

The Push Stick

Here We Come Santa!



The November Meeting was our annual Wheels and Axels meeting where WOW members, that have built cars during the past year, bring them in and we install club purchased wheels on them. It is one of our most favorite meetings as we tap away installing the wheels. We installed wheels on about 900 cars. Some members took cars home to install wheels, as we ran out of time. We had fewer members than usual to help install them. Jim Sparling reports that we sent out 1532 cars and 20,000 blocks this year to 20 charities.

December 11th Meeting

The annual Christmas Potluck for members and guests is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 11, 2014, at **Parnell Park and Senior Center**, 15390 Lambert Rd. (corner of Lambert Rd. and Scott Ave. in Whittier). Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for setup. Food should be brought in at 6 p.m. Guests should arrive shortly after 6 p.m. Dinner will begin at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Members are encouraged to bring their spouse, partner, friend or other guest. Each member is asked to bring a main dish or salad or dessert, and serving utensils to serve 6 to 8 persons. If appropriate, food should be cut into portions at home. Beverages, plates, cups, napkins and tableware will be provided. Persons bringing soup or chili should bring disposable bowls. Cooks are invited to share their recipes. If you wish to do so, please write your recipe on a small card and place it next to your dish.

All members are asked to bring three shop-made items for the door prize drawing for guests. We hope to have at least one prize for all guests and spouses. Invited guests will include those who have provided wood for blocks and cars, other suppliers, past guest presenters and others. There will be a separate prize drawing for paid-up members.

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General Club News

Name Badges Jim Sparling has found a company that will laser etch name badges on wood for \$3 each. If you would like to have a wooden name badge, see Jim at the January meeting. WOW lost its name badge maker. His computer does not work anymore to print the labels.

Steering Committee Minutes- Club Finances as of 11-18-14 WOW has \$840 in the bank. \$740 was spent on wheels and axels. Membership- no new members. Blocks and toys will be distributed on December 2nd to 20 charities.

Thanks to: Paula Eagleman for mailing out reminders and maps to 20 charities to pick-up the cars and blocks and to **Julie McCamey** for sending out invitations to the past year's guest speakers and supporters of WOW for our Christmas Potluck.

Dues are due in January- \$30

WOW Shirt Orders are in. See John Rodgers if you ordered a shirt.

Steven Bruhens has informed WOW that a tree has been planted in its honor by the Arbor Day Foundation. This was made possible by the family of Bill Benton. They donated the proceed of tool sales to WOW's wheel and axel fund, in remembrance of Bill, a woodworker. When Steven sent them a picture of all the toys WOW made for charities, they had a tree planted to honor WOW and Bill.



WOW is seeking volunteers for the club's **Christmas Tree Ornament** project in conjunction with Christmas parties at the Boys and Girls Club and at Adventure Park. Adventure Park (right outside where WOW meets) is Thursday, December 18th 6-8pm. Boys and Girls Club Uptown Whittier is Friday, December 19th 3:30-5:30pm This involves less than two hours of volunteer time in assisting youngsters in decorating their own Christmas tree ornaments. Easy work, it is a lot of fun and a great way to help children be creative. Feel free to bring your wife or family member to help. Get in the holiday spirit. Contact Alan Webster 562-943-4919

Christmas Party Door Prizes

President Alan Schwartz reminds you to please make 3 gifts for the Christmas Party Raffle. It is anonymous and no one knows what you made unless you tell them. Should be made from wood of course and can be Christmas themed or not. Whatever you like to make.

Upcoming Meetings

December- Christmas Party. **January** -Frank Irving Custom Wood Furniture Design

February- Ray Moore- Wood Caver **March-** Ray Moore- Segmented Bowl Turning

Club Calendar

December 11th 6-8:00 p.m. Christmas Party at Parnell Park instead of meeting

No Steering Committee Meeting in December

January Meeting -Thursday Jan. 8th 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Steering Committee- Tuesday Jan. 13th 7-8:00 p.m.

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