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August 1, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

- Call to Order: President Tom Kautz called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Those in attendance included: Gerry Lesch, Tom Kautz, Rosie Kautz, Robin Rios, Jim Svoboda, Mike Hughbanks, Brad Crandall, Reggie James, and Mark Ludois.
- June 2019/July 2019 Treasurer Report (Rosie Kautz): The beginning balance was \$4,300.51, and the ending balance was \$4,254.44. Copies of the report were handed out.
- Additions/Corrections to the July 2019 Newsletter (Rosie Kautz): John Raisbeck is the contact person to sign up for the Greeters Table, not John Eiden as was written.
- RRVC Website Report (Mike Hughbanks): There were 237 page views over the past 30 days, and a total of 35 page views in the past 7 days. Reggie James mentioned that the show application page is difficult to access. Mike said he would develop a link to it.
- Illness/Sunshine Report (Robin Rios): Mark Ludois said his wife is in the hospital again.

Old Business

- Tuesday Evening Open Carving Sessions: Attendance has been good. The next sessions will be held August 6th, August 20th, and September 3rd.
- Get to Know a Fellow Carver (Robin Rios): Need to pick two names tonight at the regular meeting.
- Board Members Roles and Responsibilities (Robin Rios): Gerry Lesch proof read the finished version. The final copy should be ready by next month's meeting.
- 2019 Show Update (Reggie James and Brad Crandall): Eighteen carvers have registered for the show. They are waiting to hear from Hummul and County Line Products to confirm both vendors will be at the show. Reggie contacted WCLO/WJVL about doing an interview, but neither radio station has responded to him. Robin Rios said the show information is up on the community calendars of both stations. Ernie Tucker has agreed to be the Featured Carver for the 2020 Show. Mike Hughbanks said he is making changes to the raffle this year to make it run more smoothly.

2019 Officers

President:	Thomas Kautz 608-868-4522
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**Someone,
Somewhere, will
Love your Work –
Just Go Find
Them!**

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

- Club Officer Vacancies (Tom Kautz): Volunteers are needed to fill the positions of Librarian, Secretary, Show Chairperson, and Chili Pepper Chairperson in 2020. Brad Crandall said he would be the Show Chair.
- Trinity Episcopal Church Donation (Tom Kautz): The room that is used for open carving on Tuesday evenings does not have an air conditioner, and as a result it gets very warm in the room. Tom suggested looking into buying and installing a window air conditioner for the room. The rent money the club pays to use the room could be used to buy the air conditioner. Dave Thill is a member of the church, and he will talk with church officials about the possibility of doing this.
- Second Intermediate Class: Plans are being made to offer another intermediate class on Tuesday evenings at Trinity Episcopal Church. Hummul is also going to start offering carving classes on Wednesday evenings.
- Upcoming Program Suggestions: Following discussion, it was decided to ask Denny Neubauer to give a talk on carving miniatures.
- Other Items: Rosie Kautz reminded the Board that the wood to reimburse the chili pepper carvers needs to be ordered now from County Line Products so that the owner can bring it down with him to the show. Following discussion Brad Crandall made a motion to purchase the wood again this year to reimburse the carvers with a piece of wood who carved peppers for Chilimania. Gerry Lesch seconded the motion. The motion passed. Rosie said 17 carvers need to get a piece of wood.
- Adjournment: President Tom Kautz adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Robin Rios, Secretary.

Next Meeting – September 5th

Join us at the next meeting for an update on our Show & Sale on September 14 and help our club wrap up the final details. Set up will be Friday, September 13 in the afternoon. Volunteers will be needed both Friday and Saturday.

August 1, 2019 RRVC Monthly Meeting

- Call to Order: President Tom Kautz called the meeting to order at 7:23 p.m. He asked all members to introduce themselves.
- June 2019/July 2019 Treasurer Report (Rosie Kautz): Chilimania has not sent the check for the 17 chilies that the club carved for the event. Randy Callison said he would call about it. He also asked that someone else volunteer next year to be the Chili Chair. Randy, Ernie Tucker, Gus Helling, and Tim Banwell worked on making the bases and mounting the 17 chilies onto the bases as well as communicating with Chilimania officials. See Board Meeting Minutes for more details. A copy of the report was sent around for members to read.
- International Congress: Rosie Kautz read the three separate thank you notes that she received from International Congress officials thanking the club for its donation to the event.
- September Show Update (Reggie James and Brad Crandall): John Raisbeck said he needs more volunteers for the Greeter's Table. Rosie Kautz said she would send out an email to the club for him. Tom Kautz announced that Brad Crandall volunteered tonight to be the 2020 Show Chair. Randy Callison asked that everyone get their raffle donations to him as soon as possible. The more he gets before the show will make it easier for him to get things organized.

- Upcoming Events to Promote the Show: The Tallman Art Festival - August 4th; The Threshere - August 29th (set-up date), August 30th, August 31st, September 1st, and September 2nd; and Beckman Mill - September 8th. Mark Ludois, Dave Thill, Mike Hughbanks, Ernie Tucker, Tom Kautz, Bob Crompton, and Jim Trumpy will be at the Tallman House. Everyone needs to be there by 6:00 a.m. to help set-up. Jim Trumpy reminded the volunteers for the Threshere need to register on August 29th. He said the carvers will be able to sell this year. There will not be electricity available at the club's Threshere site.
- Open Carving at Hummul: Ernie Tucker and Jim Trumpy are organizing this with Cindy Kryshak. It will be held every Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. Hummul is located on Hwy. 81 between Beloit, WI. and Brodhead, WI. This is not an official club event.
- New Officers Needed for 2020 (Tom Kautz): The club needs club members to volunteer to fill the positions of President, Secretary, Treasurer, Librarian, and Chili Pepper Chair.
- Get to Know a Fellow Carver (Robin Rios): Andy Anderson and Carrie Zulud's names were drawn as the next carvers to be interviewed for the newsletter.
- 50/50 Raffle (Randy Callison): Tom Kautz won \$11.00, and he donated it back to the club.
- Other Items: A woman named Char Christensen has oak wood to give away. The sizes are 1ft. x 2ft. x 8ft., and 2ft. x 2ft. x 8ft. Her number is: 608-436-5353. Mike Hughbanks has lots of corks to give away tonight.
- Adjournment: President Tom Kautz adjourned the business portion of the meeting at 8:02 p.m. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Robin Rios, Secretary.

Tuesday Evening Open Carving Sessions

September 3rd and September 17th are our next open carving sessions. The sessions are 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.

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.

Events at Hummul

12446 W Hwy 81, Beloit, WI 53511

Open Carving on Wednesday Evenings – Open carving and wood burning from 4 to 8 pm every Wednesday.

Power Carving Demo Day – Saturday, September 28 from 9 am to 5 pm. NSK will be there with their micro-motor power carver for ¼ inch bits along with many other manufacturers. See and try out the power carvers!

Shows & Seminars Coming Up

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

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

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!

rosietom@centurytel.net or 608-868-4522

Get to Know a Fellow Carver

Carrie Zalud, a resident of Beloit, Wisconsin, started wood burning two years ago. Her favorite subject to burn is landscapes that include log cabins or barns. She often uses her own photographs as patterns. Carrie loves all things Peanuts and she enjoys using Snoopy as a frequent subject. Colorful carousel horses are another fond theme for her pyrography creations. She likes to add a touch of color to most of her burnings.

Carrie and her husband have been married for 16 years, and they have a "fur baby" named Violet. She has worked for Grainger in the finance department for the past 13 years. Carrie and her husband like to travel, go antiquing, and spend time with family. Carrie is the daughter of Mike Hughbanks, the RRVC Web-Master.

Show & Share

Cypress Knee Cliff Dwellings
and Santa by Rosemary Kautz



Birch Spoon by
Tom Kautz



3 Face Plaques
Carved by
John Raisbeck

Strawberry and Blueberry
Bowl Wood Burned by
Rosemary Kautz



Baltimore Oriole by Bud Hilgendorf



Clown Boots by
Jim Svoboda



Greyhound Dog by
Jim Trumpy



Deer Anniversary Plaque
by Jim Svoboda



Brook Trout and Habitat
by Tom Kautz