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CLUB NEWS

From your President

I hope and pray that everyone is doing well with this Covid epidemic.

Your executive board has agreed, for next year, that all membership dues to the MWCA will be waived (that is the \$2 that your club puts into the MWCA for each member). Further, our sponsors will be given another year of free advertising on our website. We hope this will go a little way to making

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up for all that we are missing out on while we wait for things to get back to normal. Hopefully next year will be better.

This means: All clubs paid through March 2021 will not need to pay dues for 2021-2022. All clubs and members will be automatically paid through March of 2022.

Your President,
Denny

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

CARVING CLUB NEWS

SALINE CARVERS: <https://salinecarversblog.wordpress.com/> Since the Saline Senior Center is still closed, our members are still welcome to meet at Don Butler's.

TRI-CITY CARVERS: The Zoo crew has been working on the deck of the children’s zoo carousel. Terry Kenel, Harold Mueller, Vito Damore, Jim Noack, and Phil Westendorf spent many hours refinishing the carousel deck. At left, Ed Nurnberg sanding the old finish off.



To the right: We are blessed in this club to have some master carvers who not only do beautiful work but share it openly with other carvers and the community. Jim Silva is such a carver. He carves and donates hundreds of carvings to local churches and groups. He teaches wood carving to anyone who wants help. This is just a small sample of what he does. He doesn’t often get the recognition he deserves. On behalf of all our members, thanks Jim.



For 2021, Jack Harper will remain president, Jim Noack will be our new vice president. Mike Basner will be the new treasurer. Terry Kennel will be a trustee.

There really isn’t much news for this newsletter, we just hope that everyone stays safe and healthy and has a great Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas. Just remember no news is good news. Let us know what your or your club has been working on during this Covid time, we can share pictures of quarantined carvings.

CHIPS & CHATTER

MWCA 2021 CALENDAR: Since we are still in the Covid outbreak most of us do not know if or when we will be starting our shows and carving events for next year, everything is so uncertain right now. We only heard from a few people that they would like the 2021 calendar, so we will be skipping it this next year since most dates are not known and we really don't know or what things will be like in the future.

It is with a heavy heart that I have to pass on to you we have lost another carver this year. I just received word that on September 5th Chuck Ruble has gone to be with our Lord, so please keep Molly and their family in your prayers. He and Molly are very active in the Greater Lansing carvers and was very instrumental in their carving shows.

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**THE DUMBEST THING
I EVER PURCHASED
WAS A 2020 PLANNER**

Please share this newsletter with the rest of your members who don't receive it by email and **FORWARD THE NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL** to your club members who have email. Thank you.

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2020 MWCA COMING EVENTS

2021	EVENT PLANNED (What we know right now)	LOCATION	INFORMATION
6/16-19	EVART ROUNDUP	Osceola Fairgrounds in Evart	734-649-3259
6/21-25	FLOYDFEST CARVING SEMINAR	Osceola Fairgrounds in Evart	734-649-3259
9/16/17	SPIT & WHITTLE WEEKEND	Osceola Fairgrounds in Evart	616-260-8931
10/23-24	SAUDER VILLAGE CARVING SHOW	Sauder Village, Archbold Ohio	800-590-9755
11/6-7	FRUITBELT CARVING SHOW	American Legion Hall, Constantine	269-435-7245

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MWCA "Patriot Cane Program" completed 31 canes for September/October 2020.

(not bad for a pandemic quarantine!)

From June 2007 thru October 2020, a total of 5048 canes
have been delivered to honored Veterans.

THANKS to everyone for your help and support for the program!
Especially to those who stepped up and delivered those eagle heads!

RANK	NAME	BRANCH	CONFLICT	CARVER
Cpl	Donald R. Bowen	Army	WWII	Marsh, Bob
A1C	Edwin R., Jr Walker	USAF	Korea	Smith, Wendell
Cpl	Eulus F. Bussell	Army	Korea	Kilburn, Bill
PFC	Stanley R. Cornish	Army	OTHER	Meyers, Stephen
SPC4	Wayne J. Hawes	Army	Vietnam	Smith, Wendell
Sgt	Paul T. Hoffman	USMC	Vietnam	Shaft Only
SPC4(T)	Eugene (Geno) C. Bouwens	Army	Vietnam	Shaft Only
AE2	Jim N. Bode	Navy	Vietnam	Shaft Only
SPC4	David A. Barnes	Army	Vietnam	Shaft Only
SPC4(T)	Randolph R. Garcia	Army	OTHER	Mooney, Mason
RM3C	Robert H. Turley	Navy	WWII	Bemis, James
AMS3 (E4)	Kenneth D. MacAuley	Navy	Vietnam	Castle, Elmer
PFC (E3)	Paul G. Satlowski	Army	Vietnam	Grusendorf, Gerald
SPC4(T)	John J. Endres	Army	Vietnam	unknown
Sgt 1C (Ret)	Norman E. Striegle	Army	Korea	Williams, Tom
SPC4	Fred B. Randall	Army	Vietnam	Walcutt, Wally
SPC4	Ronald K. Wiese	Army	Vietnam	Smith, Wendell
SPC4	Bruce A. Gunnell	Army	Vietnam	Popp, Nancy
Sgt (T)	Anthony J. Blazejewski	Army	Korea	Badertscher, Robert
Cpl	Frederick E. (Fred) Boyer	Army	Korea	Williams, Tom
SPC5	William H. Mosher	Army	Vietnam	Dunham, Richard
BMC (Ret)	Leroy (Lee) Hornack	Navy	Korea/Viet	Dunham, Richard
A1C	John P. Hilton	USAF	Vietnam	Hilton, Sharon
PFC	Walter Davis	Army	Vietnam	Dunham, Richard
BM3	David D. McGillen	Navy	Vietnam	Dunham, Richard
Sgt	Ronald G. Rhoads	Army	Vietnam	Dunham, Richard
Sgt(T)	Alan A. Robson	Army	Vietnam	Dunham, Richard
SPC4(T)	David B. Ray	Army	Vietnam	Dunham, Richard
SPC4	Houston Jr. Jackson	Army	Vietnam	Dunham, Richard
Sgt	Richard L. Stanley	USMC	Vietnam	Marsh, Bob
CWO4	Michael J. Thorne	Army	SWA	Shaft Only