

Officers 2007-2008

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MEETING NOTES

The August Meeting will be on the 14th 6:30 pm at L.A. County Adventure Park, 10130 Gunn Ave.

Our guest speaker is Paul Van Donselaar of Van Wes Sales. Sandpaper is the subject of the evening. Paul features several brands and types including a high quality long lasting paper for hand and power sanding,

Adventure Park Festival

Planning for WOW's participation in the Festival will include a community informational booth like we did last year and a new woodworker sales booth in the Festival Marketplace. We need a minimum of four individuals for the information booth, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Members selling woodworks will man the sales booth. Signage will be the responsibility of the sellers.

Election Results

Officers elected for 2008-2009 year are President **John Rodgers**, Vice President **Jim Lockwood**, Secretary **Dave Reid**, and Treasurer/Membership **Mike Scott**.

I thank those who made the choice to be officers and be of service to WOW members.

Committee chairpersons continuing in their posts are Raffle, **Andy Stanton**, Refreshments, **Julie McCamey**, Wood Toy and Block Coordinator, **Joe Carrillo**, and

Librarian, **John Ford**.

Hunter Smith

Hunter Smith was the subject of a column on the front page of the Whittier Daily News, July 20, 2008. The article reported Hunter receiving the proclamation from Los Angeles County Supervisor, Don Knabe and WOW's 15th. Anniversary.

The article may be read at www.whittierdailynews.com Search for **craftsman hunter smith** or at www.woodworkersofwhittier.org

SHOW AND TELL

All members are encouraged to bring an example of their woodworking for Show and Tell. All examples are welcome. The purpose is to share and encourage members to stretch their woodworking skills. Please give them your attention and allow the knowledge to reach those who want to learn.

WOODWORKERS REGISTRY

Formation of the Woodworkers Registry will get underway as soon as I know what I'm doing. I would be quite willing to talk to anyone capable of making a template (I knew I could get a woodworking word in there) organizing a list of names, email addresses and categories of woodworking each woodworker want to be listed in.

Each individual who wishes to be included on the registry will need to give me their name, email (no, I wont share this with anyone and all email will be sent with blind carbon copies so the only address on your copy will be yours.) and the categories you wish to be listed in. Category examples are toys, shelves, book cases, furniture, boxes, jewelry boxes, repairing wood items and anything else I didn't list.

This information needs to be given to me on paper, clearly written or printed or typed.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Which WOW member, who is not a founding member, has the oldest membership?

He is the subject of this months interview. **Andy Stanton** was recruited by **John Erickson** very shortly after he and **Jerry Hughes** organized the club. Andy says the meeting was upstairs at the Boys and Girls Club and he was one of five or six members. Andy was Vice President before taking the Raffle Chairman position.

Andy, a native Californian, grew up in Altadena and Pasadena, graduating from John Muir High School. Andy says photography was his passion at John Muir where he came within nine inches of besting the school record in the shot putt. He did take one semester of wood and metal shop but does not remember the wood class, something about cars and girls getting all the attention.

Enlisting in the U.S.Navy, he became a Aviation Photographer flying out of the Philippines for two and one half years and finished his tour aboard the cruiser, U.S.S. Rochester.

The woodworking bug bit him without his knowledge and in 1960 he bought a Shop Smith with a ton of accessories from Jack Carmichael at Battles. Andy says he did more woodwork on the Shop Smith in the first 10 years than he has since with a garage full of stand alone tools and almost all the power hand tools available.

Andy's working career started with Fuller Paint Company where he supervised the buying, designing, and printing of the company business forms giving him the graphic arts experience to start his own business. Omni Graphics, a graphic design and printing company was organized by Andy in 1970 and sold in 2000 when Andy retired.

Andy and his wife of 38 years, Hazel, have four sons, Rob, Paul, Michael and David.

Andy now enjoys fishing in the high Sierras, camping next to his favorite lake and riding his Harley Davidson. Andy's quote, "I have had a really great life and I've got a long time left".

STEERING COMMITTEE ACTIONS

We need to appoint a coordinator to the Boys and Girls Club and Adventure Park to make arrangements for their Christmas parties. The person will have to get glitter, glue, bowls, plates, brushes, etc. The decorations will be furnished by WOW members. The Steering Committee has been directed to ask members to volunteer. It is important that we maintain our relationship with these organizations.

WOW will have two booths at the Adventure Park Health Fair and Festival set for August 16, 10a.m. to 3p.m. One booth will be in the information area where we were last year and the second will be in the craft area for members wishing to show and sell woodworking items.

The Shop Smith has been given to Battels to part out. We still have a Craftsman contractor saw, a profile sanding kit, Forstner bit set and brad point drill set to sell.

Steering Committee

The Steering Committee meets on the Tuesday after the club regular meeting at the Whittier Senior Center at 13225 Walnut Ave. Starts at 7:00pm and is over at 8:00pm. The next meeting is Tuesday, August 19 th. **Every Member is Welcome to Attend This Meeting.**

Email *Pushstick* Subscription

We are trying to reduce the amount of postage and envelopes spent on mailed *Pushsticks*. Email ***Pushstick*** get instant updates and changes.

Yes, we can do updates and changes. Tool and wood sales, hardwood dealer specials electronically by email and it does not cost WOW any extra money.

Here is how - send an email to pushstick@woodworkersofwhittier.org asking to subscribe. That's it! The newsletter will come as an attachment in Adobe Acrobat PDF format. For more details and a link to get the free Acrobat Reader, visit our club website at www.woodworkersofwhittier.org and click on the Newsletter link.

Happenings

The September meeting is on the 11th at Adventure Park 6:30 pm.

Adventure Park Health Fair and Fiesta August 16, 10:am to 3:00pm

No open shop due to the Adventure Park Festival.

Tool Swap, Rockler, Tustin, Aug. 12

Cerritos College classes start Aug. 18.

Laguna Art Festival thru Aug.30

Costa Mesa Wood Show, Orange County Fair, Oct. 31 to Nov. 2.

Thank you Harold, Julie, and Bill

SAFETY

I am not an expert on safety but I do use a system that works for me. It is method of consciously recognizing and immediately eliminating hazards.

One thing I do know is safety rules do not prevent accidents. If safety rules prevented accidents, we would not have any accidents and yet we keep having them. Safety rules give us a secure I'm protected feeling because the safety rule is there. Will any method really keep people from having accidents and the simple answer is NO. But there are steps we can put into place and action that will **reduce our exposure to accidents**.

Now at this point I'd like to define **accident**. An accident is an unplanned event. Are all unplanned events accidents? I don't think so. Some accidents do not cause a loss but instead are called **serendipities**, a fortunate discovery. So need to expand on my definition. Accidents cause a loss. Loss of time, yeah; loss of money, ok; production, tools and equipment, yes again and body parts, no lets just say injuries. Is that all? No, but we will stop there.

So if the rules wont protect us why not? Human Nature. Yes, unfortunately we're human. It has been said that the human brain is the **BEST SAFETY DEVICE** and I would be inclined to agree if it just wasn't so easy to turn it **OFF**. We can turn it off when we see a pretty girl/ handsome man(your choice), listen to a song or just daydream about going home at the end of the day and now you have had an accident, so fast so fast so fast. FACT, the brain can only think of one thing at a time and if you are not tuned into preventing an accident when you are involved in a hazardous situation or hazardous act, you allowing **chance** to decide. OK what's the answer?

Reduce your exposure. Takes a lot of effort over a long period of time but it works. Requires you to **think and do**. Constantly being aware of exposure and reducing that exposure. The first thing you have to recognize is I'm not just talking about woodworking. Any and all activities including earthquakes present hazards that can be reduced. Driving is a total battle of exposure and reducing the exposure. Speed, intersections, driveways, tailgating and being tailgated, lane changes, pedestrians, trucks and BIG TRUCKS, kids and kids on bikes and skates and in other cars. Hopeless you think. Not really, just habit. Look for the most likely source of a problem and take the proper action immediately. The good news is you do this subconsciously and you just have to make it a conscious thought. Thirty days of real effort will make it a habit but don't stop at driving. It applies to what ever you are doing. When you see a tripping obstruction around the house, don't wait, as soon as you recognize it, correct it. While wood working look for anything that will fall on the floor, trip you or someone else, damage a project or tool, correct it immediately. This is the important step because it puts you in charge. And taking charge makes the exposure reduction work.

Stay Safe