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NEWSLETTER

2007 SHOW WEEK ACHIEVED GREAT SUCCESS



Action time at the Show

Each year is always a guess about what new items will arrive at our show. 217 of our members reserved 364 tables this year to provide a diverse display and offering of decoys and sporting collectibles. About 10% of these tables were from new attendees. It is pleasing to see that our membership is continuing our growth and that we have new members bringing in different collectibles each year. We have added additional pictures in this issue to give our membership a larger view of the action. Thanks to everyone for a great event.



Member display is big hit

At first, many of our members wondered why we would focus on factory decoys for our annual display. Many questions came from different places including the board about what was the reason. It is clear that Ken Trayer created a hit by focusing upon Pre-1930 wooden factory examples. It provided great learning for all that had the opportunity to view the display. Ken selected 40 mint examples and the combined display was another example of how our members can create a special opportunity for learning when we collaborate and share our favorite decoys. The best of the best this year was an enjoyable display and the diversity of the decoy types was fun to view.

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PURPOSE

The purpose of the Midwest Decoy Collector's is to foster the hobby of decoy collecting by attracting new collectors, by seeking out and preserving old decoys, gathering information about old carvers and their methods of historical records, and holding an annual show for decoy collectors and carvers for the exchange of information.

The Midwest Decoy Collectors Association is a nonprofit, educational organization, incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois. It invites membership to all persons who have an interest of any kind in collecting decoys and sporting collectibles.

DUES

Dues are \$15.00 a year, or \$40.00 for three years, payable on January 1. This entitles members and a guest free admission to the April show, newsletters and an annual directory listing all members. The mailing address label indicates what year's dues have been paid. Please mail your dues with checks payable to M.D.C.A. to the following address:
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WEBSITE

www.midwestdecoy.org

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I would like to thank all the members who contributed to the success of the 42nd Annual Antique Decoy and Sporting Collectibles Show. Your enthusiastic support made this year's show a lot of fun. The hotel rooms were full and started filling up early in the week. I believe the room "action" was intense and many new treasures found new homes.



It is difficult to credit all the individuals who helped make this Show a success because of the fear of neglecting to mention all those who helped.

Gene Davis supplied MDCA new lanyards and hats. They sold out very quickly. These items along with other logo clothing and accessory items will be available by the end of the summer on our website, www.midwestdecoy.org. The seminars were informative and well attended. Thanks to **Gene Davis, Alan Haid, Joe Tonelli** and **Ed Wojciechowski** for sharing their knowledge. Also, please thank **Rose Claussen** for her



efforts in organizing the seminars. I would also like to acknowledge the preview and hospitality provided by **Guyette and Schmidt** on Wednesday. This event has added a nice touch to the week. Also, thanks to those who helped out on registration. This is a key activity and has grown as our membership has increased. The 5th Decoy Exhibition was led by **Ken Trayer** who put together a



top exhibit of wooden factory decoys. The images will soon be posted on our website.

Enjoy the summer. I hope to see you at one of the many regional decoy shows.

Herb

IDENTIFICATION AND EVALUATION DRAWS SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF ITEMS



Thanks to our
members who
staffed the walk-in
evaluation.



SEMINARS CONTINUE TO GROW AND GET GREAT COMMENTS





About 225 members attended this year's seminars. Thanks to Claussen, Davis, Haid, Tonelli and Wojciechowski for their effort and sharing.



NOTICE!

Bob Gerard of Setauket, NY passed away in February, 2007. Since his death, it has come to our attention that a significant number of his decoys and carved birds (65+) valued at approximately \$500,000 are missing which may have been misappropriated or stolen.

Should you have any information regarding any of these missing items or anything else that may have been part of Bob Gerard's collection, please contact Ed at 410-626-8608 or by email at Edward.gerard@comcast.net.



2007 SHOW PROVIDED GREAT DIVERSITY





MEMBER DISPLAY HIGHLIGHTS PRE-1930

American Cartridge



Petersen



Tuveson



Benz



Petersen



Tule Lake



Allen



Victor



Hays



MC Wedd



Hudson



Victor



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See our website
to view or download
the member display
pictures.

ANTIQUE WOODEN FACTORY DECOYS

Evans



Sibley (Mr. X)



JW Reynolds



Lyn Last



Rose



Member Favorites

1. Dodge Bufflehead
2. Stevens Mallard
3. Petersen Mallard
4. Stevens Bluebill
5. Hays Shoveler
6. Hays Mallard

Hayes



Dodge



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MEMBER DISPLAY CONTINUED

Pratt



Gundelfinger



Gundelfinger



Special thank you to
our members that
contributed to the
2007 display.



Stevens



Sperry



Tule Lake



Hayes



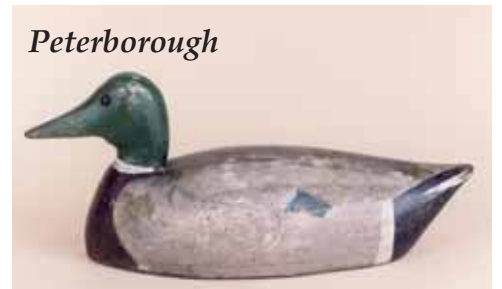
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SHOW HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED







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