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Ellensburg, WA Contest Results

The second annual KXLE - Central Washington Chainsaw Carving Championships was held under sunny skies March 26 and 27. Fourteen carvers from around the Northwest participated in this two day event. The theme was western so many a cowboys and Indians were created. The most unique creation would have to go to "Buzz" Brother - Bob Halverson. He cut up his log and created a four piece jigsaw puzzle with a horse on it.

The three judges had a difficult road ahead of them but they were able to come up with a winner.

1st Place	Don Etue	Oceanshores, WA
2nd Place	Dan Whited	Lakebay, WA
3rd Place	Bob Halverson	Seaview, WA
4th Place	Reese Halverson	Seaview, WA

A big thank you to Dan Whited for organizing the event and to Rich Carr for putting up the money and entertaining us with his singing.



Don Etue with his first place carving



Charlie Hubbard of Shelton, WA working on a horse



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Calendar of Events

MAY

May 14, 15 - 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 10, 11 - Washington Coast Chainsaw Carving Contest Ocean Shores, WA. Contact Don Etue 206/257-0618

June 14 - 2nd Annual Maple Valley Carving Contest - Maple Valley, WA. Contact Steve Backus, 4524 Glendale Rd., Clinton, WA (206) 579-3574.

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

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

Opportunities

Third Annual Creede Wood Carvers Rendezvous - July 9th thru 15. Location Creede Underground Mining Museum, Creede Colo.

Creede is a historical Silver mining town nestled in the Rio Grande River Valley along the base of the Majestic Rocky Mtns. This valley is 50 miles wide and 125 miles long and known to be the largest Alpine Valley in the world.

Creede's altitude is 8,850 feet and can offer you cool nights, lots of open country, clean air, good fishing, and down to earth home town folks.

This gathering is to have fun and no pressure of judging or having to be there early and staying late.

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Letters To The Editor

New Members

I was pleased when I learned of your newsletter. I believe it will help keep me, as well as other carvers, better in touch with current events as well as easy access to always needed tools.

*SD Robinson
Montgomery City, MO*

I carve from about the first of April to the last of December. I am 66 years old and I don't carve much when it gets too cold. I like carving people of all types and shapes. I have carved all my life with a knife but 8 years ago I started with a saw and have found it much easier. I hope this will help you get to know me.

*Frank Naessen
Comstock, Wis*

Florida Contest Feb. 1994

As long as a sponsor comes up with money, will the competition be larger? Yes, more exhibition, more room, more ventilation, more problems and more rules for safety (attitude adjustments, you know what mom says). Will there be money for travel expenses? No, no sponsor wants to come up with about 25 to 30 thousand for one show. Think about it.

Villa, why do the competition? There are lots of reasons why I do it. Money in my pocket is not one and it hasn't happend yet. I guess I like seeing my friends. I like seeing carvers get better and get serious about the art. I like seeing the public enjoy the art.

So I guess I'll close with thanks again to my friends, the stars of the show. Wish I could do more for ya. look forward to seeing ya'll again in the sun shine. Thanks thanks, thanks.

*I'm not your mom
Villa
Tampa, Florida*

Dear Editor

Enclosed please find a note about the Tampa, FL chainsaw carving massacre -- I mean competition.

I didn't enter the competition because it was filled with eighteen carvers - or almost filled when I called. I really didn't like the idea of driving 3,000 -miles, that's three thousand miles. Paying for a hotel room, food, and gas then \$150 to carve. I'm not saying there is anything wrong with that, just I didn't want to do it.

*A spectator
Bill Plant
Doylestown, PA*

A LETTER FROM EL PRESIDENTE

Hi Guys,

Just a note on networking. Carvers are an independent bunch. Often working alone. But it is fun to work with other carvers as well.

The contests are the main crossroads in our circle weather you are just starting or a pro. I would like you to take a moment and reflect on how many carvers you know and where you met them. I believe that the common thread in the fabric of our woodcarving lives would be the contest. They are important, if not a little expensive at times. Lets constantly improve on them and make them better. Any ideas or comments send 'em on over to Jessie.

Well thank you for getting the newsletter. It's also one of our best networking devices that we have going.

Sincerely
Steve Backus

1-800...

carving supply hotline

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Van Dyke's	1-800 843-3320
Taxidermy supplies, eyes, etc.	
Bailey's	1-800 3Bailey
A full line of chainsaw stuff	
Husqvarna	1-800 438-7297
Chainsaws	
Stihl	1-800 43 Stihl
Chainsaws	
Grizzly Tools	1-800 541-5537 West
Tools	1-800 523-4777 East
Non 800 Numbers	
Standard Abrasives	1-818 718-7070
All kinds of sanding stuff, including sanding cones	

2nd Annual Carving Contest

AT

Sequim, Washington

MAY 14-15

18 CARVERS

\$500

FOR FIRST PLACE

SAWS FOR THE NEXT TWO PLACES

PLUS THERE WILL BE A DRAWING FOR TWO EXTRA SAWS

CARVINGS TIMES

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

9:30-1:30

10:00-3:00

FOR MORE INFORMATION

CONTACT

DENNIS DORAN

(206) 683-2597

WOOD WILL BE PROVIDED

WASHINGTON COAST
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OCEANSHORES - JUNE 10 - 11

LIMIT 15 CARVERS
1ST COME 1ST SERVE

\$1500-\$2000

Prize money will be split on a percentage
basis to top four finishers

You may only use a chainsaw

Mini Competition on Saturday

TO SIGN UP
CONTACT

Don or April Etue
(206) 259-0616

Please bring your own wood

Contest will take place at the Hogans Store where
State Route 109 and State Route 115 intersect

Carvers to meet at 9AM Friday

2ND ANNUAL CARVING CONTEST

AT

MAPLE VALLEY

JUNE 12

ONE DAY ONLY

\$1500

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Limit 12 Carvers

For more information

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Steve Backus

at

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TIP

Skining your logs with a hatchet will save you alot of time. Bark has alot of sand and dirt. It will dull your chain in a hurry. You could either spend all your time sharpening your chain or carve with a dull chain or you can prevent all this by debarking your log with a hatchet or a bark spud.

Worried about nails in your log?
Try a metal detector

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

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