

On the hunt at saw-tooth oak farm

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Photo 1

NOT far from my hometown of Albemarle, North Carolina, in a small area called Gold Hill, lies the Sawtooth Oak Farm. Owned by Matt and John Barringer of BRS, Incorporated, the property is the gathering place for two great annual events for disabled hunters — a deer hunt and a turkey hunt.

In 2007, the event was first organized to provide a hunting experience for a disabled family member, Brent Barringer. Since the beginning, the annual event has gained many hunters and hunting guides. It has also provided 14 trackchairs* and four other 4x4 vehicles to those handicapped hunters so that they could experience hunting deer in the fall and turkeys in the spring. In addition, food and motel lodging are provided at no cost to the 65 yearly participants and their guides.

As a woodcarver for many years, I recently became interested in contributing to this event. I enjoy carving, pyrography, and scroll sawing. Specifically, I will be donating several of my items to raise money for these Wheelin' Sportsman Hunts.

This circular disc (Photo 1) is a pyrography piece approximately 10" in diameter made from basswood with live bark edges. The pattern of this piece is a rep-

**A typical trackchair costs \$15,000 to \$25,000; it consists of a battery-operated vehicle with various hand controls. The tracks ensure safe traveling through wooded areas. Wheels on the back prevent the vehicle from turning over while going up hills. Some trackchairs are even equipped with a gun and/or bow mount to assist the disabled hunter.*

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lica of the insignia or logo used by the event — notice the turkey prints along the sides representing the spring turkey hunt.

The second pyrography piece (Photo 2) is a buck deer head on an oval basswood disk approximately 11" wide x 15" tall. The date of this event (2023) is burned in the shadow of the buck's neck.

For the turkey hunt in the spring of 2024, I have sub-



Photo 4



Photo 2



Photo 3

mitted another pyrography basswood piece — a wooden 10" circular plate hosting a strutting tom turkey (Photo 3). This plate, as well as the circular and oval pieces, can be mounted using a sawtooth hanger or displayed on a small easel.

Also for the turkey hunt, I will be donating a hand carved basswood turkey feather, approximately 12" long, mounted on a carved wooden stump (Photo 4). The individual barbs of the feather are burned one at a time using a sharp woodburning tip. The feather, stump, and mushrooms are painted with acrylic paint and over-sprayed with a lacquer finish.

The Sawtooth Oak Farms Hunt is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. ■

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