



# LOUISIANA WILDFOWL CARVERS AND COLLECTORS GUILD

## NEWSLETTER



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### LWCCG MEMBERS:

DON'T FORGET OUR ANNUAL BANQUET NEXT MONTH ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD AT 6:00 P.M. AT PICCADILLY IN THE LARGE BANQUET ROOM IN THE REAR OF THE RESTURANT. DINNER, DESERT AND DRINKS WILL BE SERVED FREE TO ALL PAID UP MEMBERS AND A GUEST.

### NOTICE

LWCCG REGULAR MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY AUGUST 26, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M. PICCADILLY CAFETERIA, 2222 CLEARVIEW PKWY. METAIRIE, LOUISIANA

## Show & Tell



Rick Courtiade, a guest at our meeting holds a flying Wood Duck on a piece of drift wood which he carved.



Ethan shows his picture of a Blue Jay which he painted in oils. He is 7 years old.



Cal brought his collection of old baseball and football cards from the 50's & 60's including a Johnny Unitas. He also shows a pair of Gray ducks and one other hen made of tupelo, all are painted with oils



Left: Gene holds a decorative Mallard made of tupelo, the first decorative he's done in 5 years.

Right: Bob Weaver shows 2 antique Canvas Backs bought for \$50/pair in Pensacola, Fla., while on a fishing trip with his brother Chris.



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The meeting opened at 7:00 P.M.. Gene announced that Paul Lumpkin, a carver, friend and member of our club had passed away. He said the club will be sending a donation to Paul's church as the family requested in lieu of flowers.

Gene said he is looking into renting a bill board sign to advertise our festival, but he does not think we will be able to do it this year since the festival is so close. We will probably do it next year.

Gene and Dickey attended the Ducks Unlimited Banquet and passed out our festival booklets. They said they were impressed when the Ducks Unlimited did a painting party for the ladies and are considering doing something for the ladies in our club in the future.

It was decided by the board that we notify our sponsors about the festival and banquet and thank them for their continued support. We will also be sending them festival passes and a gift certificate to be used at our auction on Sunday.

Gene announced that he has invited Gary Lipham to speak this year at our banquet. A member said that we have been having Mr. Joe Macaluso, a sports editor for the Advocate newspaper and perhaps we could invite him to our ban-

quet this year.

Our Banquet will be held on Wednesday September 23rd at 6:00 P.M. in the large Banquet Room in Piccadilly. Kathy will meet with the manager to plan the banquet and menu the first week in September.

John Scallan said that the Times Pica-yune newspaper would soon have two articles which will be in the paper about Richard and he winning the World Championship 1st and 2nd place. They will also be mentioning our festival in the articles.

Dickey reported that we received checks from all but 3 of our sponsors; one he will be picking up tomorrow. We are doing good and may have a new sponsor joining us soon.

Chris said he will start sending out letters this month to the Scout masters. We will start working on heads for the Scout carving competition and get them cut out and ready to go. Troops with 5 or more participants will receive \$100. The club will supply everything for carving but the knives. Scouts will need permission to use a knife. We will allow up to 10 troops of scouts in the competition and will ask for 3 weeks notice on how

many scouts will be competing.

It was recommended that we put extra money into advertising with Don Dubuque's Radio Show; for \$400 we can get a handful of show sponsors \$25 per spot which should run the Saturday before the festival. Dickey said he will call Don and talk with him about it.

Mr. Gerard Ruth said 501-3C charter can run 30 second spots in Baton Rouge displaying a poster and a decoy.

Lydia Foght said she is trying to build sponsorships in St. Tammany Parish. Gene said he would visit along with Lydia if you know of anyone interested. We would take a donation or advertising. Lydia said hotels are set up for accommodations for our visitors coming to our festival.

Gene graciously donated a Jet Burnet Reproduction decoy which will be raffled at the festival this year. The proposal is that each attendee will receive a free ticket at the door and it will be raffled right before the auction on Sunday.

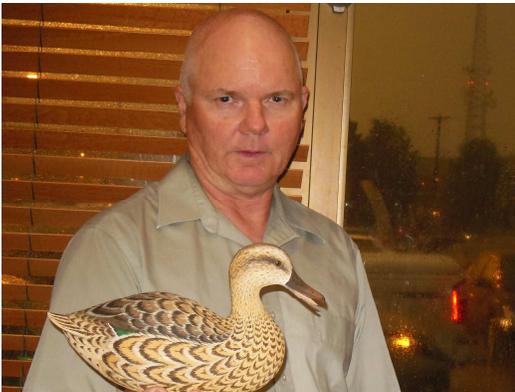
We had 9 Show and Tells this month (see pictures this issue). After door prizes were awarded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M..

## SHOW & TELL



Left: Collector Joe Aguzin found the Mallard decoy he is holding at a flea market carved by Michael P. Bigenet. The bird was missing part of its bill. Michael repaired and signed it for Joe.

Right: Collector Gerard Ruth holds an antique factory made Passenger pigeon on drift-wood from the Ben Kleinpeter collection.



Left: Chris Weaver shows a Blue Wing Teal Hen he carved and painted.

Right: Bob Weaver carved and painted salt water fishing lures he made from push poles. He brought 8 lures used for fishing Tarpon and Bass.

