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Newsletter of the Central Texas Wood Carvers Association

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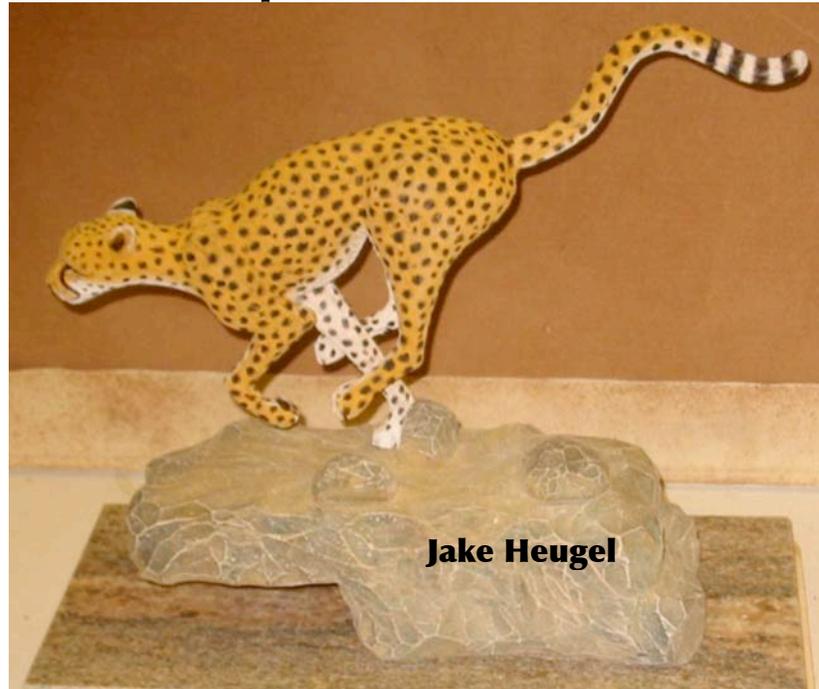
## HELPFUL HINTS FOR USING ANY CA ADHESIVE

FROM BALSA USA  
Submitted by **Jim Roby**

If you don't plan on using the adhesive immediately after purchasing it, always store it in the refrigerator. When you take it out, let it warm up to room temperature before opening the bottle. Never store CA adhesives in direct sunlight. The UV rays from the sun will greatly shorten any CA's shelf life.

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## April Show and Tell



## Editor's Notes

by David Loeffler

Hope everyone had a great time at the TWG Spring Roundup. I am looking forward to seeing all of the class projects. Please bring them to our meeting to share with fellow club members. **Jim Roby** found an interesting article that I think is worth passing along.

I reserve the front page picture for the outstanding show and tell item from the previous month. There were some good ones but **Jake Heugel** gets my vote. Nice job Jake.

We had better enjoy these nice cool days - before you know it we will be reaching 100°.

See you at the meeting!

**Next Meeting is Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at the Austin Woodcraft Store.**

Doors open at 6:30. If you need directions call one of the officers or visit the club website (<http://homepage.mac.com/loeffler/ctwa/>)

April Show and Tell



**Priscilla McCarthy**



**Tom McCarthy**



**Diann Small**

**Shelton Ashley**

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**Marvin Joseph**

**Jo Comer**

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Never store accelerator products near CA adhesives. Just the fumes from the accelerator can cause CAs (Thin especially) to begin to polymerize and thicken. This will shorten the shelf life of any CA product.

Never double glue a joint that has just been accelerated. Again, the fumes from the accelerator will cause the adhesive in the bottle to start to polymerize.

Once opened, always leave the cap off the bottle. The cap is not made of the special thermoplastic that the tip is made from and CA will stick to it.

When a blob of CA forms across the end of the bottle tip, knock it off with the back edge of an X-Acto knife. For worse clogs, take a rag and hold it against the tip until the adhesive bonds on the rag. Hold the rag tightly against the tip and twist the bottle while pulling it back. The clog will almost always come off with the rag.

Never stick a pin or anything else into the tip of a CA bottle to open it or remove a clog. This will introduce foreign material into the bottle and scratch the inside of the tip, which will cause more clogging. It is better to replace the bottle top

with a new one if this becomes a problem. Always open a bottle by cutting off the tip with an X-Acto knife.

Use accelerator sparingly and only when you need to.

Never store open bottles in high humidity environments like a basement in the summer (anyone here have a basement?) All CAs are polymerized by trace amounts of moisture and high humidity conditions will greatly shorten the open bottle shelf life.

## Secretary's Notes

by Shirley Newman

April 12, 2005 Meeting

President, **Marvin Joseph**, opened the meeting to a *full house* of enthusiastic wood carvers. He brought an update on the Operation Cane of Texas project discussed during the March meeting, stating that there were presently no cane kits available because of a backlog of requests. He encouraged club members to check while in Fredericksburg as to further cane kit availability. The canes will be simple to carve with an eagle head on the handle, and also a shape of Texas on the cane. A number of club members showed an interest in carving a cane, and the cost of \$15.00 per kit was discussed. **Jo Comer** made the motion that the Club pay for the kits, seconded by **Bill Buckler**. The motion carried unanimously.

An article in Chip Chats featured a similar 30 cane project to be undertaken by the Eastern Oklahoma Wood Carvers Association, so many deserving veterans will be recipients of a cane once this project is completed.

Congratulations were extended to both **Bill Buckler** and **Jim Roby**, each of whom received First Place for their submissions into the competition at the 2005 Central Texas Wood Artisans' Show which took place at the Design Center in South Austin in April. We're proud of you, guys!

**Jim Roby**, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$1,664.01, less \$300 which covered the Club's Liability Insurance premium. And, just a reminder, if your dues are not paid up for 2005, see Jim at the next meeting ... he'll greet you with a handshake and a smile.

**Newton LeBlanc** joined our club Tuesday night. Be sure to introduce yourself next time you see him. We are always so glad to see our group grow.

Those signing up to "set up and clean up" for our Tuesday night meeting May 10th are **Jake Heugel**, **Dan Gillen**, and **Bob Snider**.

Show and Tell was diversified and interesting as always. **Tom** and **Priscilla McCarthy** had each completed lovely relief carvings, which had been woodburned and painted. **Diann Small**

brought two realistic flowers from Wanda Marsh's class, an Iris and an Orchid, which had been power carved from tupelo, and painted. Diann had also completed two of the stars which were a previous blank of the month. One star was painted red, white and blue, and the other had a natural finish. **Shelton Ashley** shared his first "3-D" attempt which was the goat we carved as blank of the month in March. It had all it's feet, horns, tail and ears, so congrats to Shelton are in order. He also brought his first relief carving of Mary wiping the feet of Jesus with her hair, carved on a mahogany box (with a key hidden in a tiny drawer underneath the box). He had also brought a box with a relief of sheep on the lid, and a little relief practice sheep tucked inside.!

**Marvin Joseph** shared his little bear which was carved from a previous blank of the month, and then painted. **Jo Comer** brought her cute little lop eared bunny which she had completed and painted. Jo also shared a box from Honduras which was carved with a chisel by hand in a factory there. **Jake Heugel** had completed his Cheetah, after looking at photo after photo of Cheetahs on the internet, as his pattern only showed a view from one side. This was a very impressive carving, Jake, as the Cheetah was in a running position on a carved rock, with spots painted and then burned to darken them slightly, and a tail which was carved separately. Such a delicate piece of work reflecting hours of research and concentrated carving.

Following Show and Tell, and the drawing for a few prizes, folks began carving on the leaf blank provided by **Jim Roby**. He said it could be carved that evening, and our youngest carver, **Jeremy Cuba**, proved him right -- as did some others, of course!

And, just an added note in closing ... many of our wood carving group will be participating in classes at the TWG Spring Roundup in Fredericksburg the week of April 24th, so we should see some wonderful carvings during Show and Tell Tuesday night, May 10th. Plan to attend that monthly meeting and see what they accomplished.

**Texas Carving Events**

July 9-15, 2005, Creede, Colorado Creede Woodcarvers Rendezvous in Creede Colorado. Inquiries call Jon Nelson (719)573-5986 or email: [jonndon@msn.com](mailto:jonndon@msn.com)

Sept 19-24, 2005 Fredericksburg, Texas Sponsored by the Texas Woodcarvers Guild. 5 days of seminars for more information: contact: [www.texaswoodcarversguild.com](http://www.texaswoodcarversguild.com) or call Robert Miles at [Carverbob5@aol.com](mailto:Carverbob5@aol.com)

Oct 8-9, 2005 Houston, Texas Sponsored by the Houston Area Woodcarvers Club. For more information contact Linda Hughes at (281) 360-3193 or [lhughes@pdq.net](mailto:lhughes@pdq.net)

Oct 22-23, 2005 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 39th Annual Artistry in Wood, Sponsored by the Oklahoma City Woodcarvers Club. For more information contact Bobbie Thornton at (405) 352-4096 or [bobbiet@oklahoma.net](mailto:bobbiet@oklahoma.net)

**Blank of the Month for 2005**

May ..... Fred Hartman  
June ..... Gail Lynn  
July ..... Bill Buckler  
August ..... Tom Sarff  
September ..... Rita Riser  
October ..... Marvin Joseph  
November ..... Johnny Dunlap

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  
**Central Texas Woodcarvers Association**

Annual Membership is \$12.00 for adults and \$5.00 for young people under 18 years of age. During the year, new adult members dues are prorated at \$1.00 per month.

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