



The Push Stick

2023 - Celebrating Our Club's 30th Anniversary

Message from the Prez

Hello to all. I hope all of you are doing well.

Spring is here and the days are longer which means more daylight to make sawdust.

I hope each of you are taking advantage of the extra time and I look forward to seeing some of your creations at our show and tell. As for this month I would like to encourage any member who has made a project for Easter to consider talking about it at this month's show and tell. I also have some news regarding club community opportunities. We will try something a little different with some of our toys. We will be giving some of our cars to Whittier Presbyterian Hospital. The cars will be handed to kids who are having procedures or have been involved in accidents or any other crisis that might help ease their pain. This is inspired by past member and good friend Ray Mitchum. Please read the article from Alan Webster for more info on his mission. This will be a trial to see how it goes. If successful then we may give a few cars to the hospital whenever we can throughout the year. I will be sharing updates as we move forward with this project.

As for our April club meeting we are in for a treat. Louis Lopez will be doing a demonstration on Inlay. Anyone who has tried it knows already how much it adds to your project. For those who have not tried it I am sure you will learn a lot and perhaps will try it at home. In closing I would like to take this opportunity to recognize some of our members who have not been able to attend club activities due to situations at home or dealing with minor injuries. To those members let me say you are missed and we all hope you can return soon and continue to be part of our woodworking family.

I hope to see all of you at our next club meeting on Thursday April 13th at 6:30pm at the Whittier Community Center.

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March Meeting

Announcements:

- Reminder that the club will have a table at this year's Whittier Founder's Day celebration. The date is May 13, from 9 to 11 in Central Park. Please consider helping out in the booth. Contact Paul for more details.
- Skip Porter is leading the committee to plan our 30th anniversary celebration in July. You can contact Skip or Paul Wilson for more details. Please join the team planning this fun event.
- Reminder to donate for the refreshments at each of the meetings.
- Mark your calendar for a special treat. Our June meeting will be at Stan Quade's house, and it should be very interesting to see his outstanding work.
- The club will have a table at this year's Whittier Founder's Day celebration. The date is May 13, from 9 to 11. at Center Park.
- Reminder that everyone is welcome to participate in the Adventure Park woodcraft classes. A sample of the Easter project was shown.

Show and Tell:

Steve Lelewer shared a camphor and mahogany kaleidoscopes.

Carlos Johnson shared his checkered cutting boards.

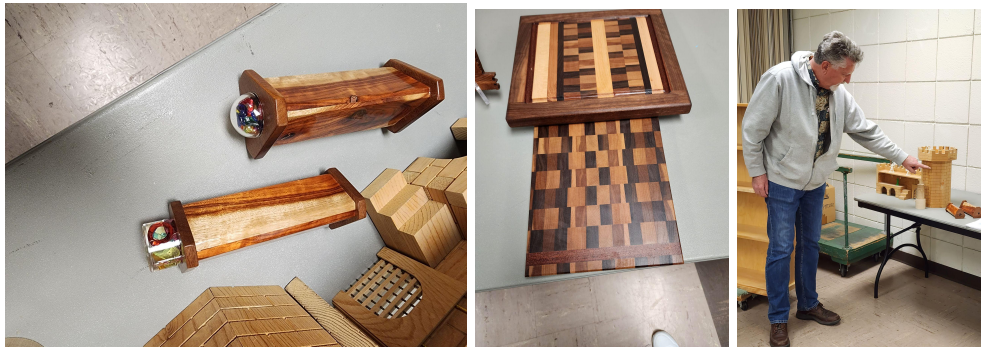
Michael Perovich Shared his castle model.

Ray Sosa shared his scroll saw signs and displays, and red oak bowl.

Ruben Johnson shared wooden tongs and a discussion on small boxes.

Chris Voien shared a Birch and Walnut bookcase.

Steve Romo shared a vase turned out of willow, and a bowl out of Holly Oak.



Guest Speaker :

The guest speaker at our March meeting was David Dickerson, Chair of the Urban Forest Committee at the Whittier Conservancy. David gave a very informative and interesting talk on the conservancy's efforts, and especially about the Holly Oak tree removed recently, and the huge efforts being made to repurpose the wood for meaningful childrens related uses. To show the club's appreciation for his help, the club gave Mr. Dickerson a pen stand and pen made by Dick Toney.



Adventure Park Woodcraft Class

April project with an Easter theme

May classes on 9th and 23rd.

Everyone is invited to come join the fun at these meetings.



Special Contribution From Alan Webster

We received this note and picture from our good friend Alan Webster recently about his recent projects and activities in Kingman, AZ, where he now lives. Thank you Alan!

Hi from Arizona. In the past I did an article on Ray Mitchem (before he passed away) on the pocket cars he made for kids at Presbyterian Hospital. Inspired by him I made a bunch of cars and gave some away. Fast forward I now volunteer at the local hospital in Kingman Arizona, Kingman Regional Medical Center, as a Courtesy Cart Driver and front desk help. Sometimes I see kids come in (usually to visit a relative) and I remembered I had a jug of these cars. I started giving them out and the kids are happy to get them. Hospitals are not a great place to be, it gives them something to be happy about. I remember Ray as I give them out. We have a great volunteer group at the hospital. Making patient's visits a little better through kindness. Alan



Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Steering Committee Minutes: March 14, 2023

Present: Paul Wilson, Skip Porter, Steve Romo, Arie Korporaal, Dick Toney, Ray Wolven, Paula Wolven

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

Finances (Arie K.): January ending balance \$2,893.73. February ending balance \$3,410.08. Income from dues and donations exceeded club expenses.

Membership (Steve R.): There are 28 paid club members and one compensated member. Steve and Paul to call past (unpaid) members about joining again for this year. March meeting attendance was 22, including 19 members and 3 guests.

Toy project (Dick T.): Approx 50 cars were reworked after the last wheels and axles meeting. The club currently has approx 633 cars. 11 sets of blocks have already been completed, which is the anticipated number needed for 2023. The club is continuing to work on blocks at Hathaway, and is approx 60% completed towards 2024 requirements.

Raffle Update: The March meeting resulted in \$55 in sales, against \$18.69 in expenses. Year to date \$196 in tickets sold, \$75.50 in expenses, and \$45 has already been assigned to this year's Christmas party fund.

New Business:

- Paul volunteers to track refreshment expenses for the meetings. The club wants to assure that donations are sufficient to cover the expense.
- Paula Wolven volunteers to help as designated club photographer.
- Discussion about finding volunteers to support the Founders day activities. Decision made to give cars away to children. The Whittier Art Assoc and Gallery has again graciously volunteered to allow the children to decorate the cars in their booth, using markers this year instead of paint. The committee also approved a \$30 expense for the club booth reservation and \$100 for our club name on their banner. Steve, Dick, Skip and Arie generously volunteered donations during the meeting to cover most of the expense. Motion approved to use 2 boxes of cars for the give away.
- Skip suggested, and the committee agreed to research the idea for rubber stamping the club name on the bottom of all cars given away.
- Club meetings at the Whittier community center have been officially reserved through September. The balance of the year will be reserved when the City opens the reservation window for those months.
- Discussion about a letter the club might use asking for donations. Arie provided a draft that was reviewed and approved.
- Discussion about planning for the 30th anniversary party. The committee agreed to raise the issue at the next general meeting.

Upcoming Meeting Schedules: The next general club meeting will be April 13, and the next steering committee meeting will be held April 18. Both to be held at the Whittier community center. The next woodcraft class at Adventure Park rescheduled for April 4 to allow for completion of the Easter projects before Easter. May woodcraft classes will be on the 11th and 23rd.

Meeting Adjourned 8:07 pm

Respectfully submitted by Ray Wolven, March 14, 2023.

Push Stick Show and Tell

No submissions this month. 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!

Club Reminders

Founders Day booth and demonstrations at Central Park. May 13, 9 to 11.

30th anniversary party - Please see Luis Lopez to volunteer to help plan this fun activity!

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!

If you have not already done so, please remember to pay your dues. 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.



(Thanks to Arie K. for bringing us into the 21st century with these cool new on-line tools!)

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.



April Club Calendar

Club Meeting - Thursday April 13, 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Whittier Community Center, 7630 Washington Ave. Room # 2

Steering Committee meeting - Tuesday April 18

7:00 to 8:00 pm. Whittier Community Center

7630 Washington Ave. Room # 5

Hathaway Ranch Toy Project

Monday's April 3, 10, 17, & 24.

9:00 am to approx 11:00 am

11901 Florence Ave. Santa Fe Springs, 90670

Adventure Park Woodcraft Project - Next classes are in May, on the 9th and 23rd.

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

