

the Cutting Edge

Newsletter of the Central Texas Wood Carvers Association

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Blank of the Month by Unknown Carver



Holiday Party Coordinator Jo Cage



Editor's Notes by David Loeffler

December has been quite a month. Jo Cage pulled off another Holiday Party, this time inside the Woodcraft store. My hat is off to Jo, good job. See pictures of the party inside. (Photography by Bob Snider.)

The club website has been moved. Please update your bookmark to point to <http://homepage.mac.com/loeffler/ctwa>

We are all saddened by the passing of David Hickey just before Christmas. Lorraine and I were talking to him at the party just a couple weeks before. Jim Roby has a very nice memorial on page 3.

Next Meeting is Tuesday, Jan 11th 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>)

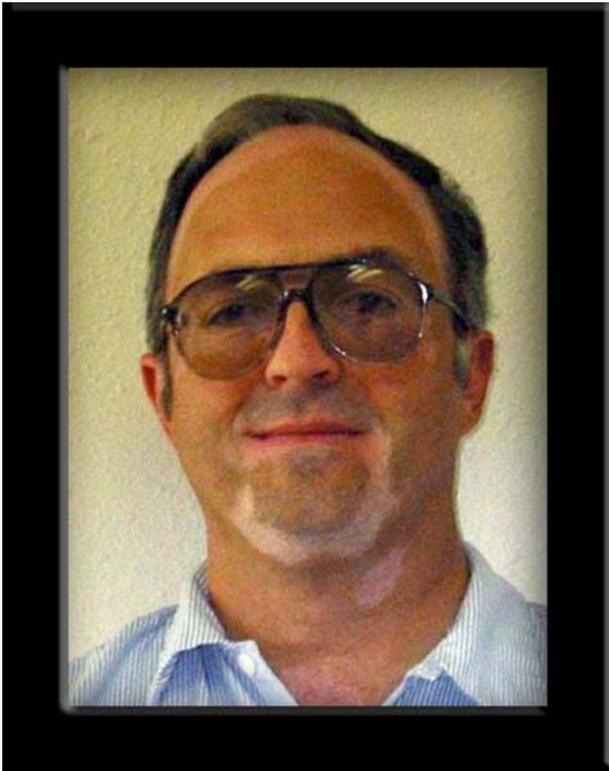
Holiday Party Pictures



E-mail

If you would like to get e-mail notifications of meetings and other special CTWA events please send me your e-mail address. My e-mail is loeffler@mac.com

In Memory of David Hickey



I did not know David for very long--perhaps three or four years. I got to know him mainly through his going to WoodCraft each Thursday night for a few hours of carving. He usually was there before I arrived and would be working on his project with a calm and determined

attitude. I noticed that he would almost always be working on a subject that had a religious theme, usually angels. When those of us in the group asked him how many he was going to carve he would just laugh and say he didn't know yet because he gave them away to friends and family members. I never heard David make a derogatory remark about anything or any body, and he was always in the best of moods, joking with us about something or other. On Thursday night 16 December he was there as always but on Thursday night 23 December he did not show up and those of us there were asking each other if anyone knew why David did not show up. The next day, when David's son called me about his death I was dumbfounded!! I could not believe it and asked his son over and over if he was sure, what happened, etc. I don't think I have ever had anyone's death, outside of a family member, to hit me so hard. I have seen a number of fine young men lose their life during my years in the service with 13 of their names on the Vietnam War Memorial Wall, and others lost during training and every day operations. For some reason or other, David's death hit me a lot harder. Perhaps it is because in the service we knew that on some missions not everyone was going to make it back. With David it was different. He appeared to be the picture of health, and was still so young. And his personality was contagious--you just could not help but like the guy. I have thought of him every day and am sure I will do so for many days and years to come. I'll bet those of you in the carving club will miss him as much as I do and I know that he is looking down on us now with that smile of his and encouraging us to continue on with our own efforts. I feel especially privileged to have known him.

Jim Roby



For Sale

Like new, Scandinavian cabinetmaker workbench 16 1/2 x 51 3/4, 5 Drawers, lockable cabinet. Original cost \$550. Call **Ed Jones** (512-244-9300) for information. Will consider reasonable offer.

FOR SALE: Grizzly 12" Surface planer. Runs great. Newly sharpened blades, extra set of blades included. Has 4" dust collector chute. \$125.00.

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Texas Carving Events

January 21-22. 19th Annual Rio Grande Valley Woodcarvers Show, McAllen, TX (McAllen Civic Center, 1300 S. 10th St.). Fri. noon-6pm. \$2 donation. Dorothy Chapapas, 956-581-2448

January 24-30. Rally On The Rio - 6th Annual Woodcarving Seminar Mercedes TX (Mercedes Livestock Show Grounds). For beginning, intermediate, and advanced carvers. Several craft classes for non-carving spouses. Elaine Craft, Rt. 1 Box 2640, Mission, TX 78572. etcraft@hotmail.com, <http://www.iidbs.com/riogrand>

February 11-12. Chip-O-Tex Woodcarvers Show. Harlingen, TX (Casa De Amistad, 1204 Fair Park Blvd.) Fri and Sat 9am-4pm. \$1 admission, Henry Mossman

(mossman363@charter.net)

March 5-6. Rhapsody in Wood. 31st North Texas Wood Carvers Guild Show and Sale. Grapevine, TX (Grapevine Convention Center, Main St.) Sat 10am-6pm, Sun noon-5pm. \$3 admission. Flo Morrison, P.O. Box 233, Keller, TX 76244-0233, (817) 337-0660, NTXWoodcarvers@aol.com.

On-line Carving Events at:
<http://ical.mac.com/loeffler/Conferences>

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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