



The Push Stick

2023 - Celebrating Our Club's 30th Anniversary

Message from the Prez

Hello to all. I hope all of you had a very nice Thanksgiving. December is upon us and that means Christmas is just a few weeks away. It also means it is time for our annual potluck Christmas party. This year's party will be on Friday December 15th. It will be held at the **Parnell Park Community and Senior Center Located at 15390 Lambert Rd, Whittier, Ca 90604**. The party will begin at 6pm and the doors will open at 5:30pm. This year's party is shaping up to be a lot of fun and we are looking forward to seeing some new faces. I hope to see you there.

As 2023 comes to a close we all should be proud of the work we have done this year. Another successful toy project and new community project for Whittier High School. We also had 8 new members join the club. Our meetings were a huge success with several amazing guest speakers. 2024 should be even better. We have already lined up some of the guest speakers for next year and there are still some openings so if you would like to do a demonstration next let me or Skip P. know and we will schedule the demonstration. In closing I would like to thank Gene Getz for another great job with the Raffle. He was able to make a profit of more than \$300 for the club. I would also like to thank Julie M. for the refreshments she made. Would also like to thank all of you for your hard work and support.

And a Special note - As a special recognition for his outstanding service during his years of service to the club, Jim Sparling has been awarded the Hunter Smith Award. The club is very appreciative and thankful for all of his hard work and many contributions to the club. Congratulations Jim!!

On behalf of myself and the officers we would like to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Paul W.

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November Meeting

The November meeting was our annual wheels and axles meeting, held at the Whittier Community center. Many members and guests had a fun time assembling wheels and axles on cars for our toy project. The club assembled over 500 cars during the meeting - way to go!



Hathaway Ranch Activities

On Monday December 4 the club held our annual toy distribution day for the charities. Paul Wilson, Arie Korporaal, Skip Porter, Dick Toney, Julie McCamey, Carlos Jackson, Ray Sosa, Wyatt Sprowls, Gene and Shirley Getz, and Ray and Paula Wolven all helped out on this special day. 12 charities received toys this year, including approx 800 cars, and over 3,000 blocks. Congratulations to everyone participating in the club toy project this year - both those making cars and blocks included - another outstanding year helping those in need in our local community.

Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Steering Committee Minutes: November 14, 2023

Present: Paul Wilson, Skip Porter, Steve Romo, Gene Getz, Dick Toney, Paula Wolven, Ray Wolven

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

Finances (Paul W.): Approx \$3,300 balance at the end of month with only minor expenses pending.

Membership (Steve R.): There are 35 paid club members and two compensated members. 23 members and 5 guests attended the November wheels and axles meeting..

Toy project (Dick T.): Cars inventory = Approx 1,100 cars in inventory and ready to be distributed to the charities. Approx 200-400 sets of wheels and axles left in stock. More will need to be purchased for next year's project. Paul asked the committee members to research new sources for them prior to the steering committee meeting in January.. A discussion about the toys to be made next year was held. The consensus was that planes and other small toys could be built easily and would be welcomed by our charities. More discussions to follow.

New Business:

A discussion was held about the club show and tell participation award. The steering committee agreed to reward all first time participants each year with 2 raffle tickets instead of just one. After that each show and tell presentation for that person at any future meetings during the year are rewarded with the usual one raffle ticket. The committee also agreed that new red color tickets, especially just for the show and tell participants, will be collected at each meeting, and will be used for a drawing at the end of the year to choose the recipient for the annual participation award going forward.

Steve Romo proposed that the club buy refrigerator style magnets showing the meeting schedule for next year. They would be given to the members, and to any prospective members that might show interest in the club. The committee approved a \$99 expense to buy 40 magnets.

A discussion was held about conducting an on-line zoom meeting session to broadcast our club general meetings so that members that are unable to attend in person could still watch and possibly ask questions. The committee agreed to possibly run a test zoom session during the February meeting if there were any responses or requests from anyone showing interest to an article introducing the idea in the upcoming January Pushstick.

Upcoming Meeting Schedules: The next general club meeting will be the annual Christmas party on December 15 at Parnell Park Community Center.

The 2024 meeting schedules will be published in the January Pushstick, and in an email from Paul Wilson.

Meeting Adjourned 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted by Ray Wolven, November 14, 2023.

Push Stick Show and Tell

This space gives members the opportunity to show off their recent projects that may be too large or otherwise impractical to be shared at the in-person monthly meetings. Send in your pics and let the club see what you are up to!

Birthday Wishes

We are recognizing club members who are celebrating (or not) a birthday during the month. So far, no one with a birthday in December has indicated they would like to be recognized. If you have a birthday in December and would like to have it listed here please let me know! And Happy Birthday to you anyway!

Club Reminders

Don't forget that the club has activities to participate in besides the monthly meetings. Each one is an opportunity to meet and share time with people that you might not otherwise have the privilege of visiting with, and you would be doing something very worthwhile for the community at the same time!

There are still pen mechanisms for the club pen donation project. Contact Paul Wilson if you would like to make a pen for a worthwhile military/veterans charity.

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. Business cards and postcards with club information are available to hand out. See Paul W. if you would like some.

Club Calendar

Club Meeting - Christmas Party! Friday December 15.

Parnell Park Community Center, 15390 Lambert Rd, Whittier

January meeting on the 11th. Whittier Community Center

Steering Committee meeting - Next meeting - Tuesday January 16.

7:00 to 8:00 pm. Whittier Community Center, 7630 Washington Ave. Room # 5

Hathaway Ranch Toy Project.

Distribution day December 4. Then Christmas break.

Monday's January 8, 22, & 29. No work on the 15th honoring MLK Day

9:00 am to approx 11:00 am

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