



Minnesota Decoy & Wildfowl Carving Club

Monthly Newsletter

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July 2008

June Meeting Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report: Bruce reported the balance as \$XXXXX.

Secretary /Editor Report: Reported that Vern Ryti is able to get the newsletter online because his neighbor set up an email account for him. Nice neighbor.

Librarian: Todd reported 4 new fish books are now in the library.

Old Business: Game Fair 2008—Tom Fleming has started a sign-up sheet for volunteers on the two weekends of Aug. 8-10, 15-17. Sign up early and often. Once again the MDWCC will make \$1500 for our participation.

Program: The July program will be presented by Dave Taylor. The subject is about waterfowl

decoys that have been created in Minnesota by carvers and/or manufacturers. Members are encouraged to bring any antique decoys that they may possess. Jim Bonham will also bring some of his "Illinois River" style decoys that he has in his collection.

This is a great chance to see decoys that are quite uncommon. Members Marv Meyer and Dennis Finden are very knowledgeable about these wooden birds and will share their expertise. Doug Lodemeier, author of Minnesota Decoy Carvers, will also be at the meeting. Once again he has offered to photograph any decoys that members bring to the meeting. So don't be bashful—we're all Minnesota Decoy carvers!

Dave also encourages anyone that has a decoy that they want to know more about—should take advantage of the knowledge of some of our members. Got an antique to sell? Bring it with you. You never know.

Program—Doug Lodemeier

Doug Lodemeier, author of Minnesota Duck Calls, was the speaker at our June meeting. Doug talked about this 1984 soldout limited edition that was an instant success and how it encouraged him to take on another big project. Minnesota Decoy Carvers is intended to be a companion book to his previous work. Minnetonsans are featured in both of these historical studies of the influence of local carvers in waterfowl hunting. His latest book will feature color photos in a 300 page hardbound edition that he hopes to release in February 2009. He expects very good sales from the feedback he has heard from those who purchased his first book.

Most of the books decoy photos are done by Doug. Following his book talk, members were encouraged to bring their **continued on page 3**



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Next Meeting: 7:00 PM

July 1

**Program: Minnesota Past
Waterfowl Decoys**

Hope Lutheran Church

5728 Cedar Ave. So.

Mpls. MN



Show & Tell

Dave Taylor

Mallard drake –antique Minnesota carved decoy

Marv Meyer

Hen Redhead—standing cedar bird on a base made from catalpa. Oils

Jim Bonham

2 Wood Duck decoys- butternut bases w/burned relief images

5 Ring-necked Duck decoys - 2 finished hens, 3 gessoed birds

Dennis Finden

American Coot - decoy
G.W. Teal hen decoy

Bruce Bauer

2 magnum Canvasback decoys—1984, cork/basswood, oils

Frank Beery

G.W. Teal hen - decorative bird, tupelo, acrylics

Steve Stortz

Cackling goose decoy- w. cedar, w. pine, oils

Rich Bistodeau

Hooded Merganser hen - decorative, low rider, burned



It's a bird, it's a plane... it's a Northern Hawk Owl

June Show and Tell

“Half the people you know are below average”





Doug Lodemeier program cont.

decoys to another room where Doug had his portable photo shop set up with additional lighting and a backdrop. With his interest in photo documentation Doug finds it easier to have his equipment very portable so that he can go directly to the subject which is often the most practical.



Since our **July program** is about **antique decoys** that some of our members have in their collections, Doug will once again be available to photograph decoys that people bring to the meeting. He has encouraged members to bring some of their own decoy carvings. (memo to Steve Stortz - don't show up with a U Haul).



Show & Tell cont.

