

# ◆ The Cutting Edge ◆

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## Florida State Fair Competition Attracts The Best From Around The Nation



BY: Jessie Groeschel

Tampa, Florida. On February 12 and 13, woodcarvers from around the nation came to prove themselves in the 3rd Winternational Carving Competition. With eighteen carvers participating in this two day event, with six hours each day, the competition was very stiff. On the first day, ABC news was there to film the event. You could just feel the tension in the air. The first days theme was nautical. When it was all over and done, Rick Travers of Palm Bay, Florida walked away with the First day prize of \$1000. 2nd: Layton Kiblinger, Redmond, WA, 3rd: Gary Patterson, Stanton Missouri, 4th: Dennis Beach, Wapwollopen, Pennsylvania, and 5th: AJ Lutter of Trinidad, California.

The second day contest was very relaxed. The theme of this days contest was unlimited. The air was thick with exhaust making it difficult for the spectators and the carvers to breath. Despite that fact, the carvers were coming up with some new and interesting ideas. AJ Lutter did a six foot bear in snorkeling gear who had a successful day of fishing. Then there were the eagles. At least six eagles, each interpreted in a unique way. When the exhaust cleared Brian Ruth of Hartsville, Pennsylvania was the winner. 2nd: Rick Travers of Palm Bay, Florida, 3rd: Dennis Beach - Pennsylvania, 4th: Steve Backus of Clinton, Washington, and 5th: Don Etue of Ocean City, Washington

## TOP TEN LIST

TYPICAL QUESTIONS THE PUBLIC ALWAYS  
ASK THE CARVERS

10. You do that with a saw?
9. Is that wood?
8. What kind of wood do you use?
7. What kind of saw do you use?
6. Are you going to finish that? Or is that all?
5. You do this for a living?
4. Did you go to school for this?
3. I know somebody else that does this, but he's good.
2. Isn't that cheating?
1. Were you an artist before this?

## New Members

Bob Bernards	Fairfield, Iowa
Steve Blanchard	Salinas, California
Chain Bar Repairing	Portland, Oregon
Patricia Ferraro	Titusville, Florida
Larry Jensen	Brainard, Minnesota
John Ketonen	Rutland, Massachuset
Gary Patterson	Stanton, Missouri
Brian Ruth	Hartsville, Pennsylvania
Rick Travers	Palm Bay, Florida
Dave Watson	Dells, Wisconsin

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# Calender of Events

## MARCH

March 26, 27 - KXLE-Central Washington Chainsaw Carving contest - Ellensburg, WA. Contact Dan Whited, (206) 884-9534.

## MAY

2nd Annual Irrigation Days Carving Contest - Sequim, WA. Contact Dennis Doran, 4701 Sequim Dungeness Way, Sequim, WA (206) 683-2597

May 21-22, Idaho City, Idaho. Carving contest. Contact Rae Bennet, PO Box 164, Idaho City, Idaho 83631 (208) 392-4416

## JUNE

June 18, 19 - Idaho City, Idaho. Carving contest. Contact Rae Bennet, PO Box 164 Idaho City, Idaho 83631. (208) 392-4416

2nd Annual Eagle Carving Contest - Maple Valley, WA. Contact Steve Backus, 4524 Glendale Rd., Clinton, WA 98236. (206) 579-3574.

## JULY

5th Annual Northeastern Regional Carving Championships, Tupper Lake, NY. Contact Hal MacIntosh, Route 214, Lanesville, NY 12450. (914) 688-7875.

July 16, 17 - Idaho City, Idaho. Carving contest. Contact Rae Bennet, PO Box 164, Idaho City, Idaho 83821. (208) 392-4416.

## AUGUST

Aug. 6, 7 - 5th Annual Nautical Carving Contest, Westport, WA. Contact Steve Backus, 4524 Glendale Rd., Clinton, WA 98236 (206) 579-3574.

Aug. 6, 7 - Tall Timber Days Festival, Grand Rapids, MN Carvers invited to carve on the 5th and 7th with the contest on the 6th. Sign up deadline is July 1. Contact Tall Timber Days Festival, Lilah Crowl, PO box 134, Grand Rapids, MN 55744. (218) 326-5618.

Aug. 19,20 - Idaho City, Idaho - carving contest. Contact Rae Bennet, PO Box 164, Idaho City, Idaho 83821. (208) 392-4416.

## SEPTEMBER

Sept. 16,17 - Idaho City, Idaho. Carving contest. Contact Rae Bennet, PO Box 164, Idaho City 83821. (208) 392-4416.

## OCTOBER

2nd Annual Carving Contest, Oyster Festival Weekend, Shelton, WA. Contact Charlie Hubbard, E. 1161 Mason Lk. Rd. 2, Shelton, WA 98584. (206) 426-3038.

## DECEMBER

2nd Annual Christmas Carving Contest - Puyallup, WA. Contact Tim Cox, c/o SAMCO, 13922 Canyon RD., Puyallup, WA 98373. (206) 537-1157

## A MESSAGE

I went to Florida to watch the contest, what a contest! I can't believe the judges were able to come up with a winner. Every piece was a masterpiece.

As far as quality of the work, it is perhaps the best contest I've seen. As far as treatment of the carvers, it was not the best. All the carvers have to come up with their own travel expenses to participate in these events. Unless you're a local carver most carvers fly the blue skies to participate. Air fare is not cheap. Some carvers drove. One person didn't make it because his vehicle broke down. Once you get to your destination there's lodging, food, and transportation you have to think about. Even if a carver was to win first place that's not enough to cover the expenses of being there.

A note to the producers, how about a little respect! I understand there's a lot of pressures to put on a quality event. Without all the carvers participating you wouldn't have an event. Even the losers put on a show. How about maybe some sort of banquet to welcome the carvers when they arrive. A banquet to say "hey, we appreciate you" instead of "you're lucky to be here now leave".

Contests producers, lets work together. Carvers want to be treated fair. Anything less just won't do.

*Justin*

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### A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, our South Eastern recruitment drive was a rousing success. Met a whole lot of folks, professional carvers, and fellows who do it for themselves.

I do believe that this year is going to be a blast. There are events, contests, and shows, etc. coming up. (See calendar of event's.)

Our newsletter is now nation wide. It keeps folks aware of what's coming up, where to buy tools, parts, and all the stuff to do carving with power tools. The chainsaw being the main power tool. But do not limit yourself. You can sneak behind the barn when no one is looking and try a die grinder, it's fun.

We hope to make the contest in Westport, Washington not only the biggest contest around in terms of prize money and carvers, but to make it a rendezvous. A place to come and carve and enjoy the company of other carvers. Trade stories, carving tips, tell lies, swap tales, create legends, and make monsters.

Well gotta go now. It was real nice talking to ya'll. (Picked that up down South.)

Steve Backus  
President



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Quartzsite Arizona Chainsaw Carving Competiton

BY: April Etue

This competition was by far a learning experience. It wasn't a very large competition. Only four chainsaw artist participated.

The contest was held February 3 thru the 6th in conjunction with the Gem and Mineral show. The sponsors were Prospector Panarama R.V. Park and Poulan Chainsaws.

1st place prize was \$1000. Poulan Chainsaws also contributed three model 295 chainsaws for prizes along with cases of bar oil and saw mix.

The week before the contest a one hour mini competition was held each day with prizes being handed out. A spectacular show was put on for the thousands of spectators. The contest was 100% chainsaw and all the contestants did a beautiful job on their sculptures. The result of the competition was very close.

The winners are as followed

1st Place: Don Etue      2nd Place: Dexter Lewis  
3rd Place: Charles Koch    4th Place: Steve Huggard

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# RECYCLING

## Tales From the Cutting Edge

*This story is about the perils of finding wood. Usually there's a good ol' boy who has a piece of wood the size of his house and want you to come over and take a look at it. When you do finally go over to look at it, it often turns out to be a small log with the center rotted out.*

*This wood collecting story is about Dwayne Hall. A good ol' carver from out East.*

### Collecting wood

*BY: Jessie Groeschel*

Dwayne was in a town called Friendship doing a show. It was one of those long shows. You know the kind, the ones that seem to go on forever. Dwayne was doing his carving routine when a man approached him. Which isn't quite unusually when you are carving with a chainsaw. It tends to attract crowds. Anyway this man loved what Dwayne was doing with the saw, for in Friendship not many people do what Dwayne does. The man loved what Dwayne was doing so much that he offered him a couple of cedar trees off his property. Trees that were still standing and that he could cut down. The man gave Dwayne directions to his house. With out wasting any time Dwayne and his buddy jump into a pick up truck and drove to the property, pulled up along side the mans blue house and cut down his trees.

Dwayne went back to the show in Friendship and discovered it was still going on. He decided to

continue creating with his saw. The man with the trees came around again. Dwayne noticed him standing there. He went up to him and thanked him for the trees. For they were great, big, beautiful trees. Dwayne was doing that typical chit-chat thing you do when someone gives you something. That's when Dwayne remarked to the tree man about how nice his blue house is. "What" said the tree man. "I don't live in a blue house. I live in a white house." Well, Dwyanes eyes got as big as a couple of golf balls, for he realized the enormity of his mistake. He had gone to the wrong house and cut some strangers trees down.

Dwayne conscious keep on knocking, so he decided to be a good citizen and do what was right. He returned to the blue house to apologize. He discovered no one was home so he left a note on the door. A note saying he was very sorry he cut down his big beautiful aromatic cedar trees. He had followed the directions wrong and obviously ended up at the wrong house. It was all a horrible mistake. "If you need to contact me" Dwayne wrote. "I'll be in Friendship carving with a saw." Dwayne pinned the note on the door and drove away back to Friendship.

Despite this sad situation things were looking up for Dwayne in Friendship. Why he had just sold a carving for one hundred and fifty dollars. Just then a man approached him "Are you Dwayne?" "Why yes" said Dwayne. "Are you the chainsaw carver?" "yes sir" Dwayne replied. "Well, you're the man that

cut down my cedar trees." It was the man from the blue house, the stranger, the one who had the big beautiful cedar trees. Dwayne started to get fidgety. He answered nervously "I'm the man you're looking for. I cut down your trees." "Well, son" said the blue house man. "Thank you very much. You can come on over and finish the job and cut down the rest. And I'll just take that carved owl over there and I'll be on my way."



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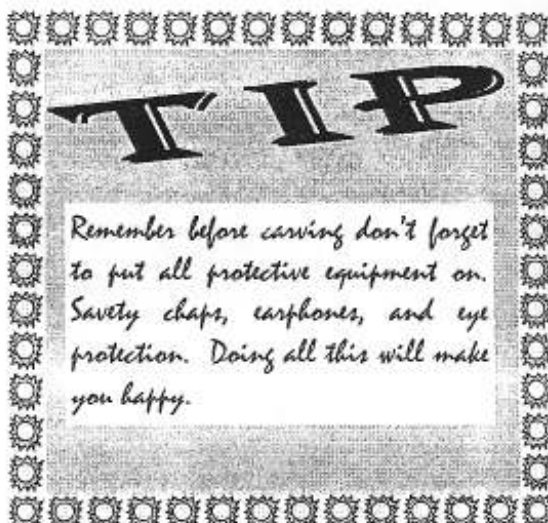
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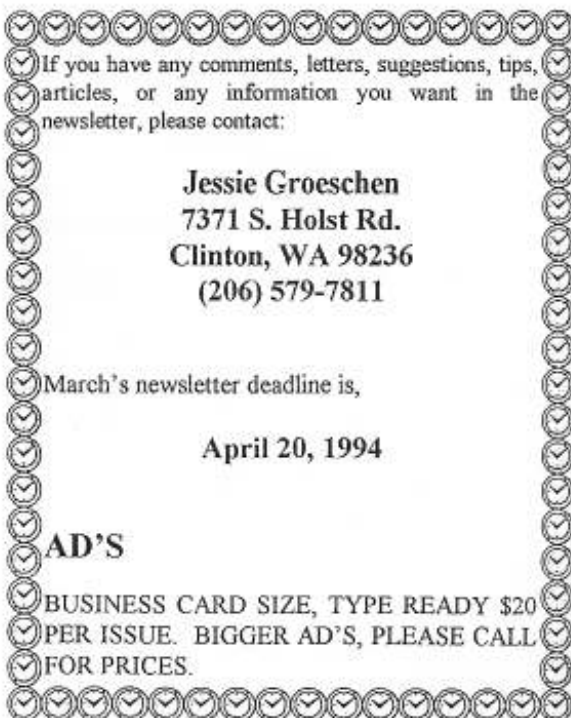
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**TIP**

*Remember before carving don't forget to put all protective equipment on. Safety chaps, earphones, and eye protection. Doing all this will make you happy.*



If you have any comments, letters, suggestions, tips, articles, or any information you want in the newsletter, please contact:

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**REMINDER**

*The Ellensburg, WA Contest is the last weekend of March, the 26 and 27. Space is limited so sign up now!!!*

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**Ellensburg March 26-27**



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