

The Push Stick



Arie Korporaal

Woodworker of the Year

At the July meeting WOW's highest award, Woodworker of the Year, was presented to Arie Korporaal. Arie is our club Treasurer, works at Hathaway Ranch, is active at club functions, and doesn't steal money from us. Congratulations Arie and thanks for all your help!



Hunter Smith Award

The Hunter Smith Award is given to members that have shown a history of giving to the club and community. **Al Winberg** is such a member. He has built more than two thousand cars for our charity event. His intarsia creations and craftsmanship are beautiful. Thanks Al for being a part of WOW.

Club News

WOW has \$1260 in the bank. We have **52 members!** Two new members joined: **Art Alonzo and Gus Sanchez**. Welcome gentlemen. All toy and block projects are on schedule. If you wish to have a table at the WOW Whittier Place Show in October, let Paul Wilson know. Club Shirt orders will be taken at the August meeting. We had members signup for wheels and axles, enough for 823 cars. If you are making cars for November and will need wheels, let Dick Toney know.

Jim Sparling says there are large pieces of wood at Hathaway Ranch that would be good for turning bowls including Cedar of Lebanon and Lemon Eucalyptus. Go to Hathaway Monday morning or call Jim 562-943-3013

Message From the Prez

Club Shirts- At this month's club meeting, I will be collecting money from those who would like to order a club shirt. The cost will be \$30 per polo shirt. XL there will be an additional \$1.50 fee and for XXL there will be an additional \$3.00 fee. Also, if you would like your name printed on the left front of the shirt please adds \$2.50. I have 12 people signed up and we need a minimum of 12. It is not too late to signup. Get with me before, during the break or after the meeting. Thank you. One last note Julie McCamey will not be attending the meeting this month, so I will be bringing the snacks for the break.

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There will not be any coffee, so if you would like something to drink, please bring something with you. There will be a donation bucket for the snacks. Hope to see you on August 8th.



Busker Organ Fan Dan

At the July meeting WOW friend Dan Wright, of D&L Stained Glass in Whittier, brought his handmade Busker Organ collection. "Busker" means street performer and were popular in the Victorian era playing for city dwellers. Some buskers used monkeys to collect tips. Sometimes the monkeys would go up fire escapes and collect shiny things from apartments. They were banned in some cities.

Dan started making Busker Organs in 2003 from plans made by John Smith www.johnsmithbusker.co.uk. John came up with ways to make the instrument easier to build. Dan decided he would make one voice pipe. If it sounded good, he would continue. Three months later he had a finished organ. Dan designed the decorative front with the birds. The organs use a vacuum produced by bellows that are pumped when the hand crank is turned. The crank also runs a punched paper roll that passes over openings that play the voice pipes. Like in a player piano.

After completing the first one, a newer and better plan came out with more features. It was more complex so it took longer to build. He used better materials as his abilities improved. His third and newest one is much more complex and took several years to build. It has 26 notes compared to 20 on the previous version, three bellows instead of two and it uses valves to play the pipes. Valves allow more pressure to be used giving a louder sound. Listening to these organs one is amazed how good they sound with rich notes.

Dan purchases the punched paper rolls online. They have to be written to use the feature of each organ. His newest organ could use electronic activation of the valves (MIDI). He prefers the traditional paper rolls. When asked if it takes special tools to make the instruments, he said just ordinary woodworking tools are used. He started out using a small table saw, bandsaw and a belt sander.

Dan's newest Busker Organ took several years to build. He said the way to tackle a big project (he also restores cars) is to get in the habit of touching the project each day. Even if you just look at the plans you will find that you get something done. In the end you will have something to be proud of. Dan sure does



At the July meeting Dan was awarded the Woodworkers of Whittier Appreciation Award for the many times he has come to our meetings to share his latest creations. From his awesome shop, vintage vehicles, automata and busker organs it is always fascinating to see what Dan has created. Thanks Dan! You can see his Busker Organs on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/user/organfandan/videos>

and his stained glass shop <http://www.dandlstainedglass.com/>

Club Calendar

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

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

Sept. Meeting -Thursday Sept 12th 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Steering Committee-Tuesday Sept 17th 7-8:00p.m

Meet 2nd Thursday of the month at Adventure Park
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