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Meeting Notes

November Meeting

The November meeting is Thursday, Nov. 14 at Adventure Park, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. The park is located at 10130 Gunn Ave., Whittier.

This will be the annual wheels and axels meeting. Members should bring a small hammer or mallet and a small block of wood. We will spend the evening putting wheels and axels on hundreds of wooden cars and trucks. If you are bringing car and truck bodies, please keep in mind to have axel holes drilled with a 7/32" bit. There will be no raffle or show and tell this evening. Glue and other supplies will be provided. If you have cars and trucks with wheels and axels installed, please bring them to the meeting.

October Meeting

The meeting featured a presentation by **Dan Wright**, owner of D & L Stained Glass, 8824 Ocean View Ave., Whittier. He discussed how to build small tabletop street organs. These small wooden Busker organs were developed in England in the mid-1990s by John Smith of England and made popular on the Internet. (Buskers are street musicians in England.) Organ fans all over the world have built hundreds of these organs. **Dan** brought two 20-pipe completed Busker organs to the meeting along with a larger 70-pipe unit still under construction. The units are hand-cranked and utilize a punched paper roll similar to a player piano roll to produce music. One of **Dan's** street organs was on display at last spring's Founders Day celebration in Uptown Whittier. For more information, check out johnsmithbusker.co.uk One source describes these organs as "a functional work of art."

Announcements

The La Mirada Public Library is hosting a display of WOW creations that continues during the month of October. The library is located at 13800 La Mirada Blvd., La Mirada. Hours are: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday. The library is closed Monday, Friday and Sunday. **Jim Sparling** was aided by **Don Hall** in setting up the display.

Announcements

Do you have a tool or other item of value that's collecting dust and taking up space? If so, you can now donate it to the club and receive a tax-deductible receipt for the donation from the YMCA. Call **Don Prince** at (562) 447-4455 to make arrangements to get the item to **Don** for resale.

Speaking of **Don**, he was injured in a recent fall. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him at future events.

A good source for a variety of cabinet hardware is a Florida company called Cabinet Parts. Their website is Cabinetparts.com

Help Wanted

The members who work at Hathaway Rancho on Mondays say they can use more help in boxing toys and building blocks. Contact **Ray Mitchem** or **Ron Holtz** if you wish to volunteer. The work takes place on Mondays, 8:30 a.m. – noon. Under the new arrangements at Hathaway Ranch, there will not be a “bagging day” in early December at the backstage area of the Whittier Community Theatre. Instead, items will be boxed at Hathaway Ranch on a continuing basis on Mondays for the next few weeks. All distribution to charities and social service groups will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 3.

Gift Reminder

President **Alan Schwartz** has asked members to keep in mind that each member attending the Christmas Party on Dec. 12 is asked to bring three small shop made gifts to the event as door prizes.

Open Shop

On Saturday, Nov. 9, **Louis Lopez** will host an Open Shop event at his home, 16005 Avenida San Miguel, La Mirada. House are: 9 a.m. – noon. His telephone number is (562) 947-0503. **Louis'** extensive shop is the result of 40 years of woodworking. His home is located in the vicinity of the La Mirada Golf Course. From Whittier, take Santa Gertrudes Ave. south; go past Imperial Highway to Alicante; turn left on Alicante; turn left on Hillsborough; turn left on San Martin; turn left on Los Alisos; turn left on Avenida San Miguel. Louis' house is the first house on the left at 16005.

Woodworking Show

The Woodworking Show is back Nov. 1 – 3 at the Orange County Fairgrounds, 88 Fair Dr., Costa Mesa. Hours are: Friday, Nov. 1, noon – 6 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 2, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 3, 10 am. – 4 p.m. There will be seminars with industry professionals along with displays from local clubs, guilds, schools and artisans, plus loads of exhibitors with the latest tools, supplies, etc. For information: info@thewoodworkingshows.com Other fall shows will be held in Dallas, Northern California, Portland, OR, and Denver.

Be A Part Of The Show

John Rodgers is seeking volunteers to staff a possible WOW table at the Woodworking Show mentioned above. He will need at least three or four persons each day. Hours and days are above. **John** says that all volunteers will receive free admission and free parking. Contact him at (562) 693-5762.

WOW Toys To Brighten Holiday Display

In late November, toys made by WOW members will be placed under the Christmas tree at the Whittwood Branch Library, 10537 Santa Gertrudes Ave., Whittier. This library also has toys on exhibit in a display case. Toys will be placed under the Christmas trees at other locations to be announced.

Jim Sparling aided by **Ray Mitchem** and **Ron Holtz** will be setting up the displays. Thanks, guys!

Steering Committee Proceedings

Treasurer **Red Nichols** reported a bank balance of \$155.12.

Ron Holtz reported that all blocks for 2013 are sanded and boxed. One week will be needed to box all wooden cars, trucks and other toys when available. Also, four of the six types of blocks have been cut for 2014. These blocks all need to be sanded, and more volunteers for sanding are needed.

After some discussion, the final list of invitees to the Christmas party was determined.

There was an extensive discussion of club finances. The thinking was that club must determine how much money is needed to operate the club each year. Major expenses include wheels and axels, parts, supplies and electricity expenses at Hathaway Ranch, plus miscellaneous expenses (stamps, etc.). Income includes dues, raffle income, auction income and any donations the club receives. Donations of cash and tools from members and friends are always welcome. Any donations are tax-deductible through the club's affiliation with the YMCA. At the present time, the club will continue to be self-funded and will not conduct any major fund-raising activities, such as applying for grants, etc.

Lindsay Fisher is still seeking volunteers for the club's ornament project in conjunction with Christmas parties at the Boys and Girls Club and at Adventure Park. These will be held in December, final dates to be announced. This involves about two hours of volunteer time in assisting youngsters in creating their own Christmas tree ornaments. It's a lot of fun and a great way to help children be creative.

On Your Calendar

November Meeting, Thursday, Nov. 14, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Steering Committee, Tuesday, Nov. 19, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

December Meeting, Thursday, Dec. 12, 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. (Christmas Party, Parnell Park)

Steering Committee (There will be no Steering Committee meeting in December)

Thank you Bill, Julie, Harold and Paula