



Minnesota Decoy & Wildfowl Carving Club

Monthly Newsletter

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February Meeting Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report: Bruce reported a current balance of \$XXXXX. He also reminded us that **2008 membership fees are now due.** He reported that \$200.00 dollars had been paid for two years for our website and \$300.00 had been paid to Hope Lutheran for use of their meeting room.

Secretary /Editor Report: The email newsletter seems to have worked. We are now trying to get as many members email addresses as possible. Todd Moucha has added the newsletter to our website (www.mdwcc-carving-club.com).

Old Business: The Minnesota Decoy Show was once again held at the Ramada Inn from Feb. 17-19. The new showroom was a big improvement over the one used in the past. More spacious and brighter due to the many windows made the show a lot more comfortable for the public.

Steve Stortz discussed the Federal Duck Stamp Contest and judging that will take place at the Bloomington Art Center this October 17-19. There is a possibility that the organizers might want a display with decoys and/or some carving demonstrations. Steve will keep us apprised of the situation as the event nears.



It's so easy when you know how

Program—Wood Duck Head Painting

Tom Flemming finished the project that began last August. The block of wood that he started with is now a carved, textured, and beautifully painted drake Wood Duck head.

Starting with a small pile of Jo Sonja acrylic paints, airbrush, and brushes, Tom transformed his gessoed bird into a gaudily plumaged woodie. Step - by -step he demonstrated how to use the acrylics and achieve a nice finished likeness to a bird that most of us see as very challenging to paint. (**See steps on page 3**)

Those of us that have participated in this carving project have all benefitted from Tom's expertise and teaching ability. There should be some nice

looking heads on the show and tell table.

Tom Flemming's finished Wood Duck



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Next Meeting: 7:00 PM

March 4th

Program: Mark Lau - TBA

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Show & Tell

Marv Meyer

Wood Duck drake—standing bird on Catalpa wood base. White cedar, oils

Mark Lau

Canvasback hen—decorative, tupelo, acrylics

Tom Kerr

Wood Duck drake decorative-tupelo ,tail and base painted with Keith Mueller technique

Steve Stortz

Ring Neck decoy pair—cork bodies, w. cedar heads, oils

Rich Bistodeau

Common Mreganser hen— decorative, hollowed, tupelo, acrylics

Donn Mattsson

Gadwall drake smoothie— tupelo, acrylics



**Toucan Barbet—
painted by committee—
from Ecuador**



*Hard work pays
off in the future,
laziness pays off
now!*

February 2008 Show & Tell



Wood Duck head painting— Thanks Tom—great job !

