

The Push Stick

Woodworker of the Year

Jim Lockwood presents award to Ray Mitchem.



Ray Mitchem is WOW's Woodworker of the Year. Not just for his mustache, but for his many good works. He has volunteered at Hathaway since joining WOW in 2008, became Vice President last year, makes cars for WOW, and always has something for show n tell. Usually, one of the turnings from his lathe. He is eager to share his knowledge with members, even when it is what not to do, as in the exploding bowl! In addition Ray makes little "pocket" cars that he gives to Presbyterian Hospital, which they give to kids.

Ray says he was influenced in woodworking by his father and has dabbled in it for years. His first major project was changing an old apothecary cabinet obtained from a closing drugstore into a hutch. He still has it years later.

He and his wife Judy have lived in La Mirada since 1969, but he has lived in the Whittier area all his life. Congratulations Ray!

August 14th Meeting

This month John Rodgers will demonstrate his Shopsmith multipurpose woodworking setup. He will show the different attachments, how they install and discuss the pros and cons of the system.

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July Meeting

Paul Kavanaugh of California Dowel and Turnings, Inc. gave a talk on what his company provides the woodworker. This is the company that WOW buys wheels and axels from for our cars. Located at 7294 Melrose Street in Buena Park, it has been in that location for 9 years. Paul gave his insights on what he has seen in the industry over the past 32 years. The company's main business is providing dowel pins and rods to manufacturers. They also have shaped wood products that can be used in making toys. He is happy to sell small quantities to WOW members. The company website is at www.caldowel.com telephone 714-523-8278. A tip he gave on using dowel pins- If they are too loose in the hole, soak them

in water. Too tight, microwave them for a minute.

General Club News

We have two new members who joined in July- Mike Richard and Bill Ashley. Welcome!

Don Prince has some boxes of wood at his house that were left by Don Hall when he cleaned out his garage for his move to Texas.

Jim Sparling has placed a WOW display at the La Mirada Library. It will be there through September.

There will be a signup sheet at the August meeting to indicate how many cars you will be making for Christmas. We need an idea of how many cars to determine how many wheels and axels to buy.

Don't forget to attend a Steering Committee Meeting. All members can attend. See what goes on behind the scenes of WOW. You will be amazed or amused, but at least you will be active. We meet at the Whittier Senior Center, 13225 Walnut St., off of Painter. Time and dates listed below.

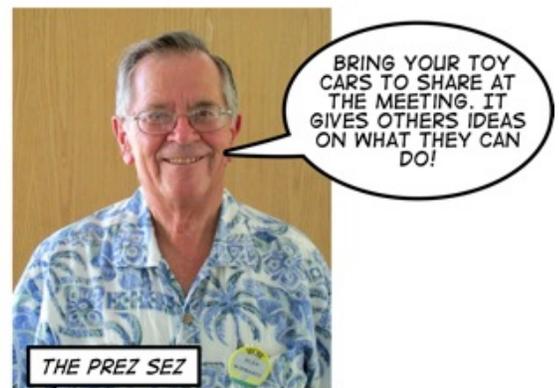
Upcoming Meetings

September- Josh Fang- Violin Maker- shows how different finishes and chambers can change sound.

October- William Ng- William Ng Woodworks- Runs a school in Anaheim that teaches fine furniture building. www.wnwoodworkingschool.com

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Club Calendar

August Meeting Thursday August 14 6:30- 8 p.m.

Steering Committee Tuesday August 19 7:00-8 p.m.

September Meeting Thursday Sept. 11 6:30- 8 p.m.

Steering Committee Tuesday Sept. 16 7:00-8 p.m.