# The Push Stick

#### Message from the Prez

Greetings to all. I hope all of you had a very nice Thanksgiving holiday. As December has finally arrived that means it is time for our club toy distribution which will be held on Monday December 5th. This year the club will be distributing 1,056 cars and 572 sets of blocks (Each Set Of Blocks Contains 6 Different Shaped Blocks). So to everyone who contributed to this year's toy project your hard work is very much appreciated.

The next item I would like to discuss is this year's club annual Christmas Party. The Party will be held on Thursday December 8th from 6pm-8pm. The doors will be open at 5pm for set up. The Party will be held at The La Habra Church Of Christ same place as last year. The address is 1621 W. Lambert Rd, La Habra Ca, 90631. I look forward to seeing you there. The party should be a huge success. Many of you have already informed me that you are attending. I hope that everyone will have a great time. If you have any questions please contact me.

Finally to those who will not be able to join us at the party. I would like to wish each of you and your families A Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

Paul W.

# November Meeting

The November meeting was our special wheels and axles meeting, and was held at the Whittier Community center. 33 people attended, and over 500 cars were assembled. It was a huge success. Shared at the meeting was a beautiful pen, and pen holder in the shape of the state of California made by Dick Toney, to be given to Dr. Francine Rippy in appreciation for the use of the shop at Hathway Ranch. Also shared at the meeting were Salt and Pepper shakers made by Steve Lelewer, and a cutting board made by Paul Wilson, to be given to the Pastor of the La Habra Church of Christ in appreciation for the use of

their meeting room for our Christmas party. Another picture shows the members of the club whom we especially thank for their service as proud military veterans.

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Club Veterans - L to R: Gene Getz, Jim Sparling, Mike Scott, Ron Holtz, Skip Porter Not shown: Charles (Red) Nicholls, David Hofstetter

#### Steering Committee Meeting Minutes For November

Steering Committee Minutes: November 15, 2022

**Present:** Paul Wilson, Steve Romo, Ray Wolven, Arie Korporaal, Louis Lopez, Dick Toney, Jim Sparling., Gene Getz, Skip Porter

7:00 pm: Meeting called to order – Minutes approved.

Finances (Arie K.): End of October balance \$3,024.37.

**Membership (Steve R.)**: Currently 39 paid club members. 25 members and 8 guests attended the November wheels and axles club meeting.

**Toy project (Dick T.):** Packing day was a success, and now ready for distribution day. Anticipating having enough wheels and axles left over for approx 700 cars next year, assuming all the charities pick up their toys as we expect this year

New Business:

• Discussion and planning for the club Christmas party. Location to be La Habra Church of Christ. Paul to email the club members with the details after Thanksgiving. The Steering Committee approves a \$100 donation to the church for the generous use of their facility.

**Upcoming Meeting Schedules:** The next general club meeting will be January 12 at the Whittier Community Center. The next steering committee meeting will be held January 17, also at the Whittier community center. The next woodcraft classes at Adventure Park are scheduled for January 10 and 24. Club Christmas party December 8.

Meeting Adjourned 7:50 pm

Respectfully submitted by Ray Wolven, November 15, 2022.

# A Short Review of This Past Year

I am sure we would all agree that 2022 was certainly a challenging year, if nothing else. Many things changed for the club due to the pandemic. There were no club meetings held in January or February. The March and April meetings were held at the La Habra Church of Christ. The May, June, and July meetings at Adventure park. The August meeting was held at Dick Toney's house for an outstanding special demonstration by Steve Lelewer. The September meeting was held at Adventure Park, and the October, and November meetings were held at the Whittier Community Center. Each of the meetings had many members in attendance, many items were shared, and there were several interesting demonstrations, proving there continued to be great interest in the club activities despite the hurdles we faced. At the same time, the club toy project continued to produce cars and blocks. And this month distributed many of them to very appreciative charities just like previous years. During the year the club also began participation in a Senior workshop at Adventure park helping the County Parks and Recreation department provide interesting activities for their senior program there. The club has a lot of momentum going for it as we enjoy the year end

holidays, and there will be much to look forward to in 2023. Congratulations to all for helping make 2022 another good year for the club!

Special note from the editor: To everyone that contributed thoughts, photos or info for the newsletter this year - Thank you very much! Your contributions all are very much appreciated, and are extremely helpful.

# Let Your Friends Know

Many of our members found out about WOW through a friend. Please let your friends know that good things are happening in the club this year, and bring them to a meeting. Remember: if you make sawdust you are a woodworker.



(Artwork provided by Paul Wilson)

#### **Club Calendar**

December Club Meeting - Annual Christmas party and pot luck. Thursday December 8, 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Anyone wishing to help set up is certainly welcome earlier. Location is La Habra Church of Christ. (Same location as last year's party)

1621 W. Lambert Rd., La Habra, 90631.

Next Steering Committee meeting - Tues. January 17, 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Whittier Community Center, 7630 Washington Ave. Room # 5

Hathaway Ranch Toy Project - Toy Distribution day December 5 Next toy shop work day Monday January 9.

11901 Florence Ave. Santa Fe Springs, 90670

Adventure Park Woodcraft Project - 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each Month. January workshops on the 10th and 24th.

10:30 am to 11:30 am - Adventure Park



#### **Woodworkers Of Whittier**

The club officers and the Toy Project Committee would like to thank all the members who contributed to this year's club toy project. All of your hard work either working at Hathaway sanding Blocks or making cars at your homes. Once again the club will be able to make this Christmas more exciting for the dozens of underprivileged children in our community as well as our neighboring communities as well. So from all of us we would like to thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to the club's toy project and hope to see you for our 2023 toy project. We would also like to thank those who made cars and purchased their own materials, wood, wheels & axles.

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