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CLUB NEWS “WELCOME TO A STILL DIFFERENT but changing WORLD” CANE REPORT

From your President:

Hope this finds everyone doing as well as can be expected during this Covid epidemic. It's terrible being locked up at home all this time, not being able to have meetings and shows. We're getting along here, putting out a few canes as time will permit. Now, as everyone should know because we did not have a spring meeting, the executive board decided to go ahead and count the ballots and post the results.

Dave Sanderson is reelected to the Vice President's position and Christie Garant is going to be the new Treasurer as soon as she and Mary Lou can safely get together to hand over the keys.

It's really sad that we can't have meetings or shows. Does anyone have any suggestions about what things we might do in the future to replace these usual get-togethers? If so, please email me. We will get through this together.

Your President, Denny

CARVING CLUB NEWS

The **TRI-CITY CARVING SHOW, HARTWICK PINES WOOD SHAVING DAYS** and the **FRANKENMUTH SHOW** have been cancelled due to the **COVID-19 outbreak**. It was unfortunate but had to be done for the safety and health of all so we can all be here to return next year. This should make the 2021 events that much better. I know we all understand. At this time the **SALINE CARVING SHOW** is on schedule unless things change before then. Most of us have suspended our carving get-togethers for now but are slowly starting to meet again under CDC guidelines.



SALINE CARVERS: <https://salinecarversblog.wordpress.com/>

We have started our carving group again!!! Thanks to Don Butler inviting us to his pole barn. Social distancing as you can see, wearing a face covering if we get close together and bringing our own tables and beverage.



Has anyone tried Jerry Pitts Toilet Paper Challenge yet? Gerry Pitts sent this to us, thinking our members might enjoy the challenge. Do a carving that fits inside a toilet paper tube without touching the sides. It can be anything you want, but it needs to be carved and finished before our quarantine time ends. When you finish the carving, share it with the group online, and — eventually — bring it to our next meeting. This could be something others may like to do also. Jerry's latest finished carving of Laurel and Hardy.

Our show will go on October 4th and the new flyer will be posted on our blog.

TRI-CITY CARVERS: Per the fire department, we will not be able to meet at their building until further notice. Unfortunately, the Children's Zoo is in the same boat as the fire department. The board has decided we must cancel our picnic at the zoo in July as well as the carving day at the zoo in August. Many people in the club are getting together to work on projects, just not large gatherings. It is nice to know there are good friendships among our members. Hoping all is well and I will see you all soon!!! Some of have been busy during this time.



During this time of uncertainty many in our group have been keeping busy. Butch Urban has been doing some outstanding work with his guitar interest in the picture at left. Then there is neckerchief slides and a gargoyle carved by Mike Basner and Dick Henning is trying something new with the beautiful done bowl.

CHIPS & CHATTER

CHIEF OSCEOLA CARVERS plan to start carving again after the 4th of July.

It's sad but some of our fireworks displays have been cancelled for this year.

Due to inactivity the newsletter is a little sparse this month. Hope to have more for September.

Gas was almost under \$1, restaurants are all drive-in-style, and everyone has shaggy hair, welcome to the 1970's.

Until further notice, the days of the week are now called thisday, thatday, otherday, someday, yesterday, today and next day!

THE "CHATTER" NEWSLETTER GOES OUT BY E-MAIL ONLY on or about the first of the months listed below. All news to be included needs to be to the editor, Sandy Holder by the 25th of the month prior to publication. E-Mail and phone listed below. You can always download or read a PDF on the MWCA website at www.miwoodcarvers.com

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

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	INFORMATION
8/23	TRI-CITY CARVERS SHOW - Cancelled	2 nd Presbyterian Church - Saginaw	989-781-3846
7/18-19	WOOD SHAVING DAYS From website: Hartwick Pines: In accordance with Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' recommendations designed to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, we have closed public access to many indoor and/or staffed facilities and have canceled all group events until further notice.	Hartwick Pines State Park - Grayling	989-384-2537 You might want to call ahead to see it anything has changed.
8/23	TRI-CITY CARVERS SHOW - Cancelled	2 nd Presbyterian Church - Saginaw	989-781-3846
9/17-19	SPIT & WHITTLE WEEKEND Still planned at time of newsletter.	Osceola Fairgrounds - Ewart	616-260-8931
9/25-26	WASHINGTON CENTER CARVEFEST XIV Still in the works as of this newsletter.	Romeo-Washington-Bruce Parks & Rec Center 57880 Van Dyke Rd. Washington MI	248-224-2902

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MWCA “Patriot Cane Program” completed 46 canes for May and June 2020.
(even during quarantine)

From June 2007 thru June 2020, 4987 canes have been delivered to honored Veterans.

THANKS to everyone for your help and support for the program!

Keep those heads coming!

Capt	David J. Martin	Army	Vietnam	Miller, Jim
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Sgt	Jerry R. Mead	Army	Vietnam	Spence, Craig
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