



# 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. I have a couple of updates to share first. The club's 30th anniversary celebration is planned for our July meeting which will be on Thursday July 13th. Vice President Skip Porter has graciously agreed to organize the event. If anyone would like to be a part of the committee or if you have any ideas please contact Skip. The event will be outside and open to the public. The location, time and additional information will be announced as soon as possible. Please keep the date marked and invite friends and family to help us celebrate,

The second item I would like to update you on is the toy project is well under way for 2023. The blocks are being sanded and Dick T. has informed us that we have approximately 550 cars at Hathaway with wheels and axles. I understand that some of you will be making more at home for our wheels and axles meeting in November. If you have any questions regarding cars or blocks or helping at Hathaway please contact a member of our toy project committee: Ron Holtz, Jim Sparling, Gene Getz or Dick Toney, I look forward to seeing you at our next club meeting on February 9th.

Paul W.

## January Meeting

### Announcements:

- Implementing a 3 minute time limit for show and tell, and 20 minute time limit for presentations in order to allow all who wish to participate.
- Recognizing the club's 30th anniversary this year. Celebration in July to coincide with the 200th edition of the Pushstick.

Our Guest speaker was Mike Perovich who gave a very interesting and informative talk about sharpening.

Show and Tell: Alan Webster shared a scroll saw angel - Brought to us by Paul Wilson from his recent visit to see Alan. Ruben Johnson shared mazes and a trivet made with a CNC, Ray Sosa shared scroll saw signs and

### Officers

President and  
Program Chair

Paul Wilson

(562) 968-4162

Vice President

Skip Porter

(562) 650-4285

Treasurer and  
website publisher

Arie Korporaal

(562) 652-1271

Secretary and  
Pushstick Editor

Ray Wolven

(562) 708-2539

Membership and  
Social Media Editor

Steven Romo

(562) 907-9472

Raffle

Gene Getz

(562) 322-1300

Refreshments

Julie McCamey

(562) 237-0920

### Founders

John Erickson &

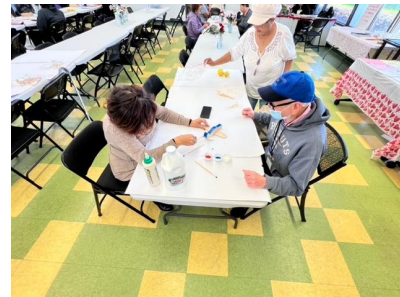
Jerry Hughes

pictures, Steve Lelewer shared pens and a kaleidoscope, and Louis Lopez shared intricate cutting boards.



## Adventure Park Woodcraft Class

The latest project from the woodcraft class - wooden airplanes.



(Pictures courtesy Arie Korporaal- Thanks Arie!)

# Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

**Steering Committee Minutes:** January 17, 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.):** Year End December balance \$2,893.73 The committee to hold a routine audit of the books during the next meeting..

**Membership (Steve R.):** There are 21 paid club members after the first meeting for 2023. The prices for wood, and engraving has gone up and it was suggested the club charge \$10 for replacement of a members badge. Steering committee approved the charge.

**Toy project (Dick T.):** The club currently has approx 550 cars, plus wheels and axles to complete a total of approx 1,200 cars. Final results from December toy distribution day are still pending. During the distribution at Hathaway two charities indicated they would like to receive more cars, and one charity indicated they would like to start receiving cars with the blocks they have been receiving to date. The committee approved a suggestion to make pens this year to be given to the persons that pick up their cars and blocks at Hathaway, to hopefully motivate the charities to pick up instead of having a club member deliver them. Idea to be presented to the club at the next meeting to see if there is any interest to do this.

**Raffle Update:** The January meeting resulted in \$66 in sales, against \$31.99 in expenses. \$10 has been assigned to this year's Christmas party fund.

## **New Business:**

- Proposal approved to buy more club postcards and business cards. New artwork necessary to show the new club meeting location as the Whittier Community center.
- It has been determined that Parnell Park can again be used for the club Christmas party. The usual \$200 deposit will need to be paid. Steering committee discussed and approved for the club to return to Parnell Park for the party.
- The club's 30th anniversary celebration was discussed. The date of July 13th was suggested and approved. The suggestion to form a committee to plan the celebration was also discussed and approved. Skip Porter graciously volunteered to chair the committee.

**Upcoming Meeting Schedules:** The next general club meeting will be February 9 at the Whittier Community Center. The next steering committee meeting will be held March 14 at the Whittier community center. The February steering meeting has been canceled. The next woodcraft classes at Adventure Park are scheduled for February 7 and 28.

Meeting Adjourned 7:50 pm

Respectfully submitted by Ray Wolven, January 17, 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. Let the club see what you are up to!

## Club Reminders

Due to increases in the prices of wood and engraving, the steering committee has agreed that a \$10 charge to replace a name badge has become necessary. We appreciate your understanding.

Some members have asked about the opportunity to return to holding the club Christmas party at Parnell park. After discussions with the park, we have learned that it is once again permissible for us to use the meeting room there as we have done in the past. The room has already been booked by another organization for the Thursday we would normally hold our party, so this year the club has reserved the next day, Friday the 15th. Mark your calendars now!

The guest speaker at our February meeting will be Steve Lelewer. His subject will be explaining casting and wood stabilizing. Steve always gives us a very interesting presentation - don't miss it!

It is a new year and the club is off to a fast start. 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](https://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.

### **February Club Calendar**

February Club Meeting - Thursday February 9, 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

Whittier Community Center, 7630 Washington Ave. Room # 2

Steering Committee meeting - No Meeting in February

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

7630 Washington Ave. Room # 5

Hathaway Ranch Toy Project -

Monday Feb 6, 13, & 27 No meeting on Feb 20, Presidents Day

9:00 am to approx 11:00 am

11901 Florence Ave. Santa Fe Springs, 90670

Adventure Park Woodcraft Project - 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each Month. February workshops this month are on the 7th and 28th.

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

