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Next membership meeting
April 10, 7:00 PM
Austin Woodcrafters Store



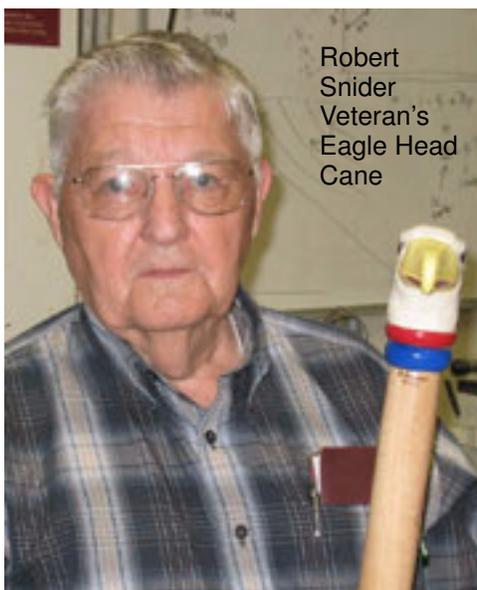
February Meeting Minutes

Club President, Joe Hill, called the March 13th monthly meeting to order. He first introduced a new member, Russell Schwausch, who has already taken carving classes with Dallas Deege and Patty Rucker. He has been participating in some of our Thursday night carving times at Woodcraft, and we will see him in Fredericksburg in April. Thanks, Russell, for joining our club.

Jim Roby, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$1,233.41 in our Club account.

Joe Hill is looking into ideas for a club shirt and also a hat with our club logo on it. He hopes to share a catalog next month with ideas for the design.

Club members who participated in Patty Rucker's painting class gave very positive reports on the two-day class at her studio in Lockhart. The class included painting a practice board on both sides, and painting a non-animal carving the participants brought with them. Because of the number of club



Robert Snider
Veteran's
Eagle Head
Cane

members interested, Patty held a two-day class on March 8 and 9, and another March 15 and 16.



Some upcoming classes still in the works include one by Dee Gibson and another by John Engler. A tentative date for a class by Debbie Edwards has been set for

January 30, February 1 and 2, 2009. The cost will be \$150 per person plus the cost of the blank.

As voted upon at the February meeting, those signing up for a class in the future will be required to pay the class fee at the time of sign-up. If they cannot participate in the class at the time it is held, they will be responsible for finding a replacement. In this way, the instructor will be guaranteed both a full class and full payment.

A week of carving is coming up in Fredericksburg the last week of April, and many of our club members will be participating in classes during that week. We hope to see many show and tell items at our May meeting resulting from these classes.

Gail Lynn, Tom Sarff, and Clarence Born signed up to ready our monthly meeting space at Woodcraft April 10th.

Our show and tell table held some interesting work by club members. Gail Lynn brought the practice board she had painted in Patty Rucker's class with a cowboy on one side and a santa on the other. She also brought her caricature cowboy she had carved earlier and also painted using Patty Rucker's layered technique.

Jim Roby had carved, painted, and mounted a very realistic lion, reflecting many hours of work on his part. Even had some blades of grass near the lion's feet.

Clarence Born had carved several thin carvings of a cowboy, an alligator, a little lady gnome, an eagle head pin from a previous month's blank, and "he" and "she" mice... come a'courting.



Tom Sarff brought his caricature cowboy with not one... but two heads. The heads were interchangeable and both were winners. He painted his cowboy in Patty's class. Tom also carved a cypress knee which looked very much like a big nose.

He said cypress carves easily but you have to watch out for the cross grains.

Among the other things Tom had carved were several eagle head pins interspersed throughout the newsletter, and some "slick" snakes from various woods he had discovered in his garage.

Bob Snider brought his finished eagle head cane which will be welcomed and treasured by a deserving war veterans.



Following show and tell, and the raffle, folks settled in to carve the cheese spreaders brought by Jim Roby.

The windy month of March seemed to blow in a hurry. Now April approaches, and I hope to see you at our next monthly meeting April 10th.

Shirley Newman,
Secretary





Gail Lynn



Tom Sarff



Clarence Born Carvings



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Central Texas Woodcarvers Association

Annual membership is \$12.00 for adults and \$5.00 for young people under 18 years of age. This membership includes a monthly e-mail newsletter. An additional \$12.00 per year is collected if you desire a hardcopy of the monthly newsletter mailed to you. During the year, new adult members dues are prorated at \$1.00 per month.

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Clarence Born's Courting Mice