

# HISTORY OF THE CENTRAL COAST CARVERS

## CCG CHAPTER # 7

(INFORMATION PROVIDED BY BILL YOUNGS)

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IT WAS FIRST CHARTERED IN 1973, THE YEAR THE CHAPTER PUBLISHED ITS FIRST ISSUE OF ITS NEWSLETTER CALLED "THE WHITTLES' FINGER". IT CONDUCTED ITS FIRST WOODCARVING SHOW ON MAY 19-20, 1973 IN THE MORRO BAY RECREATION HALL. (PRESBYTERIA FELLOWSHIP HALL)

THE CENTRAL COAST WOODCARVERS PLAYED HOST TO THE VERY FIRST ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE GUILD IN MORRO BAY ON OCT. OF 1973.

THE CENTRAL COAST WOODCARVERS CHAPTER #7 WAS ORIGINALLY ORGANIZED IN MORRO BAY, CA. IN 1970 ON JULY 8<sup>TH</sup>. MOTIVATION FOR ORGANIZING A CHAPTER IN THIS AREA WAS PROVIDED IN THE FIRST PLACE BY JOHN TRUAX. TWENTY EIGHT PEOPLE SHOWED UP FOR THIS FIRST MEETING. ITS FIRST ELECTED OFFICERS WERE; ~ INA METCALFE, PRESIDENT, BARNEY BARHIZER, VICE-PRESIDENT, AND THELMA ALMQUIST, SECRETARY-TREASURER. OTHER FOUNDING MEMBERS INCLUDED BILL YOUNGS, VAN EAKES, HERB COOKS, AND LEON CUNNINGHAM.

ITS SECOND YEAR ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 1974 WERE; ~ VAN EAKES, PRESIDENT, ED MOORE, VICE-PRESIDENT, MILDRED BOOTH, TREASURER, MAXINE FIACCADORI, SECRETARY, BOB WALKER, LIBRARIAN, AND NEWSLETTER EDITOR, HERB COOKS, PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN, AND MARION MARTY, HOSPITALITY.

CARVING SHOWS AFTER 1973 WERE MOVED TO THE MORRO BAY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL. LATER, AS THEY GREW OUT OF THAT HALL THE WOODCARVING SHOWS WERE CONDUCTED IN THE VETERAN'S BUILDING IN CAMBRIA, CA.

AFTER THE CHAPTER WAS CHARTERED BY THE GUILD IN 1973 RECREATIONAL VEHICLE CARVERS FROM THE L.A. AREA STARTED THE ANNUAL CAMPOUT IN THE SAN SIMEON STATE BEACH PARK CAMPGROUND.

WITH THE OPENING OF THE GUILD'S HEADQUARTERS, MUSEUM, AND GALLERY IN SAN SIMEON IN AUGUST OF 1981, THE CHAPTER FOUND ITSELF IN THE ENVIABLE POSITION OF BEING THE NEAREST CHAPTER TO THIS INVITING FACILITY. CHAPTER BENEFITS INCLUDED FREE USE OF THE DOWNSTAIRS BANQUET ROOM FOR MEETINGS, POTLUCKS, AND SEMINARS, AND THE USE OF THE MUSEUM AREA FOR ITS WEEKLY WORKSHOP.

AFTER THE CENTRAL COAST WOODCARVERS GROUP BECAME CHAPTER #7 OF THE GUILD, ITS ANNUAL WOODCARVING SHOWS QUICKLY OUTGREW THE VETERAN'S BUILDING IN CAMBRIA ON MAIN STREET WHEN IT BECAME TOO CROWDED. THE SHOW WAS MOVED TO THE

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CAMBRIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR ONE YEAR. A LARGER FACILITY LOCATION WAS NEEDED SO THE SHOW WAS MOVED TO THE COAST UNION HIGH SCHOOL GYM IN CAMBRIA AND THE SHOWS HAVE BEEN HELD THERE EVER SINCE THEN, BUT NOT NOW.

CHAPTER MEMBERS WHO ATTENDED THAT FIRST GUILD "CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION" HELD ON OCT. 13-14, 1973 INCLUDED BILL YOUNGS, INA METCALFE, HERB COOKS, LEON CUNNINGHAM.

LATER, COAST UNION HIGH SCHOOL GYM WAS NO LONGER AVAILABLE TO THE CHAPTER, SO A NEW LOCATION WAS FOUND IN SAN SIMEON SHOPPING CENTER FOR SEVERAL YEARS. AFTER THAT LOCATION PLAYED OUT, THE CHAPTER FOUND A NEW LOCATION IN MORRO BAY AT VETS. HALL THERE.

DUE TO THE BUILDING THERE BEING CONDEMNED THERE ANOTHER LOCATION WAS NEEDED QUICKLY. ONE WAS FOUND QUICKLY AT THE MORRO BAY CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP HALL.

OUR MEETINGS ARE HELD NOW IN MORRO BAY AND OUR SHOWS ARE NOW HELD IN THE COMMUNITY TOWNSITE OF CAMBRIA, CALIF.

LATER MOVED TO THE MORRO BAY CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP HALL.

EARLY RECOLLECTIONS OF CHAPTER #7 ~ BY WARREN BEBOUT ~

I JOINED CHAPTER #7 IN 1978, SO MOST OF MY IS ON CHAPTER #7 HAPPENINGS RATHER THE EARLY GUILD EVENTS OR CHAPTER #7 EVENTS. HERE THEY TH Y ARE: ~

IN 1970'S THE CHAPTER MET IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL IN MORRO BAY. THE CHAPTER WAS FOUNDED IN MORRO. AT THAT TIME, BILL YOUNGS WAS THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT, THEN, WAS FOR SEVERAL YEARS. BILL AND HIS GROUP FOUND MEETING PLACES AROUND THE COAST WHEN THE CHAPTER HAD TO MOVE FROM MORRO BAY TO CAMBRIA DOWNTOWN TO A SHOPPING MALL IN SAN SIMEON, CALIF. AT THAT TIME THE GUILD SET UP A STORE A STORE THERE TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE GUILD IN THE BIG ROOM NEXT TO CHAPTER #7 MEETING ROOM. THERE IS WHERE I MET OUR CURRENT CHAPTER PRESIDENT NOW AND RUSS THE CARVER NOW. I WAS GOOD FRIENDS WITH BOTH OF THEM.

DURING THAT STAY IN SAN SIMEON, ~ THE GUILD HELD THERE: ONCE A MONTH MEETINGS THERE AT THE TIME AS I WAS THE GUILD VICE-PRESIDENT, ~ 1996-1997. WE ARE STILL NOW GOOD FRIENDS TODAY.

IN THE EARLY DAYS OF "THE LOG" ED MISSOLF WAS THE EDITOR OF "THE LOG" FOR YEARS UNTIL HE GAVE IT UP. THEN BILL YOUNGS TOOK OVER AS "THE LOG" EDITOR AND HELD THAT POSITION FOR MANY YEARS AND WAS REPLACED.

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DURING BILL YOUNGS TIME AS "THE LOG" EDITOR, ~ I HAD A COLUMN IN "THE LOG" EVERY YEAR FOR 11 OF THOSE YEARS WITH HIS APPROVAL, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME I WAS THEN VICE-PRESIDENT OF OUR GUILD.

CENTRAL COAST CARVIERS WAS THE 7<sup>TH</sup> CHAPTER TO JOIN THE GUILD, THEREBY BECAME CHAPTER #7

SOME OF THE CHAPTER MEMBERS THERE NOW WERE MEMBERS WHEN I SERVED AS THE GUILD VICE PRESIDENT IN 1996-1997 YEARS. BOB & MARSHA GOSS, WALT ROSS, OUR CURRENT CHAPTER PRESIDENT, AND THE COUPLE FROM LOS OSOS, CA (DOT RYGH).

WHEN I WAS THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE GUILD, ~ THE GUY WHO IS THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT OF CHAPTER #2, IN SANTA ANA, CA. HE WAS THE GUILD PRESIDENT THEN!