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**The November demo was provided by Joe Frohnafel, chain saw artist!**

Joe Frohnafel from Stow, Ohio, provided us with an outstanding demonstration on carving wood with a chainsaw. He started with logs and then cut them to length for ease in cutting the art forms. The log segment to carve the eagle was approximately 24 to 30" high. To carve the razorback hog, he cut a section of log from a larger tree to give a rough shape of the animal and then used a marker to outline the shape of the hog on the side of the log segment.

To carve the eagle, Joe used long screws to fasten down the vertical log to a wood platform. This was to provide stability while carving with the chainsaw and prevent the log segment from falling over when pressure

was applied to it. To begin, he held the saw in a vertical position and trimmed off about 1/2 inch of bark material that surrounded the log segment. This gave him a clean wood surface from which to work. The first carving cuts he made were to carve the beak area and form the head region. This was done to give some shape to the upper part of the log and provide some shape and format for the rest of the size of the sculpture. His next step was to use the end of the chainsaw bar to carve the wing outlines in the back. This shape was of a perched eagle and wings folded onto the resting back of the bird. These large outlines were later refined to



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form the small plumage feathers that laid on the wings. This provided a nice contour for the back of the eagle. His next cuts were to refine the feet and legs of the eagle. He cut away any wood that did not lend itself to the leg area and trimmed away any pointed saw cuts. He then used the tip of the saw to cut some areas to refine the toes and claws of the eagle. This was a very delicate step to get the spaced correctly. His final cuts were made on the head, eye, and beak area to refine the features that were present. When finished, he removed the bird from the mounting and set it up for all to see and admire.

***This photo shows the starting point of the Razorback***



The carving of the razorback hog was a little more difficult since the size of the finished animal was larger than the eagle that was carved. He started out by cutting the top of the back to shape and form the neck and head area. He cut a hump behind the head area to provide shape for the back area. His next area of carving was to cut away the wood material behind the back legs and generally shape the hind quarter. He then cut under the chin of the hog and up to the front

legs. This gave him a sculpture shape in the front, back, and top areas. His next carving area was in between the front legs and the back legs. This was to remove the area under the belly of the hog to provide additional shape as needed in the carving. Then he carved out the area between the hind legs to provide some space and detail. He now reshaped all areas of the back legs and the tail area.



He then cut and refined the front legs and up to the head. All areas were trimmed lightly with a shaving cut to provide some proper surface refinements. When finished, these two pieces were donated to Camp Y Noah for their enjoyment.



Joe gave some hints about chainsaw carving



that were found valuable. They were:

1. One should use small tip bars for delicate cutting. He said that you can get better detail with the thinner cutting bars.
2. He said that it is much easier to carve a wet log that has been freshly cut. He said that when finished, one should store the log in an unheated location for over a year in order to get the log to dry out some. Then a finish could be applied if you wanted to. He indicated that if you carve a log and then take it in the house or other heated location, it will crack and check considerably.
3. He indicated that a product named Spa and Deck finish and made by Flood Co. in Hudson, is the best thing that he has found to protect the wood in the outdoor area.
4. He stated that electric chain saw simply do not have the power to carve wood, particularly in hardwoods.
5. He likes to carve in cherry most of the time.
6. He said that poplar is a good carving log since it is easy to cut and shape.
7. He uses a gas and oil mix of 50 to 1 ratio.

Respectfully submitted  
Jerry Schaible, Sec.



***Here are a few shots of what happened along the way***



BUCKEYE WOODWORKERS  
AND WOODTURNERS  
Nov. 21, 2009

The regular meeting of BWWT was called to order by Pres. Bill Stone at 9:30 AM on Nov. 21, 2009. There were 54 members present at the meeting, which includes two visitors. The Pres. welcomed everyone to the meeting and indicated that we would be in for a very good meeting today that will be capped off with a chainsaw carving demonstration after the business meeting. He stated that Joe Frohnafel from Stow Ohio would cover an eagle as well as a razorback, which is the mascot of Camp Y Noah. Both items will be donated to the camp at the conclusion of the meeting.

The Pres. reminded the members that there will be a Camp Y Noah online auction that will be held during the first week of Dec. Some members of the club donated approximately 8 items for the online auction. All proceeds will be given to the camp for future use to sponsor young campers. The highlight of the donations was a small 2 foot Christmas tree filled with about 30 small ornaments. This tree was donated by Tom Johnson and Ben Fix.

A professional woodturner who makes baseball bats has contributed some kiln dried cut-offs to our club for distribution to our members. Bill stated that individuals may pick up these at the club raffle after the regular meeting. They are left over sections from the baseball bats that this woodturner makes for professional teams. He currently makes about 6000 bats per year for various teams throughout the country. He lives near Canal Fulton, just west of the camp. We are scheduled to have a visit to his shop in the coming months for a demonstration.

The annual Christmas Dinner for BWWT will be held on Dec. 12 at the camp dining hall. All members are encouraged to get their tick-

ets from Vice Pres. Tom Johnson. The cost is \$10 per ticket and spouses are encouraged to attend.

The pavilion is planned on being worked on in the summer months for the next several years. There are numerous small projects that need attended to and so the executive committee will be planning the necessary work projects, under the guidance of Camp Y Noah administration.

The Pres. alerted us to an online survey that is sponsored by AAW. All members should be taking this survey to give their opinions for the direction that AAW is to take in the future. AAW is our national organization of woodturners and they need our input on these important matters.

A demo on woodturning is being held at Hartville Hardware during Friday and Sat, Nov 20 and 21. Our booth is being serviced by our members to show off the club and what we do for demonstrations. There were numerous visitors to our booth on Friday and more were in attendance on Sat. Ben Fix coordinated the times and projects for the turning sessions. Our participation was a payback for all the items that Hartville Hardware donated to our club throughout the year.

The election of officers took place for the 2010 calendar year. The officers that were elected by unanimous vote were Tom Johnson for VP, Bill Seabolt for Treasurer, and Jerry Schaible for Sec. There were no nominations from the floor for any of the offices.

Jim Brown is improving in his health condition and we wish him continued success in his recovery. He will be at the Christmas dinner in Dec. for all to visit with him and wish him well.

Bill Seabolt, treasurer, gave a report of the necessary accounting of funds and placed an appeal with all members to get their dues

paid by the end of Jan. 31 or the unpaid members will be taken off the membership listing. A mailer went out to all members to fill out membership forms and these are to be mailed to Bill at your earliest convenience. Bill also mentioned that there is some tool steel available in round and square stock for \$5 per bar, payable at the time of purchase.

Phil Brower gave a report on the upcoming demonstrations for the club. At the January meeting, there will be a demonstration on making tool handles for the small bars of tool steel that are being sold by Bill Seabolt. They will be making a pyramid tool as well as blunt and round scrapers. Anyone wanting to participate in the Turn and Learn session in the afternoon is to contact Bill Seabolt to sign up and pay for the wood used in the handle. Grinders will be available to grind the proper tool design.

In Feb. we will have a Jig Show and Tell session. Members are to bring in their unique tools and jigs that they use while woodturning. Any hints that individuals have should also be mentioned at this meeting. It is these small little things that make woodturning easier and we should share our information with the members.

In March, we intend to visit the professional bat maker in Canal Fulton to see him wood turn bats. He is able to make a bat in 4 minutes. This should be a very interesting demonstration.

Bill Stone made mention of the fine participation we have had in the Show and Tell table. He encouraged others to bring things in during the Jan. 2010 meeting.

The monthly raffle followed the business meeting.

The chainsaw woodcarver followed the raffle session.

Respectfully submitted  
Jerry Schaible, Sec.



## Calendar of Events

**The December meeting will be the Christmas Dinner on Saturday the 12th at Camp Y-NOAH No regular meeting will be held in December.**

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