

The Push Stick

Caution! Elves at Work



November was our annual **Wheels and Axels meeting**. WOW members, that have built cars during the past year, bring them in. We install club purchased wheels on the cars. It is one of our most favorite meetings, as we tap away installing the wheels. We installed wheels on about 1,000 cars. The Whittier Daily News photographer took pictures and we had an article in that paper as well as others.

Here are the **Charity Groups** these cars, trucks and blocks go to:

Adventure Park, California Highway Patrol, Whittier Fire Dept., Pico Rivera Sheriffs Dept., Para Los Ninos, La Casa de San Gabriel Community Center, Department of Children & Family Santa Fe Springs, Gus Valasco Neighborhood Center, Whole Child, Interfaith Food Center, La Habra School, Options Child Care, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Saint Gertrude the Great Preschool, Neighbors Helping Neighbors, Whittier Y.M.C.A., Community Presbyterian Church of La Mirada, The Eli Home Inc.

Law enforcement and fire groups carry toys in their cars and trucks to give to kids they come across that need a toy. In addition toys are given to hospitals. Whittier Presbyterian and Kaiser use WOW toys to give to kids in emergency rooms and some are painted by children while they have chemo therapy.

There is more demand than we can fill, but we do our best and can be proud. Congratulations on a job well done!

December 10th Meeting

The annual Christmas Potluck for members and guests is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 10th, 2015, 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. (continued)

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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.

President Alan Schwartz reminds members to please make 3 gifts for the **Christmas Party Raffle**. It is anonymous and no one knows what you made unless you tell them. This is requested and not required. Should be made from wood, of course, and can be Christmas themed or not. Whatever you like to make. Come to the party even if you can't make something.

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 grand prize drawing for paid-up members.

General Club News

Steering Committee Minutes- WOW has 42 paid members. \$1,603 in the bank. Jim Sparling said they have 2500 blocks finished of each shape. 1400 cars were made. Ray Mitchem estimates we have 2400 wheels left over and 800 axels. These will be used next year.

Toy distribution day to the charities is December 7th from 9-3pm at Hathaway Ranch. Everything will be ready in boxes. If you want to help, call Jim Sparling 562-943-3013

Volunteers needed to put WOW toys in Library displays and under city Christmas Trees. It gives the club publicity and is a community service. Call Jim Sparling for details. 562-943-3013. We also need a program chairman for speakers at WOW meetings. If you come across someone who would be good for a presentation at a WOW meeting and is interested in doing it, please let us know.

WOW Dues of \$30 are due in January. Please pay at that meeting. Not at the party.



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 Wednesday, December 16th 6-8pm. Boys and Girls Club Uptown Whittier is Friday, December 18th 3:00- 5:0pm 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

Club Calendar

Dec. Party- Thursday Dec. 10th 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Steering Committee - None in December

Jan. Meeting -Thursday Jan. 14th 6:30-8:00 p.m.

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

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

Upcoming Meetings

January- Rockler Demonstration to be announced

February- What we do at Hathaway Ranch- Ron Holtz

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