doing a class on carving an icicle from 10:30-11:30 am. Demonstrations will be Ernie Tucker from 1-2 pm on an 8-point star and Denny Neubauer from 2:15-3:15 pm on sharpening.
- Get to Know a Carver: No new names needed to be drawn tonight.
- 50/50 Raffle (Randy Callison): Jim Svoboda won the raffle and donated the \$10 back to the club.
- Adjournment: President Tom Kautz adjourned the business portion of the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Tom Kautz' demonstration of basic tool sharpening and honing followed. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Rosie Kautz.

### Tuesday Evening Open Carving Sessions

April 16th, May 7th and May 21st are our next open carving sessions. We meet 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. Mike Hughbanks' and Ernie Tucker's second class for new carvers will take place there on April 16th, and May 7th at the same time.

### 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.

Mark Ludois has volunteered to take over the position of Club Historian. Thank you, Mark!

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

## Shows & Seminars Coming Up

**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)

### Class Reimbursement Policy

On May 2, the board will be voting to adopt the following policy. If you wish to make any comments on this proposed policy, please contact a board member prior to May 2.

**“The Rock River Valley Carvers of Wisconsin, Inc. will reimburse members in good standing who have been club members for at least one year, the cost of a class (up to \$50 maximum per year) for classes taken at Hummul or classes sponsored by our club. A receipt showing the amount paid for the class must be submitted to the Treasurer for reimbursement. The classes must be in wood carving, intarsia, or pyrography. The maximum annual amount reimbursed per person will be subject to review and change annually by the board.”**

### Get to Know a Fellow Carver

Thomas Kautz, who goes by “Tom,” lives in Milton, Wisconsin with his wife Rosie. He has been carving full time since his retirement 16 years ago and has been a member of the Rock River Valley Carvers of Wisconsin for the same length of time. Tom first learned how to carve as Boy Scout in 1960. He is currently serving as President of the club after taking a year off from the position in 2018. He looks forward to helping out the new 2020 President following elections in December.

He enjoys carving birds, fish, mammals, spoons, ladles, and bowls. He says “I love carving Butternut and putting a clear coat finish on it to bring out the grain.” He also “loves to carve and work with others to share knowledge of wood carving, painting, and finishing” their creations.

In addition to carving, attending carving shows, taking carving classes, teaching carving classes, his other hobbies include fishing, bicycling, and hiking. He and Rosie also love to travel internationally and they have visited such countries as South Africa, Australia, and New Zealand. (By Robin Rios)



Mike Hughbanks instructing some of our newest club members at the first session of the second beginners' carving class on April 2nd.

# Show & Share



Jim Svoboda's Boots – Buffed with a toothpick in a Dremel



Vern Morris' Chipmunk with recessed background



Ed Hogue's Ornaments, Turned Box, and Tiny Mosquito House



Vern Morris' Wolf Pyrography plaque



Left to right above, Rosie Kautz' Birdy Welcome Sign, Mike Hughbanks' Pepper (above), Randy Callison's Stool Sample (for a doctors' visit), and Tom Kautz' Butternut Trout