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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy 250th Birthday America!

We are halfway through our Beginners' Class already. Thank you to all the dedicated instructors for motivating our new members and for volunteering their time and talents to pass along the wonderful hobby of woodcarving.

Our club participated in the Spring Craftfest at the Fairgrounds last month. Thank you to the volunteers who manned the tables throughout this two-day event. We sold charity items, tickets for our club fundraiser and even had someone sign up for next January's Beginner Class. Our goal was met, plus at the following club meeting we welcomed two new members, Glenn and Sandy Chapman, who learned about our club at the Craftfest. The next scheduled charity/fundraiser will be the Dam Jam in September in Bull Shoals.

Dee Robinson has cut out some blanks with the intention of having them carved and returned to sell at the charity table. These cut outs can be obtained during our club meetings on Thursday. Remember that our rent payment covers the use of the VFW Hall every Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The VFW serves lunch there and sometimes has a "special". Please plan to stay, carve and socialize every Thursday.

All members are encouraged to get involved in our club's activities, whether through teaching classes or by helping with events. Every member has something valuable to offer. Together, let's promote woodcarving by encouraging participation inside and outside our club.

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General Membership Meeting of June 18, 2026 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 10:44 a.m. by Sandy Smith, President, followed by the

Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting minutes as published in *The Chip Pile* were approved without objection.

Treasurer's report by Nancy Wheeler was that our funds are satisfactory, and tool and wood spending was within budgeted amounts.

Our current membership as reported by Linda Peacy is 90.

We are currently in need of tools for upcoming classes and Bob Gilkerson, Equipment Chairman, states we will be receiving discounted tools from DHK (Deep Holler Knives), and Flexcut has sent us a refund to help discount our tool purchase from them. He will be doing an inventory to see what exactly we will be needing.

Terry Muth, Quartermaster, says our wood inventory is good. We will be needing some 1/8th boards and can order them soon. He encourages members to think about using some of the odd wood products we have. Eggs, bats, pencils, spools, etc. - just ask him. We may do a class with some of them. That being said, Dee Robinson, VP and Class Coordinator, requests members to consider some extracurricular classes, especially for new members.

Pat Grimes and Evelyn Burttram – our publicity and media team were both absent.

The library is fully stocked except we are looking for egg books for a possible egg animal class. Sonia Nelson, Librarian, is asking if anyone has egg books to share.

Sandy Smith reports that *The Chip Pile* is okay and the website fee is coming up soon.

Sandy Lord, Sunshine Lady, will be sending a get well to Pat Grimes for her recent back surgery.

Show committee is on vacation until September.

Our next potluck is in August, according to Barbara Edelbrock, following a successful June

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picnic. There will be a funeral on July 4th at the Clarkridge Fire Dept. for Rick Hewitt 11:30 a.m. with graveside services in Gamaliel. For more information, ask Barb Edelbrock.

Charity report by Tina Campbell reminded everyone signed up to come and help with the Spring Craftfest this weekend.

Unfinished Business: The club vote on updated bylaws was 25 For and 4 Nay. The new bylaws were passed as written at this time.

New Business or Announcements: None

Show & Tell: Participants Linda Peacy, Carol Riley, Marty Wells, Rita Margolian, Sandy Smith, Steve Munch, Sid Edelbrock, Lisa Hays, Bob Gilkerson and Terry Muth. Thank you to all who brought their projects in for viewing.

The Show & Tell drawing winner was Linda Peacy, the Name Tag winner was Paul Baumann III, and the 50/50 winner was Lisa Hayes. Congratulations to all our winners.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tina Campbell, Secretary

Board of Directors Meeting of July 2, 2026 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 9:50 a.m. by Sandy Smith, President.

Nancy Wheeler, Treasurer, was absent but a final report for the Craftfest was given by Tina Campbell. The charity table net profit after the cost of the space was \$240. There was an additional \$60 sold of the drawing tickets for the club fundraiser. Linda Peacy, Membership Chairman, confirmed we now have 91 members. Bob Gilkerson, Equipment/Tools Chairman, was absent but had sent an update that he has received the final order of knives for upcoming classes. Quartermaster/Wood Chairman Terry Muth reports all is well with the wood supply and is still working on projects for the club that could use some of the extra wood.

Classes are on a break this week, so there was nothing else to report from Dee Robinson, Vice President. We would be still seeking small club class projects, especially for the charity table.

Publicity and Media Chairs Pat Grimes and

Evelyn Burttram were both absent. Sonia Nelson Librarian was also absent.

Sandy Smith, Webmaster, states all is well with *The Chip Pile* and webpage.

Sandy Lord, Sunshine Lady, will be sending Bob Gilkerson a get well card and will be checking on Norm Dixon. Event Coordinator Barbara Edelbrock reminded us that the Rick Hewitt memorial will be at the Clarkridge Volunteer Fire Dept. Sat., July 4th, starting at 11:30 a.m. The Color Guard will be coming to honor Rick. Our next potluck is Aug. 27th and the club will be taking donations for the meat.

Charity report by Tina Campbell is that the upcoming Dam Jam on Sept. 26th is our next scheduled charity event. We are also going to look into additional possible opportunities to promote our charity table.

Unfinished Business: Possible use and class for the spools from the club's wood stock. Plus maybe a club project with egg animals displayed in an egg carton - we are still looking for patterns.

New Business: There is a possible collaboration with the Arts and Crafts club. NAWC officers will be meeting with their officers sometime this month. This is just to test the waters of what things might be jointly possible for both of our clubs to grow.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tina Campbell, Secretary

PLEASE NOTE: 2026 Annual Membership Dues has increased due to Hall Rental Hike

\$75 - Individual Membership

\$30 - Supporting Membership (Restrictions Apply)

Please see **Linda and Ray Peacy, Membership Chairpeople**, to Renew Your Membership



SUNSHINE LADY REPORTS

Please let Sandy Lord or Board Members know of any member who may be ill or who may have lost a loved one. Our members appreciate knowing that we are thinking of them and that our best wishes are extended to them during these stressful and often traumatic times.