

The Push Stick

Doctor Presto



At the September meeting, Jim Callen, aka Doctor Presto, shared some of his magic skills. He did many feats of prestidigitation for the crowd, sprinkled with humor.

Jim has been interested in magic since 1943 when at an 8th grade assembly, there was a magic performance. He was hooked and magic has been a lifelong hobby since.

His family moved from Pennsylvania to California. In 1959 he was performing at Hacienda School. A policeman, who happened to be a fellow magician, urged Jim to join the International Brotherhood of Magicians. He has belonged to various organizations since then. In 1972 he joined the Magic Castle. The Castle needed to upgrade its building and offered lifetime memberships for \$1,000. That was a lot of money for Jim, but he came up with it. It was a great move. Memberships is now \$650 year.

Jim worked for GTE 37 years, doing magic as a hobby. He took what money he did earn performing to buy magic props. He estimates he has done 400 shows for schools, churches, Boy and Girl Scouts, and

other organizations.

He has had some bloopers. One was when he was switching a real egg for a wooden one under his arm. The real egg had a thin shell and broke under his armpit getting all over his suit.

Jim hasn't performed for awhile, but came out of retirement to put on a show for WOW. Thank you Jim!

Show and Tell

At the September Show and Tell Robert Bilevich showed us some objets d'art he turned on his lathe. I don't know how he turns them without disintegration. Steven Bruhns made a Greene and Greene inspired clock from Acacia wood.

Stan Quade made butterflies from baltic birch plywood. He sanded one to show the different layers. He said it was a lot of sanding. He painted the next one. Thanks guys for sharing.



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October 13th Meeting

At the October meeting we will have Scott Carmichael from Battles Hardware telling us about the changes at his store. The return of tools?



Car Monster

Stan Quade has outdone himself. He has made 600 cars for WOW's charity event. He uses a scroll saw and makes interesting designs of his own. As you can see in the picture, Stan gets buried in his work!

Mike's Restaurant

Mike's Restaurant in La Mirada was presented with a WOW plaque for outstanding customer service and good food. Guys that work at Hathaway go there often for breakfast. Owner Mike Christoforakis was presented with the award. You can see the plaque hanging on the

eatery's wall with WOW's name and address on it. Advertising



Need Your Help

President Dave Reid reminds us that at the November meeting we need everyone to show up. Even if you don't make cars, we need your help. Bring a guest and small hammers for each. We need help to put wheels and axels on 1500 cars. We buy extra wheels, so go out to your shop and make some cars. Find templates here www.woodworkersofwhittier.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/WOW-Toy-car-templates.pdf

How Many Projects?

At the September meeting, **Dave Reid** shared a magazine poll from Woodworkers Journal. Their survey found that 49% of woodworkers say they have built between 4 and 10 projects a year. 14% say they have built between 11 and 20 projects a year. How many do you do?

Jim Sparling reminds members, if they know of someone that has something of interest to share with WOW and can do a 20- 30 minute demo- get their name, company name and telephone number. Call Jim Sparling 562-943-3013. At the moment we are good through January.

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!

Club Calendar

October Meeting- Thursday Oct. 13th 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Steering Committee-Tuesday Oct. 18th 7-8:00 p.m..

Nov Meeting -Thursday Nov 10th 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Steering Committee-Tuesday Nov 15th 7-8:00p.m

Meet 2nd Thursday of the month at Adventure Park
10130 Gunn Avenue Whittier , CA 90605

The **WOW Facebook page** is being updated often with club news, videos, announcements between meetings. Give it a look and a "like". www.facebook.com/woodworkersofwhittier

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