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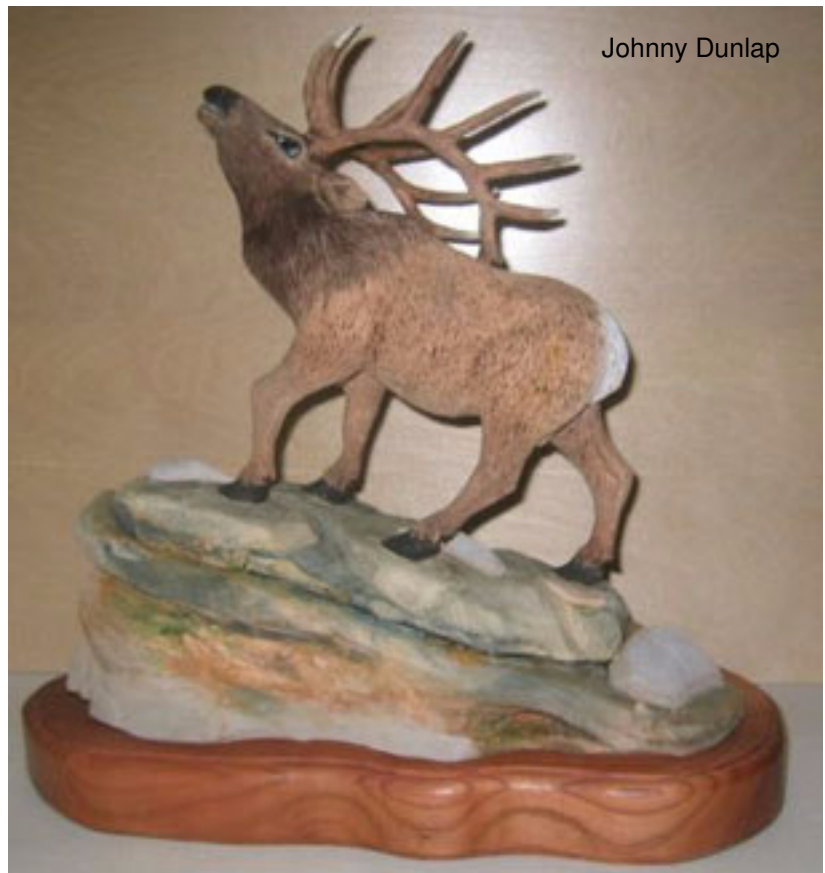
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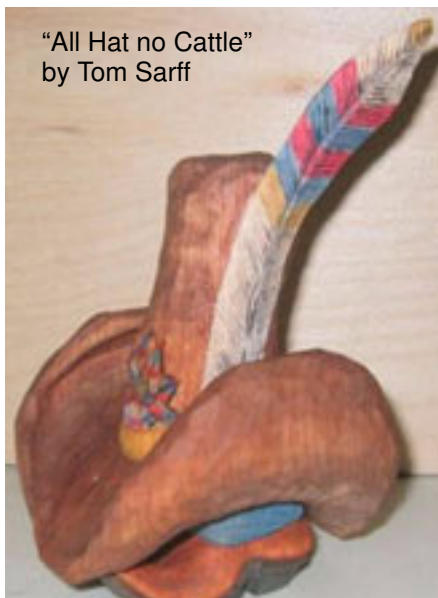
## Advisory Board

Clarence Born.....	'07
Bill Buckler.....	'06
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Next membership meeting  
July 10, 7:00 PM  
Austin Woodcrafters Store



Johnny Dunlap



"All Hat no Cattle"  
by Tom Sarff

## June Meeting Minutes By Shirley Newman

Joe Hill, President, opened our monthly meeting Thursday, June 12, 2008. There were no visitors or new members present.

Jim Roby, Treasurer, reported a balance in our club account of \$1,450.31.

Joe Hill is continuing to look into shirts and caps for our club, and will have more information in the near future.

Tom Sarff will provide the blank of the month in November, a caricature Mexican hat bolo, rounding out our monthly blanks for this year.

Johnny Dunlap brought to our attention an interesting display of wood, stone, and bronze sculptures on exhibit at the Georgetown Library.

Tom Sarff had brought quite a few old copies of Chip Chats magazine which were available for members to take free of charge.

Diann Small, who was unable to be present for the meeting, sent an update on the Operation Cane project, stating that Walter Wharton will have a number of cane kits in Kerrville during the TWG Fall Extravaganza in September. He will be available to meet with carvers for a couple of nights during that week to assist them in carving the much needed canes for deserving service men and women.

Many carvers have already signed up for classes during the TWG Fall Extravaganza in Kerrville September 21 - 28 which will include 5 days of classes Monday through Friday, and the Texas State Championship Show and Sale Friday through Sunday. Please plan to participate in this great week of carving classes at our new location in Kerrville, the Guadalupe River RV Resort, followed by the show and sale at the YO Ranch Resort and Conference Center in Kerrville which will be open to the public.

The Round Rock carving group is no longer meeting at the Senior Center for their weekly carving. If interested in carving with the Round Rock group, please contact Diann Small for directions.

Gail Lynn provided the cat blanks for carving following our business meeting, raffle, and show and tell. Remember to bring your finished carvings to future meetings.

And speaking of Show and Tell, this month had a table full of "talent" on display.

Tom and Priscilla McCarthy-Jeffreys had each completed a large shallow relief woodland scene on bark which was also painted. Tom's featured a bear and Priscilla's a wolf in their natural habitats.

Russell Schwausch brought an interesting piece he was looking forward to completing, a whimsical bark house which is done in two pieces glued together, then separated and hollowed out, and glued back together. We look forward to seeing the finished project.

Edward Jasek brought a lovely heart shaped box he had made, with carvings on the lid. Inside he had

placed two Rosaries, complete with carved crosses, reflecting much time and detail work on his part.

Jake Heugel brought his caricature dancin' cowboy, (right) high steppin' it on a base with the inscription, "I'd rather be with the cows". Guess that left little doubt about where that cowboy would rather be.



Jim Roby brought an unpainted caricature cowboy carved with that Roby touch, and an unpainted caricature cowboy bust. He said he is waiting for a painting class to finish them up. Jim also brought a cowboy bust which he had finished with a two part stain and minwax.



Czeslar Sornat, "Ches" for short, has been working with abstract larger wood designs carved from cedar roots. One carving he called "Growing My Woodcarving Wings" and one he called "Spreading My Woodcarving Wings". Both had a high finish that highlighted the wood, and each was mounted on a walnut base. He also had completed a shallow relief of a female figure from a piece of sycamore. We look forward to more of his work in the future as it adds a new dimension to woodcarving.

Tom Sarff had carved a "short Texan" where only the boots of the little fella are seen beneath the giant cowboy hat. This always brings a chuckle or comment. Tom also brought samples of some of the pieces young carvers will be making in Creed which include a red mouse, whale, duck, and a bird with long legs. He will provide the rounded pieces and the kids will let their imagination do the rest for a really fun time. He had also carved a comical caricature face in a piece of Aspen he had just run across in his workshop. Great carving, Tom.

Johnny Dunlap had carved and mounted a very realistic elk proudly standing on a mound of rocks, and mounted on a wooden base. He had researched carving rocks which complimented the entire project.

JoAnne Cage had completed the blank of the month from a couple of months ago, a cheese spreader with a nicely carved elephant head on it. It is always good to see the blank of the month projects completed and shared with the group.



JoAnne Cage

Shirley Newman had carved a dolphin in Fredericksburg in April, finished after much sanding with several coats of deft. The dolphin was mounted on a piece of driftwood from Georgetown resembling a wave.



Shirley Newman



Czeslar Sornat



Jim Roby



Jim Roby



Tom Jefferys



Priscilla McCarthy-Jefferys



Tom Sarff



Czeslar Sornat



Tom Sarff class samples



Edward Jasek



Russell Schwausch



Jim Roby