

The Push Stick

John Rodger's Shopsmith



For WOW's August meeting demo, John Rodgers showed his Shopsmith multipurpose wood working system. His is a Mark V he bought back in 1962 for \$200 from Battle's Hardware. He has used it ever since. (That is \$1553 in today's dollars. A bargain as they go for \$3379 now.) He said Battle's Hardware was the top dealer of Shopsmiths and promoted them heavily at the Los Angeles County Fair.

John told us the pros and cons of the system. It came with five attachments- drill press, table saw, disk sander, lathe and horizontal boring machine. He said the table saw is limited because it has a small table, it can't cut large pieces safely. It is an excellent drill press and horizontal boring machine, along with a great variable speed. The variable speed works through the use of cone pulleys. John said the lathe is decent, but needs to be weighted down so it doesn't move when turning larger pieces.

September 11th Meeting

Josh Fang, a violin maker, will show how different finishes and chambers can change the sound of the instrument.

Open Shop September 13th

John Rodgers will have an Open Shop on September 13th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. His address is 15102 Starbuck Street, Whittier, CA 90603 Phone 562-693-5762

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General Club News

We have one **new member** who joined in August- Bob Sir Louis Welcome! He said he has many tools for sale. He used to be a tool rep. To find out what he has email him bob4wood@sbcglobal.net

Free wood for cars at Hathaway Ranch Monday mornings. They have 2x stock that works great for toy cars. Call Jim Sparling 562-943-3013 or Ron Holtz 562-943-4339

Toy Cars- There will be a signup sheet at the September 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. Many have signed up, but we need the final tally to purchase the wheels in October. Make sure cars are smooth with rounded corners and 7/32" axle holes. Do a good job, Hunter Smith is watching.

Steering Committee Minutes- Club Finances as of 8-19-14 WOW has \$1731 in the bank, so we have enough to buy wheels and axels. John Rodgers is ordering the club shirts.

Don't forget to attend a **Steering Committee Meeting**. All members can attend. See what goes on behind the scenes of WOW. We meet at the Whittier Senior Center, 13225 Walnut St., off of Painter. Time and dates listed below.



Show and Tell

Ray Mitchem showed a bowl he turned from Norfolk Island Pine (also called Star Pine) that had a star in the center formed by the branches of the tree.

Steven Bruhns showed a clock he made from plans in the Nov. 1995 Wood magazine. He bought the clock parts from www.woodworkingparts.com He said they have great customer service. www.clockworks.com is another.

Jim Sparling showed a pull toy he made from plans he got through www.meiselwoodhobby.com

Raul Guerrero showed a plaque he made of a Bible verse using intricate scroll saw work.

Upcoming Meetings

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

November- Wheels and Axels install on toys for Christmas

Club Calendar

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

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

October Meeting Thursday Oct. 9th 6:30-8 p.m.

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

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