

# THE CUTTING EDGE

## **McClendon's Hardware 3**

*Photo's from this Fathers Day Event*

## **1998 New York Contest 4**

*Results and Highlights from this 1st time event.*

## **Central Michigan Contest 5**

*Highlights, results and a few photos from this 1998 event.*

## **Classifieds and Resources 7**

*Opportunities to take advantage of suppliers of tools and calendar of events.*



*Todd Whited of Sumner, WA stands proud next to his masterpiece completed at the contest at McClendons Hardware.*

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Howdy gang!

We got it out under the gun. A few are reading this right here at Westport for the first time! So very, very good. Welcome one and all. Well, we lose some carvers and we gain some, that my friends is simply the way she goes, first your money then your clothes, old champs fade and new one's rise. This contest here in Westport is the arena for battle that simply has no equal. So, if a guy or gal can place in the top 10 here, it's like winning any other contest anywhere in the world hands down!!! I invite anyone to prove me wrong. So if things don't go as good as you thought they should, well buck up and be a good sport, don't cast your eyes about for places to point your finger, let's speak up! Let it be known! Look ahead! We can't a change the rule's in the middle of the battle but we can lay the groundwork for change in contest's if necessary. So be cool, be observant, do not be petty or harsh and you will be gauranteed an excellent time. Carve on!!

Steve Backus

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## LETTERS

### NEW SUBSCRIBERS

Thank you for your hard work in putting this newsletter together. It helps to keep carvers like me in touch with the other carvers works and it inspires me to stay on the "Cutting Edge".

*Rick Pratt  
Corfu, New York*

I really like your paper. Keep up the good work.

*Tony Cox  
Clovis, California*

Hi! Great newsletter! Can't wait. Great dialouge, visuals, etc. See ya in the pages of *The Cutting Edge*.

*Rick & Randy Boni  
Ridgeway, Pennsylvania*

## NEW MEMBERS

David Whitbeck	Poulsbo, WA
Clint Whitbeck	Poulsbo, WA
Tom Moore	Stanwood, WA
Robert Dieterle	Medina, NY
Richard Pratt	Corfu, NY
Mike Davis	Corvallis, MT
Dave Westberg	Kirkland, WA
Gary Carey	Bradford, ILL
Tony Cox	Clovis, CA
Rick Boni	Ridgeway, PA
Randy Boni	Ridgeway, PA

Results from The McClendon's Hardware Contest held in Puyallup, WA



1st Place: Dan Whited



4th Place: Dave Warden



2nd Place: Dave Whitbeck



3rd Place: Phil Finton

# Memorial Day Weekend Chainsaw Fun

*Rick Pratt  
Corfu, New York*

**W**e held our First Annual Western New York Chainsaw Carving Competition on Memorial Day weekend, May 23-24, at Darien Lake Theme Park in Darien Center, New York. The \$1700 in prize money was awarded and the following five chainsaw carvers participated: Rick Pratt, Corfu, New York, Bill Plant, Doylesville, Pennsylvania, Randy Boni, Ridgeway, Pennsylvania, Rick Boni, Ridgeway, Pennsylvania, Bob Dieterle, Medina, New York.

The competition consisted of a two day event with eight hours to complete a masterpiece and two 45-minute "quick carve" events. It was an open-class competition where the carvers were allowed to use finish tools on their masterpiece.

**MASTERPIECE CLASS:** 1st Randy Boni, 2nd Bob Dieterle and 3rd Rick Boni. The quick carve competition winners 1st Randy Boni, 2nd Bob Dieterle and 3rd Rick Pratt.

The theme park where this event was held was very enthusiastic about the crowd appeal and attention; and is looking forward to next year's competition. This looks like it will be an annual event and we're hoping to get the prize money up to entice more carvers to come next year.



*Participants*



*1st Place Randy Boni*



*2nd Place Bob Dieterle*



*3rd Place Rick Boni*

# A Michigan Woodfest

Joel Ostrander  
Oscoda, Michigan

On June 6 and 7 the First Annual Central Michigan Chainsaw Carving Competition was held. The logs were 18" to 20" diameter by 5' long. There was a four hour time limit. Eleven carvers competed and all did a very good job.

First place - chainsaw and \$300 dollars went to Mike Wagner for his "Pair of Hooters", two owls in a tree.

Second place- chainsaw and \$200 went to Joel Ostrander for soaring eagles with a fish and a rock base. Third place - chainsaw and \$100 went to Bud Emers for his eagle and bear on rocks. Fourth place - \$100 dollars went to Jerry Wagner for his eagle with fish, a standing bear and fawn combo.

People's Choice Award which was a chainsaw went to Bud Emerson.

Other carvers that participated, Mary Reardon, Jim Piezulewski, Ken Schalau, Scott Shotwell, Jim Burtis, Debbie Werthmann and Dennis Mahar.

A special thanks to Dennis Mahar for coordinating this event. Next year should be better.

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Joel Ostrander  
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1st Place: Mike Wagner



2nd Place: Joel Ostrander



3rd Place: Bud Emerson

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*WoodWorker West*, A bi-monthly publication to promote craftsmanship in woodworking throughout the Western U.S. 310/ 398-5931, email: [editor@woodwest.com](mailto:editor@woodwest.com)

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**AUGUST**

August 1-2 Livonia Wood Carvers 24th Annual Woodcarving Show is hosting the 1st Southeastern Michigan Chain Saw Competition held at the Eddie Edgar Sports Arena, 33841 Lyndon, Livonia, MI. contact Jerry Wagner, 1-517-739-4644 or Joel Ostrander 7265 F-41, Oscoda, MI 48750, 1-517-739-3100

**SEPTEMBER**

September 20-21 2nd Annual Michigan Chainsaw Competition and Paul Bunyan days at the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base, Oscoda, MI. Contact: Oscoda-AuSable Chamber of Commerce, 1-517-739-7322. Or Joel Ostrander, 1-517-739-3100

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Vince Bakken of Tonka Bay, Minnesota with his elm viking.



19 year old Brian Bartow (right) of Grants Pass, Oregon with his totem pole

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