



# LOUISIANA WILDFOWL CARVERS AND COLLECTORS GUILD

## NEWSLETTER



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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The June meeting will be at Piccadilly on June 29th; Executive board meets at 6:00 P.M., General Meeting at 7:00 P.M. Meetings will be held in the small room with the glass doors on the front left of the restaurant from now on.

At the meeting, we will discuss final plans for the Show & Sell at the Maritime Museum which will take place on August 20th from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. We have been informed by the Museum staff that there will be more of a variety of food available at this event than last year and also better advertisement using flyers, TV, & radio adds.

We will discuss final plans for our banquet in September. Anyone who would like to help, please give me a call.

At the May meeting, Chris Weaver gave us a fantastic report on how the LWCCG got it's start. In the early 1970's, there was a duck calling competition in St. Bernard Parish. At this show Tan Brunet, Chris's father and several other carvers brought decorative decoys to display. These carvings drew so much attention that a group of carvers began meeting on a regular basis; often at the Casino in City Park.

Within a year, they had formed a club with a show. Chris stated that the

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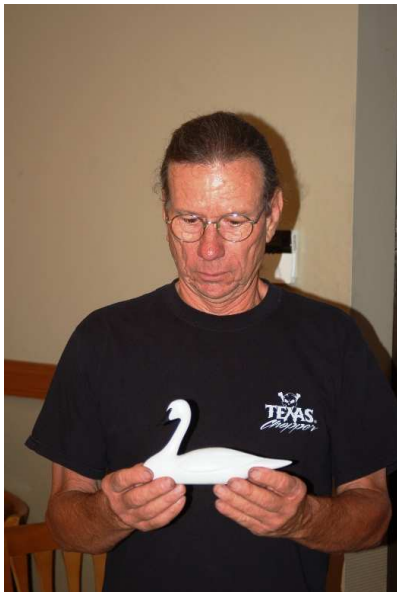
**LWCCG REGULAR MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 2011 AT 7:00P.M., PICCADILLY CAFETERIA, 2222 CLEARVIEW PKWY., SUITE 107.**

first shows had so many carvings "not related to Wildlife", that they changed the name to Louisiana Wildlife Carvers & Collectors Guild to emphasize Wildlife Carving.

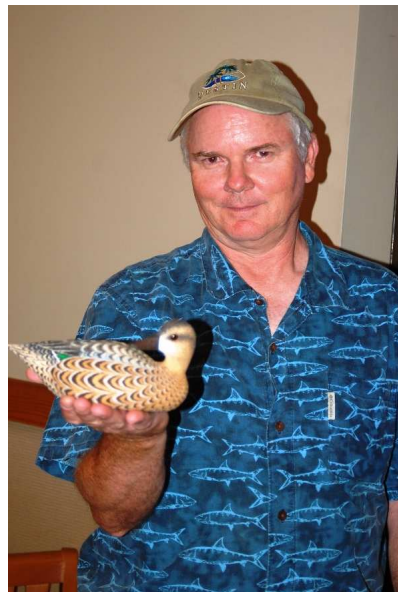
Chris spoke about the early shows at the Jung Hotel and the early Carvers. This is only a synopsis of Chris's

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### SHOW & TELL — MAY MEETING



Cal Kingsmill holds a delicate and beautiful miniature City Park Swan which he carved.



Chris Weaver displays a Blue Winged Teal; made from chip carved root.



Richard shows a Decorative Wood Duck Drake, one of a pair which he is working on

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Report. We hope that he will record the entire story soon.

The History of our Club, especially the early members and carvers are important to us. If anyone has pictures, stories, mementos, please contact us.

Don Fought and John Scallan will be working on a display for the 2011 Festival honoring the founders and early decoy carvers. If you have anything to contribute, it would be greatly appreciated.

At the last meeting, we had a report from Shawn who is going to establish a new web site. This "new" site should be up in a couple of weeks.

If anyone needs a 2011 Rules Book, it should be on the new website. If you need a hard copy now, contact me at : [kreeves9454@charter.net](mailto:kreeves9454@charter.net) or by telephone.(985-892-2215) .

Hope to see you at the June meeting . Don't forget you door prizes and show& tell, we really appreciate them.

**Richard**



## MINUTES GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WEDNESDAY MAY 25, 2011

Meeting started at 7:00 P.M

Mr. Gerard Ruth is Chairman for the Antique Decoys Division and will be managing it for the Festival in October.

Our web page is currently down and is being worked on by our new web page designer Shawn. We hope to have it up and running in about 5 weeks. There will be many new features on the site once it is finished.

The Maritime Museum Show & Sell will be held on August 20th. There will be a better selection of food, more advertising including Radio & TV.

LWCCG 's Banquet will be held before the Festival this year on Wednesday September 14th at 6:00 P.M. at Piccadilly.

The Castine Center had been in contact with us about our Festival and everything is going well.

There will be a new section at the

Festival on the History of the Old Decoy Carvers and our LWCCG Organization. Chris Weaver gave a very informative talk at the meeting on how our club was founded. He remembered the first gathering of Decoy Carvers for a duck calling competition in St. Bernard Parish. Some of the carvers he recollected were Tan Brunet, Dr. Mason, Roy Legaux, Billy Hanemann, Billy Roberts, just to name a few. It was after this first meeting that the carvers started meeting on a regular basis. The first show was at the Auditorium and after that it was held at the Jung hotel for a couple of years and finally the UNO gym on the lake front. Read the President's message for details.

Dickey Autin gave a report on the Ward Show in Maryland, which some of our members attended and competed in. He won 3rd Best of Show in Novice.

Just a reminder that from now on the meetings will be held in the smaller room with the glass doors in the front of the restaurant. With the doors closed it is much more quiet than the larger room.

Since there was no further business to discuss, motion was made and seconded to close the meeting at 8:15 PM

# HAVE A

# SAFE AND HAPPY

# 4TH OF JULY!!!