

2nd Monday of each month

7:00 PM Meeting time

Feb 2010



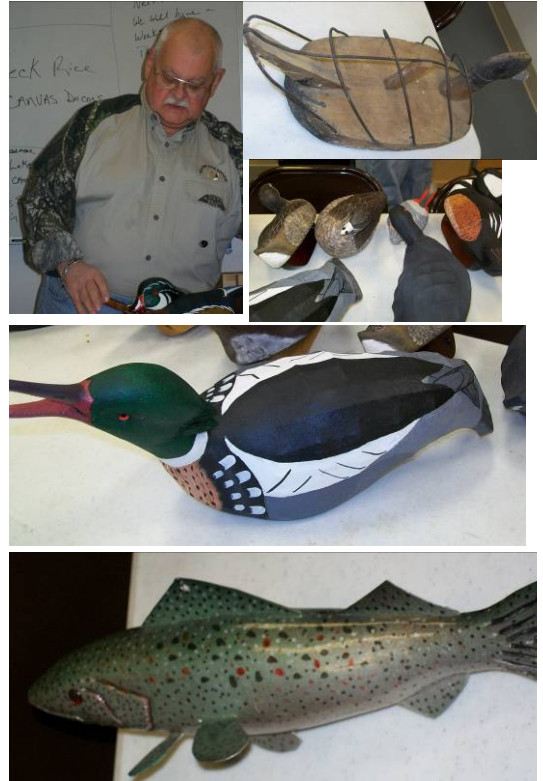
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**James River Wood Carvers
Association**

Canvas Duck Decoys—Heck Rice

Heck Rice came and showed us his canvas duck decoys. He made his first in 1983 & after the first 100+ he's branched out from swans & geese. His first was a copy of a 1950 original goose. The first ones (~1920) were made from old sails & cedar (juniper), white pine, wire and what ever else the old decoy makers could find. Heck has his own style. He uses cedar for the base, white pine for the center board and 100% cotton duck cloth for the cover. The tail and head are solid wood. His wire frame is mounted into the top of the base (holds better than the sides); he likes to use clothesline wire in a roll. After the canvas is stretched and tacked (no wrinkles allowed) the head is attached and the bottom nails are covered with a piece of alumina. The decoy is covered with oil paints. Then the oak keel is attached to the bottom. When testing the decoys, just throw them into the lake. They should right themselves and ride proper in the water. When

bored with duck decoys, Heck will make some ice fishing decoys.



President's Corner By Wayne Thornton

Hello Fellow Carvers:

The wood working show is coming to Fredericksburg in March. The website is:

<http://cms.thewoodworkingshows.com/cms/Home/FredericksburgVA312314/tabid/165/Default.aspx>

Please remember to bring your ideas to the February, 8th Monday night meeting. We need to discuss workshops and programs for the coming year.

For those of you wanting to sell some of your carving, you might want to try craigslist: [richmond craigslist](#) > [for sale / wanted](#) > [arts & crafts](#) It's free and you can be contacted either by phone or email. It is also possible to post in other parts of the country as well. So if you think your whale tails

would sell better in Seattle, Washington you could post your items there for sale.

Rick Jensen will be here this Month. He will be here Monday and Tuesday, February 22 and 23. And so far I know no one has signed up for Tuesday. Take advantage of this. Classes like this don't happen every day.

At my last count we have 37 people who have paid their 2010 dues. If you have not already done so, please remember to pay your 2010 membership dues. The dues went up slightly to \$15.00 this year.

We have a new sign to hang on the classroom door to announce to people that we are meeting. Hopefully, it will be hung up for our next meeting.

Check out the 4-H Carving Opportunity. This could be a chance for the club to get some youth involved in carving. Happy carving,

4-H Summer Camp Carving Opportunity

Hello Betsy,

Teaching times and frequency can be determined by whatever is possible and most appropriate for club members.

An "introduction to carving" class could be offered either as part of the morning curriculum or could be offered as an elective afternoon program for those camper who wish to sign up for it during their week of camp.

The major differences between these two options are:

- If it were offered as a morning class a pre-registration would be set up and students would be identified before arriving at camp.
- If it were offered as an afternoon elective campers would have the opportunity to sign up for the class on a first come-first served basis.
- The afternoon elective option allows for more scheduling and travel flexibility on the part of the instructor(s), however only pre-registering campers would allow for any chance of an accurate headcount for the class. We could have a sign up period a day or two in advance of the event and I could call or email you with the number of students interested in taking the class.
- In either case the class size could be limited to what every number the instructor(s) are comfortable with.

Below I have listed the dates for various 4-H camps for the summer of 2010 as well as the times for class and recreation periods. I would suggest having the club members select a number of various date options as well as preferred times for those

days and send that list back to me. I will then share that list with the 4-H Agents responsible for coordinating the camps that will be in session during the dates selected by your club members and we will work together to determine the remainder of the "where, when, who, and how"!

I look forward to hearing from you again in the near future. Thank you! Please let me know if you have any questions (so of this could seem a bit confusing).

May 31 – June 4 : Family Camp, June 7 – 11 : Louisa County,

June 14 – 19 : Forestry Camp, June 21 – 25 : Amelia/Cumberland/Nottoway, June 28 – July

2 : Buckingham/Charlotte/Prince Edward, July 5 – 9 : Albemarle/Nelson, July 12 – 16 : Campbell Co., July 19 –

23 : Greene/Fluvanna, July 26 – 30 : Amherst Co., August 2 –

6 Brunswick/Lunenburg/Mecklenburg, August 9 – 13 : Appomattox/Lynchburg, August 15-19 : 4H/NRA Shooting Camp

Class periods are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings;

#1: 8:45am – 9:30am,

#2: 9:40am – 10:25am

#3: 10:35am – 11:20am,

#4: 11:30am – 12:15pm

Afternoon Recreation periods are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons; #1: 1:30pm – 2:45pm #2: 3:45pm – 5:00pm

Classes could be offered during either or both afternoon recreation periods and could be formatted to be two separate classes or one long class with a break in between the two afternoon recreation period.

Nate Mahanes,

4-H Holiday Lake Program Director

Did you know?

It looks like Wayne Shinlever has started up the carving school that use to happen in Crossville Tenn. If not here is the information:

Web Site: www.wagcarvingschool.com

Dates: Friday April 30 to Sunday May 2, 2010

Cost : \$400 per person including bunk room lodging and 8 meals and instructions

Instructors: Gary Falin, Don Mertz, Wayne Shinlever, Jim Wilsford, Keith Dalton, Riley Monroe, & Vic Hood. Crossville had a carving school many years ago on Memorial Day Weekend. The distance just under 600 miles from Richmond. (About 100 miles west of Knoxville on I-40).

Bob Soderholm

New Member: Joseph F. Moore

Merv received a call from Dot Williams informing him that her husband and long time club member **Lee Williams passed away** from a stomach aneurism. Lee had been a club member since the early 80's and in recent years he was known for his chip carving ability and the many awards he won doing chip carving. We will miss him.



Pretty Kitty! What a catch!



Club Stuff

Carving Blanks: Merv is adding some croaking frog blanks to the collection (icicles, potbellied bear, shelf mice, shelf wizard) of wood blanks for sale. The cost for these blanks will be as priced on the bags. Price of the blanks is the cost of wood and any printed material. If anyone wants a particular blank cut out please contact Merv (320-4416) or at merinwa@gmail.com.

For Sale: The club has JRWC **club patches** for sale. They are \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members. Patches will be in the file cabinet along with the carving blanks.

Publicize Club: We are trying to publicize the availability of JRWC to existing and new carvers and have created a club flier and card that can be handed out at events or left in select locations for anyone interested to pick up. If you have any ideas on how to promote club membership, please contact Wayne Thornton, Ron Ulmer, Merv Warner or Tom Lasser.

Photos of your work: Missed the Monday meeting? Send photo (solid background) to Merv & Betsy to get them into the newsletter & web site. No cropping & big as possible is best.

Nametags: Please remember to wear you nametags at all club functions. This will help new members and those with poor memories like mine to get to know each other better.

Show and Tell: Each month at our Monday night meeting we have show and tell of work you have recently completed. Bring it in and at the end of "show & tell" we draw from the participants for a \$10 gift card to the *Woodcraft store (9862 West Broad Street)*.

Club Officers 2009 - 2010

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| President | - | Wayne Thornton |
| Vice President | - | Ron Ulmer |
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| Workshop Chairman | - | Linda Garthaffner |
| Program Chairman | - | Fran Hazelwood |
| Carving Competition Chairman | - | Ron Ulmer |
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| Website Manager | - | Merv Warner |

Membership Dues: *Annual membership dues increased to \$15.00 January 1.* Dues can be given to Tom Lasser, Wayne Thornton or Ron Ulmer. They can also be mailed to Tom at 14008 Blunts Bridge Road, Ashland, VA 23005.

Thursday Carving: For those carvers arriving first on Thursday, please help set up the tables and chairs if they are not already set up. The tables are located in the closet across the hall. We meet at 11:45 to set up the tables and go to lunch at 12:00. All are welcome to come join us; we are back by 1:00 for carving. 1:00PM to 4:00PM .

Newsletter Entries: If you have a carving tip to share with fellow carvers, or a newsletter entry (250 words max and no embedded photos; send photos separately as attachments) please send it to Betsy Mack bemack@comcast.net for publication in a future newsletter. Must be received by 1st of each month to make the current newsletter.

The newsletter just got longer by one page. Keep sending in news to keep this extra page full.

2010 Program and Saturday Workshop Schedule

Monday's Programs 7:00 PM

February - Planning Meeting

March - TBA

April - Al Schalow

May - TBA

June - TBA

Saturday's Workshops 9:00 AM

February - TBA

March - TBA

April - TBA

May - TBA

June - TBA

JRW Carvers
5451 Spotslee Circle
Mechanicsville, VA 23111

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

February 8

For Sale & Other Things

Feb 22 & 23 at Woodcraft, carving a shelf-cottonwood -bark house with Rick Jensen. *Extra day has been added.* Space is still available. See the Woodcraft folks to sign up.

March 7-11 Decoy Carving Workshop at Holiday Lake 4-H camp. www.holidaylake4h.com 4 days. Register by Feb 19.

May 7th – 9, 2010 *JR Carving Competition* will be held at the Woodcraft Store. Rules and entry forms are now available on the club website. You can also contact Ron Ulmer for copies of this information. Please note that the method of judging entries has changed from prior years. Instead of a point scoring system, the judging will be conducted by a panel of three judges that will view and discuss the qualities of each category of carvings by class and determine the awarding of ribbons by consensus among themselves. If the judges determine that the quality of any carving is such that it should not be awarded a ribbon then no ribbon will be awarded to that carving.

June 5-6, 2010: *37th Annual Woodcarving & Wildlife Art Festival / Competition:* Lancaster County Woodcarvers' 37th Annual Woodcarving & Wildlife Art Festival / Competition, Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, PA (717) 392-4911. There will be carvings and art for sale. Admission, Free \$5.00 www.lancarvers.com Contact: Pete Kovarovic, (717) 392-4814, Woodchips624@comcast.net

June 7-8, 2010: *Lancaster County WoodCarvers' Carve Around Woodcarving Seminars* will be held for club and non-club members. The Carving Instructors will be Bob Stadlander (Relief Carving), Don Dearolf (Caricature Carving), Nick Sciortino (Chip Carving),

and Dennis Thornton (Caricature Carving). Spend two days with one of these great carving teachers with time before and after to talk with fellow carvers. Check out the website, www.lancarvers.com for costs, more details, and registration information. Jeff Pretz jefpretz@ptd.net

For Sale: Cottonwood Bark: Fran Hazelwood has a supply of cottonwood bark for sale. If your interested in buying some, be sure and talk to her at the Monday night meeting or during Thursday carving.

Looking for patterns that have been published in Woodcarving Illustrated or just looking for patterns you can go to the Yorkarvers Woodcarving Club site <http://home.comcast.net/~mrchipps1/Yorkarvers/club.html>. On the home page click on WCI Index, you have a choice of the index of patterns in either pdf format or Excel file. If you don't have Excel, PDF format probably would work best as you only need Adobe reader to see the index. Patterns are listed in alphabetical order by subject. Merv

Barbara Hufford needs a ride to the Monday night meeting. She lives near Huguenot and Buford (Zip 23235). Telephone # 320-4639

Roland Sheneman needs a ride to Monday meeting. Lives near Forest Hill Park. Son can take him home afterward #233-5366.

Ray Deyo offers a 10% discount to club members on the second Monday (meeting night) only. You must show your membership card to be eligible