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**\*\*UPCOMING EVENTS \*\*FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING \*\*CLUB ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**  
**MWCA ANNUAL FALL MEETING OCTOBER 19<sup>th</sup>, at the Corunna American Legion Post.**  
**Time: 11:00 am. all members are welcome.**

**FROM YOUR PREZ:**

It has been a very busy summer Here, Working on Canes. Going to all the different events we do. In July we went with Frankenmuth Carvers to a show with the VFW. Very nice turn out and we presented 2 canes there to very nice Veterans who did not know they were getting them. Then we did Wood Shaving Days at Grayling. In August we did the Tri-city Carving Show. Very nice turn out. Thank you Tri City Carvers.

Now get ready for these coming Events: Spit and Whittle September 12-14. Paul Bunyan Days, a chain saw carving event in Oscoda 21-22. Then Washington

Carvefest 27 and 28. Then in October don't forget the Saline Show the 5<sup>th</sup>, Dayton Artistry in Wood Show 12 and 13, last chance they may never have another one. Annual Fall Meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. at 1120 Legion road in Corunna. Frankenmuth Show on the 20<sup>th</sup>. and also Sauder Village in Ohio 26-27.

Now I must go into November because it is so close to the start of the month. Fruitbelt Carving Show is held in a new location, American Legion Post 223, business Rout 131 in Constantine MI.

That's all I have for now, hope to see many of you at many of these events. Denny

**CARVING CLUB NEWS**

**WOOD WACKERS:** We are still working on a Nativity Scene for the Art Works Cultural Center of Big Rapids to be finished sometime this fall. This will be a project for them as a raffle to raise funds for their programing. We are using the Flat Plane Carving Book of the Nativity by Lynn Diel. In August the club has carved at the Big Rapids Farmers Market Aug 23 and their Summer Fest Aug 24.

**SALINE CARVERS:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/854117681623739/>

Our club demonstrated at the Annual Hobby Day at Crosswinds Marsh Aug 10<sup>th</sup>. “We had way more kids than anything. We plan to bring some soap carving for next time. We didn't have any bleeders thru about 20 people carving. Mostly children (8 yrs old to 19 yr olds). We decided we should not allow children under 12 to carve with knives tho!”

We attended and carved at the Pittsfield harvest Festival on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>. During September our club carvers will be showcasing carvings at the Saline Library.

Our group welcomed Stephen and Diane Pyle at this evening's meeting. Stephen brought some of his hand-made frames decorated with chip carving. Check out Stephen's work at [cutterscorner.net](http://cutterscorner.net)

Our annual picnic was hosted by Randal and Penny Olds was great. Lots of food and about 20 carvers attending. Randal treated us to a special demonstration about sharpening.



We have lots of door prize ornaments carved for our show. We also have a couple of insurance representatives for someone to take home. **Do you need insurance?? Do you know these folks?**



**FRUITBELT CARVERS: A reminder, New Location for the Fruitbelt Woodcarver's 39th Annual Wood Carving Show Saturday, November 2, 2019 from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and on Sunday, November 3, 2019 from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at the American Legion, 65079 US 131 (Business) N., Constantine, MI.**

**SPIT & WHITTLE:** Osceola County fairgrounds in Evert. Note that this year it will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday Sept 12-14. I believe this is the 19<sup>th</sup> year this event has been happening. It is mostly a social carving weekend doing what ever you like. Some folks do bring projects for others to carve, and there is lots of relaxing, carving and conversing. The Cedar Bird Shoppe will be there with all their carving stuff!!

**TRI-CITY CARVERS:** Larry Lijewski carved the Bluebird at Dave Stirling class at the MWCA seminar.

June 5<sup>th</sup> we carved at the Jazz on Jefferson at the Castle Museum. There were a lot of folks who came by to see what we were doing.

Our picnic in July at the Saginaw Children's Zoo was wonderful with lots of food and of course rides on the carousel. In August we did Soap Carving at the Saginaw Bay Waterfowl Festival; Carving at the Zoo August 8<sup>th</sup>.



Our show went great this year, one of the best. The competition was excellent, there was a great selection of table vendors, it was nice to have the tool vendors there for all to pick up things they desired. 800 tickets were sold and we had a very large turnout of visitors. Best of Show went to Jerry Stockbridge. 2<sup>nd</sup> Best of Show went to Jim LaPan with his seven dwarfs cane. 3<sup>rd</sup> Best of Show also went to Jerry Stockbridge for another caricature carving. Tom and Jake

Gilman did a fine job of demonstrating chain saw carving in front of the church. Jack Harper was the carved MWCA Eagle Cane head winner for his great eagle cane top.



**WOODLAND CARVERS:** We held our annual elections and the current officers were unanimously re-elected. Karen Brown will be teaching a group of youths through the Isaac Walton League in Rockford and will also be hosting our Christmas party this year.

We are sponsoring two upcoming shows, one on September 28, 2019, and one again on March 19-22, 2020. During the Expo in September we will have a demo table set up for hourly carving presentations. We will also have a table set up for new members to sign up.

### CHIPS & CHATTER

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JANUARY    MARCH    MAY    JULY    SEPTEMBER    NOVEMBER

## 2019 MWCA COMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	INFORMATION
9/12-14	SPIT and WHITTLE	Osceola County Fairgrounds in Evert	616-260-8931
9/27-28	WASHINGTON CENTER CARVEFEST XIV	Romeo-Washington-Bruce-Parks & Rec Washington Center 67880 Van Dyke Rd Washington MI	248-224-2902
9/28	WOODLAND CARVERS EXPO	Wyoming Senior Center	616-706-9685
10/5	SALINE CARVING SHOW	Saline Liberty School – 7265 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. Saline MI	734-476-3441 734-944-5323
10/12-13	ARTISTRY IN WOOD	Wilmington Ohio	937-497-0922
10/19	MWCA FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	11 am Corunna American Legion Post	989-277-5739
10/20	FRANKENMUTH CARVING SHOW	Frankenmuth Middle School	810-412-4350
10/26-27	SAUDER VILLAGE	Sauder Village, Archbold, Ohio	800-590-9755
11/2-3	FRUITBELT CARVERS SHOW	American Legion Hall, Constantine	269-435-7245 269-483-7089

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**MWCA “Patriot Cane Program” Completed 61 canes for July and August 2019.**

From June 2007 thru August 2019, 4,715 canes have been delivered. Thanks to everyone for your help and support for the program.

**COULD WE PLEASE GET THE NAME OF YOUR CLUB (IF NOT LISTED) IF YOU SUBMIT EAGLE HEAD(S) FOR CANES? WE WANT TO MAKE SURE YOUR CLUB IS CREDITED FOR YOUR GENEROUS WORK. THANKS!!**

	RECIPIENT				CARVER	CLUB
Cpl	Raymond A.	Heise	USMC	WWII	Howard, Jack	
CMSgt (Ret)	Donald R.	Crabtree	USAF	Vietnam	Friese, Gordon	
FC1	Alexander W.	Walsh	Navy	SWA	Howard, Jack	
Sgt	Glendon E.	Howse	Army	Vietnam	Lamphier, Dick	none
A1C	Arnold R.	Prosch	USAF	Korea	Friese, Gordon	
AMS1	William C., Jr	Nichols	Navy	Vietnam	Floyd, Chris	HAW
Cpl	Gary A.	Shripka	USMC	Vietnam	Pfenning, Ray	OLW
Sgt	Clifford A.	Balcer	Army	Vietnam	Shook, Don	MET
RP1(E-6)	William A.	Wadsworth	Navy	Vietnam	Walker, Sue	COC
1st Lt	Robert J.	Hoogendorn	USMC	Vietnam	Tobias, Tom	SAL
PFC	John J.	Engels	Army	WWII	Chmiko, Paul	MID
SgtFC	Andrew R.	Maxwell	Army	SWA	Hanson, Richard	WGF
GMC (E-7)	Scott L.	Benton	Navy	Vietnam	Nielson, Ronald	WGF

SSgt(E6)	George C.	Reinhert	Army	Korea	Hanson, Richard	WGF
Sgt	Edward R.	Roedel	USAF	Vietnam	Kepler, Robert	OWL
SPC5	Gordon W.	Draper	Army	Germany	McFadden, Scott	SLY
Cpl (E-6)	Richard L.	Stevens	Army	Korea	Bluga, John	MET
Sgt	Kenneth E., Jr.	Gosline	Army	Vietnam	Bluga, John	MET
Sgt	William (Bill) A.	Irwin	AAF	WWII	Marsh, Bob	MID
YN2(E5)	Rodney W.	Weck	Navy	Vietnam	Sanderson, David	HWC
LI3	Larry M.	Hook	Navy	Vietnam	Marsh, Bob	MID
SPC 4	Armando G.	Ahumada	Army	Vietnam	Marsh, Bob	MID
Cpl	Gary D.	McGrath	Army	Vietnam	Smith, Charles	HRT
MMM3	Albert	Presidio	Navy	WWII	Cords, Pat	MID
PFC	Leslie J.	Bulthouse	Army	Korea	Wickes, Gordon	
AE2	Gary D.	Buerger	Navy	Vietnam	Hornung, Gregg	MET
SPC4(T)	Stanley J.	Musial	Army	Vietnam	Hanson, Richard	WGF
TSgt	Altor R.	Ford	USAF	Korea	Patterson, Bruce	
SPC4	William E.	Petersen	Army	Vietnam	Dunham, Richard	OWL
Sgt	Frank X.	Holzer	Army	Vietnam	Dunham, Richard	OWL
SPC4	James E.	Vert	Army	Vietnam	Dunham, Richard	OWL
Sgt	Gary J.	Sturm	USAF	other	Dunham, Richard	OWL
SPC5(T)	Ronald D.	Laws	Army	Vietnam	Dunham, Richard	OWL
Sgt	Edward J.	Kwiatkowski	Army	Vietnam	Paupard, Fred	BWC
SPC4	Russell C.	Walker	Army	Vietnam	Wolak, Stan	SLY
SGT	Ted D.	Johnson	USMC	Vietnam	Smith, Charles	HRT
Sgt	Roger T.	Ward	Army	Vietnam	Bluga, John	MET
Sgt	Gary L.	McLaughlin	Army	Vietnam	Bluga, John	MET
EA3	Paul W. jr	DeLong	Navy	Vietnam	Peruski, Dave	
SPC4	Norman E.	Graves	Army	Vietnam	Dixon, Bob	OWL
EO3	Eddie A.	Haynes	Navy	Vietnam	Smith, Charles	HRT
Sgt	Joseph N.	Bancroft	USMC	Korea	Marsh, Bob	MID
Lt Col	Charles P. Jr	Kleinsmith	USAF	Korea/Vietnam	Pfenning, Ray	OLW
SPC5 (T)	Richard A.	Kouder	Army	Vietnam	Marsh, Bob	MID
Sgt	Dennis R.	Blankenship	Army	SWA	Follbaum, Gary	RIV
Sgt	Kimberly L.	Goodrow	Army	Vietnam	Marsh, Bob	MID
PFC	Christopher R. Jr	Hebden	Army	WWII	Dixon, Bob	OWL
GMG3	William D.	Moore	Navy	Vietnam	Smith, Charles	HRT
PFC	Craig L.	Smith	Army	Vietnam	Bluga, John	MET
STG2	Ronald K.	Scheppman	Navy	Vietnam	Gracey, Gary	FRT
SPC4(T)	Raymond W.	Aho	Army	Vietnam	Pfenning, Ray	OLW
Sgt	Thomas M.	Stratman	Army	Vietnam	Peruski, Dave	
SPC4(T)	Bernard P.	Swiercz	Army	Vietnam	Bishop, Dick	
SPC6(T)	William A., Jr	Pruett	Army	Germany	Hegwood, Cheryl	SAL
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EM3	CharlesA."Chuck"	Hegg	Navy	Vietnam	Cords, Pat	MID
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