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July 2010 Newsletter

July 17, 2010 Class: Carving a Fish Pin

This month we will carve a fish pin. Then we will wood burn the fish prior to painting. See photo. You will need your knife and gouges. Bring a woodburner if you have one; otherwise, two will be available. At a later meeting we will paint the fish. Helen Havemann and Lorraine Lewis will teach the class.

Cost \$3 for roughout, supplies & instructions for both classes.



Silent Auction This Month

July 17th we will have a silent auction during the meeting to raise money for our charities. We will have a Weechee, a Dremel, Enlow go-by sticks, Stetson instruction sticks, books and many other items. See photo. Bring your checkbooks!

Thank You and Welcome

Thanks to Pete Reittinger for teaching the caricature longhorn carving class last month. The August class will be carving a flower with Lin Swalley.

Welcome to new members Bob Zellers, Sima Latifi, Mehrdad Soleimani, and returning new member Patrick E. McLaughlin. We are glad member Stan Anderson is back; he has been in the hospital recently. Member Dallas Deege has been in the hospital as well and we hope he returns soon. Welcome to visitor Michael "Mike" Crosson. Richard Lund won the door prize.

President's Note: This Year's Charities and Our Show

The vote is in, and this year our charity fundraisers will benefit the Michael DeBakey Veteran's Medical Center and Texas Children's Hospital. The tally was close, with only a six vote difference between the top vote getter and the bottom. I hope everyone will help with this year's fundraising, and you can start by picking up a roughout from Lorraine at this month's meeting.

Everyone should have received a show registration packet in the mail. If you haven't received your packet, please call me, pete reittinger, at 281-395-5735. Registration for the classes is first come – first served, so get your registration in the mail as soon as possible, or bring it to the meeting.

Remembering Our Friend Ken Bay and Other News

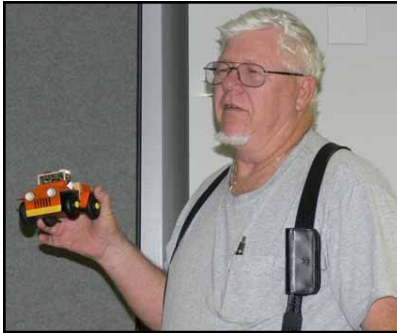
At the June meeting Bob Clum spoke about former member Ken Bay who passed away recently from congestive heart failure. Ken had not been an active member in the past 3 or 4 years, but he continued to carve with a group at his shop. He was a good joke teller, and often played Santa Claus at our annual Christmas Party. He played dulcimers that he hand-made himself with inlay. Ken was a special guy.

Ronnie Boston needs display only carvings for our club table at Kerrville in the Fall. They are due by August. Several people are already working on fund-raiser decorative carvings and ornaments. When you complete them, please turn them in to Lorraine Lewis. The holding crosses (prayer crosses) are due in September; guild members can also enter the TWG contest. See Carolyn Smith for blanks.

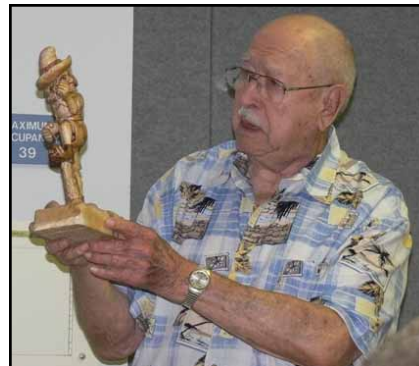
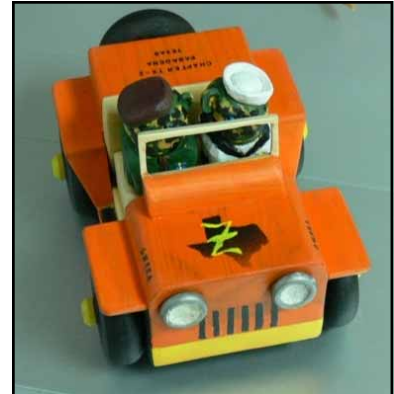
HAWC Fall Show, October 1-2, 2010

Mark your calendars for the HAWC 2010 Fall Show on October 1 & 2 at Trader's Village in Houston. By now you should have received your registration packet for the show. We will have four classes on Friday, October 1, with instructors Wanda Reichert, Danny Reichert, Pat Moore, and Sally & David Nye. The Reicherts will be our judges again this year for the show and sale on Saturday, October 2. There will be a carving contest on Saturday. We will have vendors Moore Roughouts, Danny Reichert, Dallas Deege and the Sally & David Nye. We need raffle items, door prizes and sponsors. You can sell your carvings and other crafts at your show table. Additional registration forms for tables will be available at the July meeting from Carolyn and Preston Smith. Help support our club by participating. September 1, 2010 is the deadline for registration. The judging categories will remain the same as last year with two new additions: realistic birds and miscellaneous. There will be a limit to the number of entries you make in the same category, so consider this when selecting your entries. The Awards this year will be Best of Show, Judges Choice and People's Choice. It should be a great competition and lots of fun. We look forward to seeing you there!

Show and Tell



Ken Robbins showed his Jeep he made from a wood kit. It was for the Pasadena Chapter to Rally the Troops Competition. He made 2 bears in camouflage for the riders in his jeep. The Jeeps were placed in a race decided by throwing dice. He lost—it only moved 1 time.



Bob Clum had his "Will O' Wisp" he carved from a \$5 roughout. His Santa Claus was a Moore roughout. He did the Skinny Santa a few years ago. He has three items for the friendship stick. Ken Bay carved the top one about 3 weeks ago, not long before he passed away.



Berny Alvarez showed his ten butterflies and other scroll work. His Jesus & Cross pattern came from a scroll saw magazine.





Shelley Key did her whimsical house and the mushrooms in two different classes at Kerrville. She coated them with linseed oil, painted them & put them on a basswood plank base with dowels.

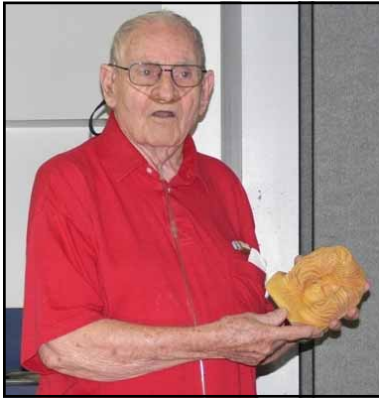
Mike Crosson (visitor) showed his Eagle, a work in progress from 2 pieces of oak. He also showed us his duck he did in 1981 using a Bruce Burke book and a storage box he made to hold 2 scotch bottles with drinking glasses.



Ronnie Boston had three friendship stick carvings. Joe Perkins of the Pasadena club carved both caricature heads. Glen Miller did the small figure. As of October the Pasadena club is closing; only 5 members are left. Each member has done 2 carvings for the sticks. Mike did the 3 nice crosses.



Jim Berry's Black-bellied Plover has a base with water & brass sheet metal flowers. He used heavily textured paint on the back of the bird, put white, then sanded it down to get a random pattern. The Yellowlegs was from a Rosalyn Daisey book. The gravel is railroad modeler's sand with epoxy. The head is separate; the wings are not. Both birds' legs are brass rod with plumber's epoxy.



Elmo McCoy showed his carving from scrap basswood. He started a face, but the grain runs the wrong way. This was a challenge and he had to change his habits to do it. He used the Automach reciprocating carving for the hair.

Pete Reitinger showed us a real hibiscus flower. He said we used to have a member who could carve a beautiful flower like this: Wanda Marsh. He encouraged us to try some flower carvings. We haven't seen any in a long time.



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Thanks to Jeff Teter for taking the photographs. The newsletter would not be much to look at without them!

See us on the web:

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The Houston Area Woodcarvers (HAWC) meet 9am-2pm on the 3rd Saturday of the month at the Bayland Park Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet St., Houston, TX 77074.

HAWC membership dues \$20/year per family.
Renewal date is indicated on newsletter mailing label.
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• ***Calendar of Events:***

- **July 17, 2010:** HAWC Meeting, Houston, TX
- **October 1-2, 2010:** HAWC Show & Classes, Houston, TX
- **October 7-15, 2010:** Texas Woodcarver's Guild, Kerrville, TX