

The Push Stick

A Collection of Collections



A group of us from WOW went to visit Dan Wright's home shop recently. Dan has shown the club the calliope, busker organs and 1919 Chevy truck rebuilt from the ground up. It was time to see where the magic happens. When we first arrived at his home, there was a 1938 Chevrolet Master Deluxe Coup and a 1938 Chevy pickup in the driveway. The pickup is Dan's father Milt's daily driver.

Dan and Milt told us about the vehicles and what we were going to see on the tour. He then

opened his garage door to reveal the 1919 Chevy truck and 1914 Ford Model T in immaculate shape. His garage is deep with a workshop in the back. He has old tools picked up over the years. His workshop looks like something taken out of the past. Well, much of it is. I could spend an hour just looking, and then you look up and see more in the rafters. There is even a collection of canvas water radiator bags up there. There is a little workbench for the grandkids.

Going out to the side-yard there are some cars being worked on. A 1922 Overland Speedster and 1928 Chevrolet truck. It takes a long time to find parts, so it is not a quick process. Dan said growing up they always worked on old cars. That is what you had in his family. He got the mechanical side from his father and artsy side from his mother. On into the backyard you see an old time blacksmith shop and general store to display the collections. Everywhere you see collections. Car jacks, kerosene lamps, power line insulators, faucet handles, tools, signs displayed so they are objet d'art. Dan's brother calls it a "collection of collections".



Dan told me he has always collected things. "the older the better, especially mechanical with an artistic feel." You can tell it brings him joy. The most amazing thing is his wife is OK with it. She has never said "you need to get rid of that". Wow. If you find yourself in Dan and Lea's stained glass shop www.dandlstainedglass.com, ask Dan "what's new". You know he will have something interesting to say. Thanks Dan for the great tour.

More pictures on our facebook page www.facebook.com/woodworkersofwhittier/

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In Memory

Past WOW member **Donald Hall** passed away at his home in Riverside County on April 3rd. He was 86 years old. Even though he hadn't attended meetings for 5 years after moving to Texas, many of us remember him and smile. Don was an active member making many toy cars for the club. At show-and-tell he would show great trucks that he would make.

His garage workshop was open to those who wanted to learn or you could call him with a question. Jim Sparling said "Don Hall was a very patient teacher. He taught me how to make better looking trucks." I have a fire truck he made in my family room and enjoy looking at it every day. Rest in Peace Don. You are remembered with a smile.

I sent out two emails with this news, but some of our members don't get emails. Longtime WOW member **Julie McCamey's** daughter Kasey passed away. She was 31 years old. Casey was a special needs child who wasn't expected to live 10 years let alone 31. The chromosome she was missing made her unable to fight off the pneumonia that took her. If you ever met Kasey you will remember the innocence of a two year old. She liked hugs.

All of our heartfelt sympathy goes to the McCamey family.

Kasey Lynn McCamey September 30, 1987 to April 20, 2019

Beloved daughter of RJ and Julie McCamey, sister to Megan. Granddaughter to Judy and Joe Martinelli, Niece to Paul, Lisa, and Steve. Passed away peacefully in the presence of family.

Her love of anything SpongeBob, her hugs, her smiles, her laugh, her organization skills and Seadoo Rides will be missed.

Donations to C.H.O.C. www.choc.org/donatenow or Reach www.reach.services in Kasey's name are requested in lieu of flowers.

Club News

WOW has \$1510 in the bank. We have 47 members

WOW will be at the **Whittier Founders Day** on May 11th at Central Park. 10:00am-1:00pm We will have a booth displaying club member skills. We will also have some demos. It is by the uptown Post Office at Bailey and Washington. If you want to sit with us bring a chair.

May Meeting

Jorge Miagany from Tool Concept will be with us. They do tool repair.

Club Calendar

May Meeting -Thursday May 9th 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Steering Committee-Tuesday May 14th 7-8:00p.m

June Meeting- Thursday June 13th 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Steering Committee- Tuesday June 18th 7-8:00 p.m.

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

Message From the Prez

I would like to thank Vice President Louis Lopez for stepping up last month and running the meeting in my place while I was dealing with some health issues. Louis had short notice, but I understand he did a great job. Thanks again and great job Louis. I would also like to congratulate Stan Quade on the latest addition to their family.

Finally, as a reminder, Saturday May 11th is the city of Whittier's Founder's Day. The club will have a booth with demonstrations and items for sale. I would like to encourage members of the club to stop by and show their support. Thank you. Paul Wilson

Wurth Louis and Company

At the April meeting Samuel Ortiz and Victor Garcia came to our meeting to tell us about Wurth Louis and Company. It is a distributor of hardware for the professional woodworker. They sell everything in fasteners, hinges, drawer slides, pulls, adhesives, coatings, laminates, machinery. "Soup to Nuts" for the woodworker. www.wurthlac.com/storefront/index.ep Sam has been with them since 1991, so give him a call with questions. Thanks for stopping by guys.

