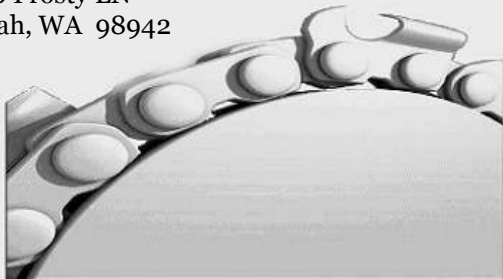


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Dutch Carver Carves Wisent

by Dik van Oers and Edited by Jim Madsen



Wisent sculpture with carver Dik van Oers of Holland

Picture taken by James Madsen

Every year at this time the "Staatsbosbeheer", our National Forest Department organizes a family oriented event, with all kinds of open-air recreation. Due to the unlikely weather conditions here in Holland, the event attendance was down from 10,000. There was a lot of snow and wintry conditions so the numbers were around 900 visitors.

On Easter, I (Dik van Oers member of the Husquvarna Dutch Chainsaw Carving Team) had a show to do. Since the Staatsbosbeheer are busy with the reintroduction of the Wisent (European Bison) in that part of the woods, I was ordered to carve a Wisent-head as my performance for the day. Despite the weather conditions I managed to produce the sculpture in six hours to the pleasure of everybody.

The Director of the Staatbosbeheer wanted the sculpture himself but the managers said that he has to order another one at a much higher price, if that is the case.

As you can see in the photos I have included of the Wisent-head, what one look's like.

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This issue of the newsletter is just a short 2 pager. We are planning on having a larger issue after the spring fundraiser. Spring, the season of warmth, heralds growth and change. This years' season has many concerned with the effects of high gas prices and an uncertain economy. Despite some clouds this years' season offers the promise of the new and improved. I look forward to a bright future for us all.

The Upcoming events will not be listed in this issue of the newsletter, but if you would like to see a list of upcoming carving events we have a very detailed listing online at www.theccsg.com under the upcoming events link. If you would like to send in a story, idea, cartoon, poem etc. please send them to: jackNamy@charter.net

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Ridgway 2008

By Bruce Thor

Once again the artisans of the new renaissance gather in the carving fields of glory that is Ridgway, Pennsylvania. Can you say snow? 20 plus road the school bus through the blizzard to where we had to go. To the convent with the Germans, Ben and the girls from the mid northwest, and various places for all the rest. A town so warm you don't mind the cold, which set records don't ya know. Everyone, from the experienced to the new, braved on even thru they were turning blue. I met a

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punk-rock florist chainsaw carver and my twin and family and friends and we danced and celebrated life once again. The energy and creation blew my mind as the auction set records one more time. So, if you're ever gonna go anyplace, it must be here, cause to experience it is something most dear. I'd like to mention everyone because I talked with ya all, but most of all I'd like to say thank you from a simple cartoonist who picked up a saw and found a family and a life, inside a log. Keep Smiling, Thor.

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