

The Push Stick

Louis Lopez's Shop



I visited Louis Lopez's shop to see what makes him tick. He has a nice shop in a three car garage. A big space is needed for the big pieces of furniture he makes. Recently Louis made two grandfather clocks. The latest project is a 12 drawer chest of drawers. When he first started woodworking he would make small things, but as time has gone on, they got bigger and bigger. He figures it takes as much time to make something small as it does something big.

Louis started his working career at a company that made scale models for engineering companies. He really learned how to make precision things there. In the early

1980's he worked Saturdays at a woodworking tool store in Culver City called The Cutting Edge. It was similar to Rockler's of today. He did demonstrations there among other things. He said Harrison Ford and Tony Dow (Leave it to Beaver show) would come in and buy tools. Sam Maloof would come in and hang out. Louis and other store employees went to his house once.

Louis likes to make furniture in the Arts and Crafts style from quarter sawn white oak. Styles influenced by the Stickley Brothers, Greene and Greene and Frank Lloyd Wright's Prairie Style. His wife likes traditional style furniture made from cherry, so he has his own display room. Sometimes he sells furniture or gives it to family members, making room for something new to make. He does make custom furniture to order at times. He is also a volunteer craftsman restoring a very early helicopter. The propeller is made primarily of wood like a wing. It will be in an aircraft museum.

Asked what his favorite tool is, Louis says it is a Stanley #7 jointer plane. Favorite power tool is his Delta Unisaw table saw. Thanks for the tour Louis and keep on making big things.

Build It Workspace

At the February meeting Robert Lundsfield came in to tell us about his company - Build It Workspace. It is a shop/classroom in Los Alamitos. As it says on their website- Build It Workspace is an open workspace and learning center where anyone can learn and use traditional and advance computer controlled tools to turn ideas into products. Located in Los Alamitos, Build It Workspace offers affordable access to equipments, software, and resources that are not typically affordable by individuals.

Robert brought in some samples of what his machines can do. He has a 3D printer, computer controlled router, laser cutter and engraver, and 3D



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scanner. It is set up as a membership system where you can use all the tools for \$150 a month. Be aware that many of these high tech tools have a learning curve attached to them. You are not going to walk in and start using them. The shop does offer classes and has many for children. They also offer services too, so if you just need something done, let them do it. To learn more go to the website www.builditworkspace.com Thanks for coming by Robert.

March Meeting

Curtis Smith from Canning's Hardware in La Habra will be here. In April we will have Jessica Kidderman from the new OSH store in Whittier.

General Club News

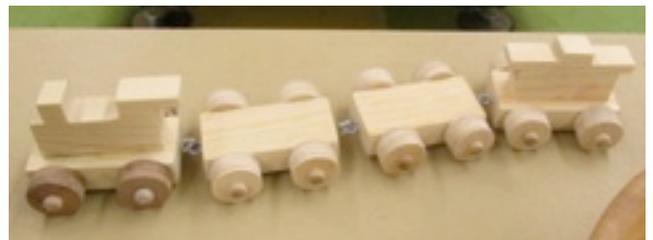
Alan Schwartz was given a much deserved award for serving as WOW President for 3 years.

It reads "Special Appreciation Award presented to Alan Schwartz. In recognition of your leadership and dedication to serving as the President of the Woodworkers of Whittier for three terms. Your service is much appreciated by the club." He did a great job and it is much appreciated. Thank you Alan!

Dues of \$30 are now due. Thank you to all that have paid. There only a few left. Please make checks out to Woodworkers of Whittier. You can also pay by mail. Send to our treasurer Arie Korporaal, WOW Dues, P.O.

Box 9314, Whittier, CA 90608.

Did you know the **Whittier Earthquake** was 30 years ago? Where were you?



At the show and tell **Robert Bilevich** showed a plate he turned. It had an pretty paint detail using iridescent paint. **Albert Winberg** showed an intarsia eagle he made. He says it is all in the sanding. It gives it the 3d effect. **Alan Schwartz** showed a toy train as an example of the ten he and his grandsons made a Xmas time. He has 11 grandsons. **Steven Bruhns** showed a sled he uses on the table saw to cut slabs of wood. **John Okawa** showed a bowl he turned from Star Pine. **Stan Quade** showed an intricate scroll saw piece. **Louis Lopez** showed a handle he made for his wood vise.

Club Calendar

March Meeting -Thursday March 9th 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Steering Committee-Tuesday March 14th 7-8:00p.m.
April Meeting- Thursday April 13th 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Steering Committee- Tuesday April 18th 7-8:00p.m.
Meet 2nd Thursday of the month at Adventure Park
10130 Gunn Avenue Whittier , CA 90605

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