

The Push Stick

Battery Rebuilding



At the March meeting, Larry Farnworth and Nathan Rores of Interstate All Battery Center were in attendance. Larry and his brother have had an Interstate Battery distributorship since 1982. Nathan is the Sales Manager of the store. Many WOW members have bought car and truck batteries there.

Their store started Interstate's "all battery program" five years ago. As part of that program they rebuild battery packs for cordless tools. They rebuild them with new cells and can rebuild any battery pack as long as it is held together with screws. If it is a sealed unit, as found on cheaper tools, they can not do it. Their rebuilds have a one year warranty.

Larry gave some tips on extending battery pack life. Number one is discharging the battery all the way down before recharging. If the battery is recharged before being run down, and this happens too many times, it will not be able to take a full charge, leading to a short life. It is best to have two packs. One in the tool being used and the other fully charged. Larry said it is best not to leave the pack in the charger.

Interstate Battery is at 7327 Whittier Ave, Whittier, CA 90602 562-698-9800. They are open weekdays only. Larry said they can test a tool battery for you and they have a recycle box on site for old NiCd batteries. If you have questions, give them a call.

April 9th Meeting

This month Adrian Jimenez from Oromill Lumber 12107 Philadelphia St, Whittier (562)698-9453 will tell us what his company has to offer the woodworker.

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General Club News

Save Money! Don't forget to show your WOW membership card when you go to **Rockler** or **Woodcraft** and save 10% off your purchase. After 20 people from WOW make a purchase at a Rockler store, WOW gets a \$20 Rockler gift card to raffle off!

Whittier Founders Day- WOW will have a table at the Whittier Founders Day Event May 9th from 10 am to 1 pm. at the Whittier Central Park 6532 Friends Avenue. Cross streets are Bailey and Friends near the uptown post office. It is a nice park and a fun time! The theme is Whittier 1945-1965 if you have any pictures, bring them. Bring a chair too.

Name Badges WOW membership will not be bringing the name badges to the meeting anymore. Remember to bring your name badge. Wear it proudly!

Steering Committee Minutes- There were no new members. 40 paid members. Balance in the bank account is \$2,567. WOW will attend Whittier Founders Day May 9th. It was approved for the club to make a wooden sign for Hathaway Ranch.



Founders Day 2012

Don't forget to attend a **Steering Committee Meeting**. All members can attend. See what goes on behind the scenes of WOW. We meet at the Whittier Senior Center, 13225 Walnut St., off of Painter. Time and dates listed below.

Jim Sparling reports the Woodworkers of Whittier display at the Whittwood Library on Santa Gertrudes will be there through April. It shows the work of different members and the toys the club makes.

The WOW **website** has been updated with new pictures. Give it a look. Maybe something you made is on there. www.woodworkersofwhittier.org

Upcoming Meetings

May- Mike and David from the Orange and Pasadena Rockler Stores will be speaking.

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Club Calendar

April Meeting Thursday April. 9th 6:30-8 p.m.
Steering Committee- Tuesday April. 14th 7-8:00 p.m.
May Meeting -Thursday May 14th 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Steering Committee-Tuesday May 19th 7-8:00p.m.



Kids playing with WOW blocks at the Para Los Niños Center