



LOUISIANA WILDFOWL CARVERS AND COLLECTORS GUILD

NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Since the September meeting, we have been working on our Website. It has been a struggle to get this accomplished, but you can now have access to your newsletter, rules booklet, membership, table applications and much more through this site. The site still needs a great deal of work, but will be refined in the near future. To log on, go to the "address window" and type in www.LWCCG.org

At the next meeting, we will discuss what should be included on this website and whether or not we can discontinue the majority of newsletters and rules booklet mail outs.

The festival rules have been published— extra copies will be available at our October meeting.

Please read carefully to identify changes and new categories which have been made since the rough draft was distributed.

Pay special attention to the Weldon Bordelon Walking Cane competition (Div. X_ the species is a Woodduck hen slick head on a individually turned and tapered wood cane. No heads on a pool stick.

This is a special category in honor of a recently departed world champion carver and very dear friend. I hope we can get some great entries to do him honor.

In addition to the web page and rule booklet, we have been trying to get the word out about our Festival. We have purchased ads in several magazines including; Decoy Magazine, Wildfowl

Carvers magazine, Louisiana Wildlife magazine and Clipper Magazine.

We have also attended several festivals to pass out show fliers and encourage participation in our show. Among these were a Delta Wildfowl banquet, several Ducks Unlimited banquets, Wild Things festival , the Cajun Heritage festival, etc.

We have new posters printed for distribution if you know a business or public location which would be willing to display this poster, please do so.

If you have any contacts with radio or TV stations who would be willing to give us a plug, let me know.

The rental of display tables had been going well, order now for a favorable location.

Once again I would encourage everyone to bring something for the show and tell. If you have other topics which should be discussed at our meeting or included on our website, please let me know.

Thanks,
Richard

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**THE NEXT GENERAL
LWCCG MEETING WILL BE
HELD ON WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 28, 2009 AT
PICCADILLY CAFETERIA,
2222 CLEARVIEW PKWY.,
SUITE 107, AT 7:00 P.M.**

SHOW AND TELL



Timmy Dukes shows a decoy he which he won 1st at the Ward World Championship with and tells a story of how it survived Hurricane Katrina . He was standing on his roof several months after Katrina when he sighted it in the debris on the ground.



Above Bill Chamel is showing a Decorative Pintail Hen which he carved.

**LWCCG
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING MINUTES**

SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

**Executive Meeting-6pm to
7pm General Membership Meet-
ing started at 7:15pm**

Meeting opened with a reminder to all in attendance that a tip jar was being passed around for our waitress, who was very accommodating by setting up coffee, drinks, ice and all the necessities for our convenience while our meeting went on.

CAPS FOR THE JUDGES: Richard made a suggestion that it might be nice to supply our judges for the competition with caps with the LWCCG insignia on them. Members agreed with his suggestion and it was voted on and approved that caps be ordered.

FOOD FOR THE FESTIVAL: After a discussion about the pro's and con's of doing our own food vending, it was decided that it would be best to have the Castine Center handle the food vending service. Flyers will be available at a later date with Restaurants in the area and directions to them.

SECURITY FOR THE FESTIVAL: Security for the show will cost \$30 per hour. It was suggested that a policeman be hired for security one hour before closing till opening in the morning. (Friday 7pm till 8am Saturday) (Saturday 5pm till 9am Sunday) cost approximately \$1,000. It was voted on and approved.

CAJUN HERITAGE FESTIVAL: The Cajun Heritage Festival will be held on October 10th and 11th and we encourage our members to pass along the word and try to attend and help support the festival.

ADVERTISING FOR THE FESTIVAL: A recommendation was made that we heavily advertise for our festival as much as our budget allows so that we can get the word out. Wild-fowl Carvers Magazine, 1/2 page in a National Magazine. TV shows, radio;

2 weeks prior to festival., Times Pica-yune, Northshore magazines, St. Tammany Paper, etc. If anyone attends any shows, please spread the word. The Ward Foundation has graciously put us on their site and in their mail outs.

Chris Weaver has offered to contact Marsh and Bayou and Louisiana Sportsman magazines. We will have larger prints of fliers made and put in windows and stores. We will contact WWL sports show and WSMB – ESPN.

CLUB WEBSITE: John Scallan has recommended someone who designs websites to create a website for us. The cost will be \$300 with a maintenance fee of \$16 per month and \$30 a year for domain fee. All of our Guild and Festival information will be posted and regularly updated on the site. Also the sight will have photos and a connection to other sites.

OPERATING BUDGET: Treasurer Dickie Autin reported that our operating budget is now at \$30,985.

SPECIAL AUCTION ITEM DONATED: Mr. Curt Fabre said that Mr. Benny Cenac of the **Golden Ranch Hunting Club** has donated a hunting trip for a party of up to 10. It will start at 12 noon . 1 to 5 -pheasant hunt- 5 supper, sleep, duck hunting next morning, brunch than leave for home. This trip is valued at **\$10,000**. Mr. Farbe also said that he had sent a letter to Chevron in reference to the Decorative Pairs Sponsor and should know something by next week.

TABLE DISPLAY: Mike Bonner suggested that we set up a section of tables for collectors and carvers who did not want to compete or buy a table, and might want to sell their work. They could display their pieces along with their cards at a cost of \$10 each (no limit) on the tables

DUCKS UNLIMITED IN NORCO: Ducks unlimited in Norco has offered one or two carvers who are willing to donate a decoy for their raffle , a free table at their banquet in December on which they can display their carvings. They ask that they not sell any carvings, but can several to show and may

hand out their business cards to DU members who might possible be interested in purchasing decoys in the future. **Date: Thursday December 10 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Norco. Any interested parties can call Larry Tyson at 504-236-3838.**
PERMITS: Someone asked if permits were needed in St. Tammany Parish to sell art work. Another member said that they thought that if you do your own art work, it was not required. This will be verified.

There was no further business, so the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

**SHOW AND TELL
CONTINUED.....**



Richard shows an antique decoy which his next door neighbor found floating in the second story of Richard's home after the neighbor and family sought refuge when flood waters of Katrina rose above their roof.



John Scallan shows an Antique Drake Pintail slick decoy, which was brought in by Larry Deogracias a friend of his.