

# NMRLAG NEWS



## Left to Right

Mary Girven, Sharon Shannon, Anthony Pipitone, Frank Love,

Ken Spring, Paul Starke,

Wendy Strickland, Dan Willard

Hugh Jones, Paul Zalesak, Brian Greene. Not shown,

## August Meeting

The New Mexico Roadrunner Leather Artisans Guild held it's August meeting on Saturday August 2nd at the Albuquerque Tandy store. Thanks to manager Derinda Saurcier for allowing us to have a place to conduct our meetings and demo.. Discussions were held on the new Website, New Mexico State Fair, and the remaking of the News letter. We then had a demo by Chuck Girven on using an airbrush.



**New Mexico State Fair.  
Sept. 10th to Sept. 21st.**

NMRLAG will again, be hosting and demonstrating leather craft at the New Mexico State Fair. Which runs from Sept. 10th to Sept 21st.

Intake days this year are Sept 5th and 6th with judging on Sept 8th. This years Judge is Paul Zalesak, owner with his wife Rosa of Leatherwranglers inc.

Members of the Guild will be at the Fair everyday demonstrating leather craft and helping youngsters stamp out a key fob so they have a keepsake of the fair.

**Restarting the Newsletter.**

This is the first of hopefully the monthly Newsletter. With notes from our Secretary Sharon and notes from people who demonstrate and your photos, I want to put together something we can be proud of and something we can use. Bear with me while I figure it out.



## New Website

Mary has been hard at work developing our website. We are having problems getting the domain released from our old friend, Doc Hayes. It seems that the host site doesn't want to release it so we can take it over so we may have to wait until it expires. That doesn't mean you can't get to our site though. Just log on to [www.nmrlag.girven.org](http://www.nmrlag.girven.org). That will get you to our site.

## Meeting Minutes from August 2nd meeting.

President Paul Brinegar called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Brian Greene reported that there is \$528.85 in the Treasury.

Mary Girven is working on a new website for the Guild.

- It will be dynamic, having a database of users, calendar events and more.
- With the new system, it will be possible to pay our annual dues through the website. It will also be possible to set up payment through Paypal, set it up as a subscription, set up so that a member's membership starts on the day the dues are paid and continues until that date a year later, or keep the membership dues on a January through December basis and prorate the dues based on when the member pays. How the Guild wants to proceed will be discussed at the October meeting.
- Members will be able to log into the website and have more information and functionality available, such as the ability to email the entire Guild or just the Board Members.
- Pictures are not available on the site yet, but will be soon.
- The site can be linked with Flickr
- Temporarily, the web address is [nmrlag.girven.org](http://nmrlag.girven.org). The web address will eventually be changed back to [nmrlag.org](http://nmrlag.org).

The State Fair will be held from September 10 through September 21.

- Paul Brinegar will be taking the tables to the Fairgrounds on September 3 and would appreciate help.
- Judging will be on September 8 and Paul Zalesak will be our judge.
- The only day that entries can be picked up is September 22.
- Derinda will donate the leather for the key fobs, but we will have to buy the chains.
- Paul B. will need help cutting the key fobs.
- Tandy will have a booth in the Indian Village.

Paul B. is working on a newsletter for the Guild. Past newsletters (created by Paul B.) are available on our website.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m. and was followed by show and tell and an air brushing workshop given by Chuck Girven.

[Notes from Chucks Demo.](#)

## Airbrushing 101 by Chuck Girven 5/2/2014

How many of you have used an airbrush before?

**It's nothing to be afraid of!!!!** The most damage you can do is get paint on you or your project.

**Using an air brush is like using a swivel knife; it takes practice to get the results you want!**

I usually do Resin or Plastic military models or movie prop guns. This type of medium is non porous in nature. T-shirts and leather are porous; they require different needle and air pressure settings.

**There are 2 types of airbrushes :**

**1: Single Action:** The trigger or button on top, when depressed, releases the air and the paint at the same time. These are a little easier for beginners but provide less control. They are usually a little cheaper. This is the type of brush that was attached to the blue air compressor (on the left side of the table at the demo).

**2: Dual Action:** The trigger or button on top, when depressed, first releases air then as you pull back on the trigger it releases the paint; the further you pull back, the more paint comes out. The learning curve is a little steeper, but you have more control and a brush that is capable of doing more things. This type was attached to the big black air compressor (on the far right of the table at the demo).

The airbrush (Iwata Neo TRN1) attached to the smaller black compressor is one of the newer types of dual action brushes. It gives you the best features of both types airbrushes. It is easier to run, ergonomically fitted for your hand, and has great control. Just pull back on the trigger and you can increase flow of the paint. (This is the one in the middle of the table that most people favored at the demo).

Note: the paint cups don't have to be full but you need to be aware of how you are holding them so you don't spill the paint out.

To Start: Get a couple pieces of paper towel to practice on. Try doing **10 evenly sized dots across the towel**, then **10 lines below that**, then **some circles**. With practice, you'll get used to controlling the airbrush and get comfortable regulating the flow of the paint. When you're comfortable using it on paper towels, then try it on leather and other materials.

**NEVER LEAVE PAINT IN AN AIRBRUSH BECAUSE IT WILL DRY OUT AND BE A MONSTER TO CLEAN!**

Hobby Lobby sells the Iwata Ninja Jet IS-35 air compressor for about \$180, but they often have 40% coupons that you can print out or find on your smart phone, which can save you some money.

TCPglobal.com sells a full line of airbrushes including the Iwata Neo TRN1 airbrush (# IWA N4500) for \$73.13 plus shipping, which is a very reasonable deal!