

The Push Stick

2024 - Our 31st year sharing the woodworking experience

Message from the Prez

I hope all of you are doing well. As we enter into February 2024 has clearly arrived and the club is off to a great start. Over the next few months there will be some exciting announcements made regarding Hathaway, The Toy project and raffle. The first big announcement is the first W.O.W. Olympics in honor of the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris, France. I will be sharing the details and there will be a group discussion on some of the details at this month's club meeting. The second announcement is the club has purchased a drill press and has inherited a band saw and scroll saw from a friend of Dick Toney. These tools will be used at Hathaway for the toy project and other projects for the club. There are more announcements in the coming months to hopefully make 2024 another great year for the club.

In closing I would like to thank all of the members who have paid their dues for 2024. To those who would still like to pay your dues you can either pay in person at the meeting or with the QR code on the club website. Finally as a reminder this month's club meeting on Thurs Feb 8th will be in room 3 at the community center. I hope to see you there.

Paul W.

January Meeting

Paul Wilson opened the January meeting with comments about the club's always successful toy giveaway in December, and the Club Christmas Party. He also shared comments about some of the many club activities in 2024. Paul also announced changes to the Ron Holtz participation award procedures. Going forward, the award winner will not be simply those who participated the most number of times. Instead, each time a member participates in a show and tell throughout the year, Paul will collect a ticket with the person's name on it. Also new this year is the addition of the Push Stick show and tell participation to the award. Everyone participating in a meeting show and tell, OR with a Push Stick show and tell

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submission, will get a ticket. There will be a drawing at the end of the year from all the tickets collected to decide the Ron Holtz award winner.

Paul also asked the membership for volunteers to give presentations for the meetings. There are still a few meetings available for someone to give a presentation.

Show and Tell:

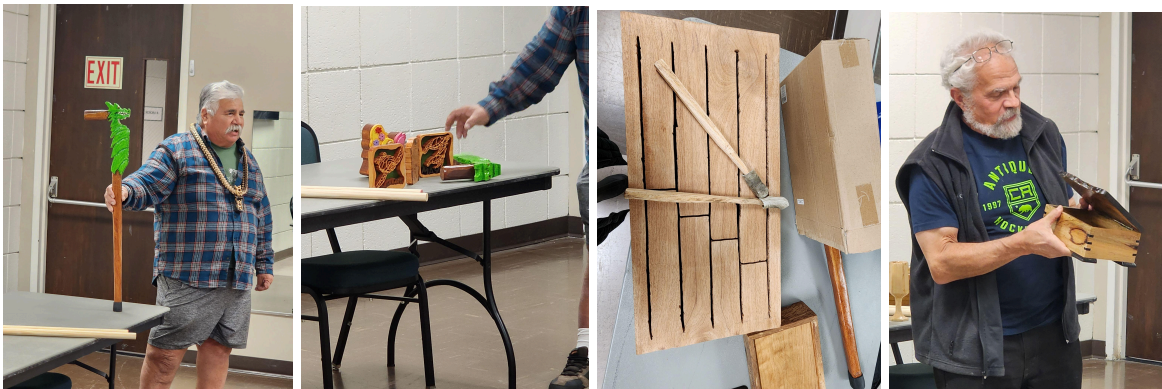
Ray Sosa - A Cane, scroll saw signs, tone box. (Other items not pictured)

Steve lelewer - Olive Wood keepsake box

Mike Perovich - Refurbished vintage chisel

Peter Roeters - Ukeleles

Rubin Johnson - Decorative box made out of some of the Holley Oak that was donated by the Whittier Conservancy.



Hathaway Ranch Activities

The Hathaway ranch team has already been busy in 2024. They have cleaned and organized the shop for the new year, started to make this year's new project - boats, and added some new tools. There is now a new bench top drill press, a scroll saw, and a bench top band saw. A very nice dust collection system was donated by a friend of the club.



Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Steering Committee Minutes: January 16, 2024

Present: Paul Wilson, Steve Romo, Arie Korporaal, Gene Getz, Dick Toney, Louis Lopez, Paula Wolven, Ray Wolven

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

Finances (Arie K.): \$2,962.43 balance at the end of December.

Membership (Steve R.): For the new year there are now 25 paid club members and 5 compensated members. 26 members and 2 guests attended the January general club meeting. The committee reviewed the active and non-active member lists, and will adjust the club mailing list for the new year accordingly.

Raffle Discussion: First, the committee expressed their sincere appreciation to Gene Getz for his many years, countless efforts, and tremendous success, conducting the raffle for the club at all the meetings. Thanks to Gene, the raffle has been a huge benefit to the club every year. Thank you again Gene!

Going forward, Louis Lopez graciously volunteered to handle the raffle at the club meetings. There was a discussion about the number of prizes to be given away at the meetings, the cost for them, and where to get the prizes to be given away. There will be further discussions going forward. It was agreed the club would buy \$10 of lottery tickets to be added to the prize pool for the next meeting to see if there is interest shown by the club or not.

Toy project (Dick T.): The club has approx. 2000 wheels and axles in stock. Blocks are mostly done for 2024. There was a discussion about other types of toys the club could make at Hathaway. The committee settled on making boats next, and approved purchase of a benchtop drill press if no club members were in the position to donate one. Paul will send out an email to the club with this request.

New Business:

- Due to scheduling issues at the Whittier Community Center, we have been asked to delay the start of the June club meeting by one half hour. The new schedule for the club meeting, for June only, is 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.
- The committee discussed an idea Paul offered for a new club contest called the “President’s Challenge”. It would be a contest for club members to make a project using a standard piece of lumber supplied by the club. All members would get a very similar board to work with, but would have no boundaries for what they could make out of it. The committee agreed with the idea. Further discussion to be held regarding how the judging will take place, and what the winning criteria might be. The wood will come from the donated lumber at Hathaway which Julie McCamey and her husband have so graciously provided to the club. Thank you Julie!

Meeting Adjourned 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted by Ray Wolven, January 16, 2024.

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!

This month Chris Voien is sharing pictures of a recent project with this comment : ”Home Depot had no curved red oak quarter round in stock so I made a piece.” I am sure we would all agree that was a very resourceful thing to do, and it looks great! Thank you Chris very much for sending these in!



Birthday Wishes

We are recognizing club members who are celebrating (or not) a birthday during the month. The club members celebrating a birthday in February are Arie Korporaal and Louis Lopez. Happy Birthday!

Swap Meet

There was a suggestion made in our last Steering Committee meeting to include a new classified ad or "Swap Meet" section to the Push stick. This is intended to be a place for members to advertise tools and/or any other items they wish to sell or trade. Send pictures of the item you wish to sell/trade, description of the item, suggested price and/or trade items, and contact info you would like shown to the push stick editor (nevlow27@gmail.com) just the same as your submissions for the Push Stick show and tell. As always, we would be interested in hearing any comments or suggestions that anyone might have about this new newsletter section.

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.

If you have not already done so, please remember to pay your dues for 2024. Dues can be paid at the monthly meeting, or you can go directly to the donations page on our website to pay dues by entering this link in your browser: bit.ly/40sTfKo or by scanning this QR code.



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 - Thursday February 8th. 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Whittier Community Center, Room #3
7630 Washington Ave.

Steering Committee meeting - Tuesday February 13. 7:00 to 8:00 pm.

Whittier Community Center, Room # 5
7630 Washington Ave.

Hathaway Ranch Toy Project.

Monday's February 12, & 26. No work on the 19th honoring President's Day
9:00 am to approx 11:00 am
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