

The Push Stick

The Plane Truth



At the January meeting, David Tilson from the Pasadena Rockler Store, showed us how he uses hand planes.

He brought quite an assortment of planes and scrapers. Each plane has a specific use, depending on its build. Small block planes are great for rounding edges. Smoothing planes are short and heavy and can remove a thousandth of an inch because the blade is held firmly. Longer planes are used to level large surfaces after smoothing or to even out edges for joining two pieces together, David said a good book on sharpening many tools is by Leonard Lee, the creator of Lee Valley Tools.

Some of the other tips he gave were:

- When refurbishing an old chisel, get a new blade. The metals composition is better in today's blades, so they hold an edge better.
- Round sharp corners on a new plane body, so it doesn't dig into your work.
- Have a spare sharp blade for the plane you are using to prevent having to stop in the middle of a project. It really isn't that much more work to sharpen two blades than just one, since you are already set up.



- Plane at a diagonal to the wood grain and switch directions often.
- Set the chip break (edge of the clamp that holds down the blade) just shy of the cutting edge.
- Sanding is used to evenly roughen up a surface to accept the finish. Stain is the best way to find out what you did wrong.

Tilson also brought WOW some Rockler merchandise to be used in our raffle. Thanks David!

February 11th Meeting

WOW member **Paul Wilson** will make a presentation showing Hathaway Ranch block building, Toy pickup day and Toy give away at the Interfaith Food Bank.

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General Club News

Did you know the **Woodworkers of Whittier is a part of the YMCA?** We operate under their umbrella and can offer tax deductibility for large donations because of that. Plus we get some insurance coverage. WOW is the 8th highest YMCA group in hours donated in all of the San Gabriel Valley. We can do better than that, because not all of our hours are tallied. At the February meeting we will be told how we can get full credit for hours spent doing our good deeds.

New Members- I am happy to report WOW has three new members. Kevin Kennedy, Stanley Quaid and Jim Callen. Welcome guys!

Steering Committee Minutes- Jim Sparling reported WOW supplies 21 charities. Of that, two of them only want cars. It is projected we need 15,000 blocks for 2016 from Hathaway Ranch.

Membership reports that we have 24 paid members so far. 18 have not paid. WOW has \$1880 in bank

Sad News- Past WOW member **Ray Jolley** passed away. He hasn't been to a meeting in several years, but those of us that remember him, do so with a smile. He was a nice man. Those that wish to send a card to his wife can do so- Nancy Jolley, 16336 Shadybend Drive, Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

Dues of \$30 are now due. Please make checks out to Woodworkers of Whittier. Your cancelled check will be your receipt. If you can not make it to the meeting, you can mail a check to Ray Mitchem, 15710 Formby Drive, La Mirada, CA 90638. **There is a late fee after February,** so pay as soon as possible.

In Recognition of Our Efforts

These distinguished members heard there was food, so they went to the City of Santa Fe Spring event recognizing groups that have contributed to the city's Human Services Department. WOW has done that through our toy program. Receiving the award for WOW, (pictured from left to right) are Ron Holtz, Ray Mitchem, presenting the award SFS Councilmember Juanita Trujillo, and Jim Sparling. Thanks guys for representing us. I heard you got a cupcake.

Coffee and Cookies- Remember to put some money in the kitty when you get some coffee or cookies at the meeting. This helps Julie McCamey pay for the ingredients. Thanks Julie!



Club Calendar

Feb. Meeting- Thursday Feb. 11th 6:30-8:00 p.m.

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

March Meeting -Thursday March 10th 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Steering Committee-Tuesday March 15th 7-8:00p.m.

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

Upcoming Meetings

March- What we do at Hathaway Ranch- Ron Holtz

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