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Meeting Notes

April Meeting

The April meeting is Thursday, April 10 at Adventure Park, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. The park is located at 10130 Gunn Ave., Whittier.

The meeting will feature a presentation by **John Buchanan** of Eurton Electric Motor Rebuilding in Santa Fe Springs.

March Meeting

The meeting featured an informative presentation by **Gallo Toapanta** of the Southwest Carpenters Training Fund. He described the many training programs offered by the Carpenters Union, including classroom instruction with hands-on training for both apprentices and journeymen. Training centers offer a range of classes, including concrete forms, interior systems, framing, solid surface, door hardware, forklift operation, scaffold erection, blueprint reading, layout, welding, cleanroom, solar and more. Earlier that morning, a group of WOW members toured the Carpenters Union Training Center in Buena Park. That training center has been supplying WOW with lumber for the club's toy projects. Their donation of lumber is much appreciated.

Nethercutt Collection Tour

The WOW tour of the Nethercutt Collection in Sylmar takes place Saturday, April 12. The museum showcases more than 130 of the world's greatest antique, vintage, classic and special interest automobiles, including many top winners of the Pebble Beach Concours d' Elegance. The Collection also includes an amazing array of automobile mascots, antique furniture, clocks and watches, and one of the world's finest collections of mechanical musical instruments. The museum is located at 15151 Bledsoe St., Sylmar. Members

are asked to wear their WOW shirts at this event. President **Alan Schwartz** has asked that those attending the tour to meet in the parking lot of the Whittier Senior Center, 13225 Walnut St. (meeting site of the Steering Committee) to arrange car-pooling. Tentative departure time is approximately 8:00 a.m. Alan will have more details at the April meeting.

Steering Committee Report

The treasurer's report for March has been delayed due to the eye surgery of treasurer **Red Nichols**. Membership chair **Lindsey Fisher** reported that the club had 43 paid members out of a total of 45 listed. **Lindsey** will be contacting members who wish to receive the *Push Stick* via email.

The June meeting is tentatively scheduled to have a display and discussion of antique tools and how to use them.

Share Your Skills

Members are encouraged to share their woodworking skills with others in the club who may have limited experience in some aspects of woodworking, such as turning, furniture making, drawer construction, etc. **Ron Holtz**, who taught woodshop to middle school students for 15 years, said members should not hesitate to ask others for help when working on a challenging project.

Show and Tell

Bring an example of any project you wish to tell us about at the April meeting.

Woodworker of the Year

Forms to nominate a club member for Woodworker of the Year honors will be available at the April and May meetings. Forms must be completed and submitted to President Alan Schwartz by the end of the May meeting. The guidelines for this award are as follows:

Description

Each year, the Woodworkers of Whittier shall have the option of honoring one of its members as Woodworker of the Year. The period will be from July 1 of the present year to June 30 of the following June.

Criteria

The Woodworker of the Year honoree shall be a member in good standing. He or she shall have been active in club events, and have participated in club activities, such as attending meetings, participating in toy-making projects, participating in community outreach events, staging woodworking demonstrations, serving as an officer, serving on committees, helping to organize events, etc. He or she should also be an active woodworker. This award is not necessarily for the most skilled worker in the club, but honors the one who has made outstanding contributions of service to further the goals for the club.

Nominations

Nominations for Woodworker of the Year may be made by any member. Nominations shall be submitted to the club president on a nomination form to be provided at one or more regular club meetings.

Announcements

Selection

Selection shall be made at the May Steering Committee meeting. All members in good standing attending the meeting may express opinions on various nominees. After discussion is concluded, those attending the meeting shall make a selection by secret ballot. In the event of a tie, the president shall make the final decision. In the event that one of the members present has been nominated, that member shall leave the room during the discussion of that member's nomination. If agreed upon by members, the club may decide not to name a winner for that year. The club may also decide to name co-winners, if appropriate.

Timing

Nomination forms will be available at the April and May club meetings. Completed forms are to be returned to the president. The winner will be selected at the May Steering Committee meeting and announced at the regular June club meeting. The award will be presented at the July club meeting. This will allow time for any plaques to be made, etc.

WOW Shirts

See **Alan Webster** at the April meeting if you wish to order a club shirt. **Alan** has order forms available.

James Hardware

Jim Sparling, Ray Mitchem and **Louis Lopez** represented WOW at James Hardware store parking lot event on March 1. **Louis** also hosted an open shop at his fabulous home workshop in La Mirada on March 8.

Meeting, that member shall **not vote nor** **WWWWWWhittier Founder's Day Celebration**

Whittier marks the 127th anniversary of its founding at the annual Founder's Day Celebration in Central Park, May 10, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. The park is located at the corner of Baily St. and Washington Ave. in Uptown Whittier. As in the past, the Woodworkers of Whittier will have a table at which club members will demonstrate tools and techniques. If you wish to help, contact John Rodgers at the April meeting. It's fun event with bands, dancers, food and exhibits by a number of community organizations. There is usually a fascinating exhibit of antique cars and trucks.

On Your Calendar

April Meeting Thursday, April 10, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Steering Committee Tuesday, April 15, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

May Meeting Thursday, May 8, 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Steering Committee Tuesday, May 13, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Thank you Bill, Julie, Harold and Paula