



Minnesota Decoy & Wildfowl Carving Club

Monthly Newsletter

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August 2008

July Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Steve and a motion was made and passed to accept the minutes of the July 2008 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Bruce wasn't able to come to the meeting, therefore the balance is believed to be the same as last month.

Secretary /Editor Report: No report

Old Business: Game Fair 2008—Tom Flemming has started a sign-up sheet for volunteers on the two weekends of Aug. 8-10, 15-17. Once again the MDWCC will make \$XX for our participation.

Program: The August program will be presented by Steve Stortz. His subject will be the making of a turkey box call. This call is used to attract a male "Tom" turkey during the spring hunting season. The object is to attract a bearded

Program—Minnesota Decoys

The July general meeting program focused on decoys that have been individually made and/or manufactured in Minnesota. Some of our members are collectors and are quite knowledgeable about the history of local decoy making. Dave Taylor, Dennis Finden, and Marv Meyer supplied most of the decoys and much of the information that they readily shared with other members.

Dave Taylor pointed out that antique Minnesota decoys were made for duck hunting, not for display on mantles. They weren't flashy to look at by any standards. They were meant to attract ducks and hopefully meat on the table.

male that is looking for a hen to breed with.



"Bearded" Tom turkey

The box call approximates the call of the hen, thereby hopefully bringing the aroused Tom within gun range. The rest is up to the hunter.

Steve will show examples of these calls and how he makes them. The final product is something that really allows a hunter to "talk turkey".

The pair of Mallards seen below were made by the Oscar Quam Co.. Circa 1930's. Cork bodies and wooden heads. Pretty basic stuff.

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Next Meeting: 7:00 PM

August 5

Program: Turkey Boxcalls

Steve Stortz

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Mpls. MN



Show & Tell

Rich Bistodeau

Hooded Merganser-drake decorative, burned— to match last months hen.

Red Breasted Merganser—hen, decorative, hollowed ,tupelo, acrylics

Steve Stortz

Photo of B.C. Chicadee— Steve’s first attempt at a songbird.

Jim Bonham

5 Ring-necked Duck decoys - 3 drake, 2 hen—finished

Bill Cedarleaf

Canvasback—drake decoy, cedar, oils

Redhead—sleeping hen decoy, cedar, oils



It’s a bird, it’s a plane... it’s a decoy?

July Show and Tell



Dennis Finden and Dave Taylor



Marty Hanson birds

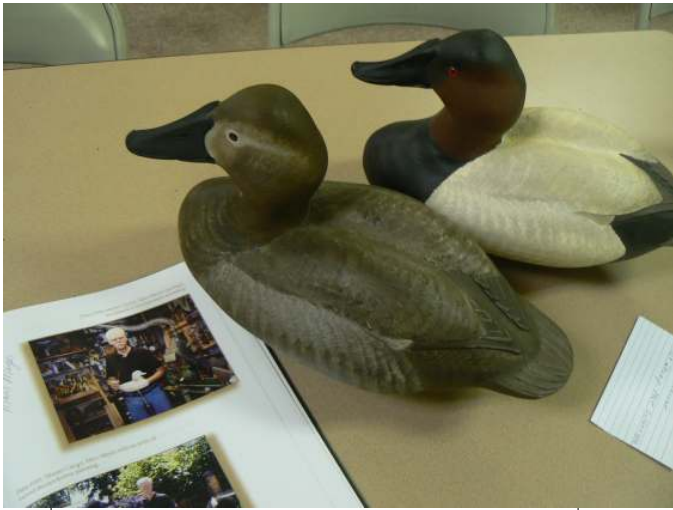
A tableful of "oldtimers", er... antiques. You know what I mean.



Herter Decoys

Marv Meyer Mallard





Marv Meyer Cans (top left and right)

Steve Froelich “decoys” ?

Oscar Quam Canada Goose



Pat Meneeley Mallards(L) Oscar Quam Mallards(R)

