



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. The officers and I would like to thank all of this year's guest speakers. The members who did demonstrations this year did a great job. Each of them were very well planned and were very interesting. I have also heard from various members on the great job you did. As 2023 winds down I am already working on next year's guest speakers. There are a total of 10 meetings that I would like to have a guest speaker for. I do have a few already lined up. If you would like to do a demonstration in 2024 please let me know and I will get you signed up for next year. Again thank you to each member who spoke at this year's meetings.

A few reminders regarding the last few months of this year. November 9th will be our wheels and axles meeting. If you are planning to attend please do not forget to bring a small hammer. On Friday December 15th will be the club's annual Christmas PotLuck. We will be back at Parnell Park. The party begins at 6pm. If you would like to help set up, the doors will be open at 5pm. To our members we ask that you bring 1 or more of the following: main dish, side dish, or a desert. We also ask members to make 3-4 wooden door prizes that we raffle off. The raffle is 1 ticket per person and everyone wins something. There will also be a drawing for the club members. This raffle is also free. There will be a guest sign up sheet at the October club meeting so we can get a headcount for the Christmas party, a count on the door prizes being brought, and an idea for what kind of food dish you are bringing. We encourage you to bring your spouse and or family member or friend so that we can share with them all the success the club has had during the last year. I hope to see you there. 2023 was a great year for the club and your support and help is very much appreciated. Hopefully we can make 2024 even better.

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September Meeting

The September meeting was an interesting evening. Paul Wilson spoke about the Whittier High School Cheer box project, and shared that the school was very thankful for the club's efforts, and is anxious to have us make more boxes for them next year. See the section about the Hathaway project below for more details. Then, Paul gifted Gene Getz a "Route 66" coffee mug in appreciation for his generous donations of food for the club's recent 30th anniversary party. Paul then offered a proposal to the club membership about creating a new "Emeritus" recognition award. This special recognition would go to a Hunter Smith award recipient recognizing their outstanding service to the club by giving them lifetime club membership and a special badge. The club voted unanimously in favor of the proposal.

Our guest speaker was Rubin Johnson. He gave a very eloquent presentation about the Cerritos College Falcon Tool tote project that the students there make. It was extremely interesting to hear the many aspects, thought processes, and techniques of woodworking that are taught by a simple project like a tool tote. And the tool tote that Rubin made looked very well done.

Show and Tell - a huge thank you to all that participated-

Randy Bragg displayed some nice looking pens he made.

Ray Sosa showed some signs, and wood burning/scroll work napkin holder, and pictures.

Louis Lopez showed off a nice wood car with acrylic spray finish and black food coloring on the wheels.

Dick Toney showed a very creative candelabra made from a previous project's drop off.

Steve Lelewer showed an 18" pepper mill with fractal burning and brass fillings.

Ruben Johnson showed off his wood sided wagon.

Peter Roeters showed us his hand made ukulele.

Steve Bruns showed us his colorful wood chopping whirligig.

Bill Covell brought his rubber band gun.

Mike Perovich showed us a Stanley #3 plane and a type 17 and type 11 plane.

Carlos Jackson showed off a turned bowl.



Adventure Park Woodcraft Class

Below is a picture of the halloween trivets the group made for our most recent project. There will also be projects for Thanksgiving and then Christmas. Come on by and help out if you can.



Hathaway Ranch Activities

The crew at Hathaway is currently busy sanding the last few blocks and bagging all of the blocks needed for distribution day this year. A recent project to make boxes for the Whittier High Varsity Cheer Team was a huge success. Here are pictures showing Paul and Dick at a recent Whittier High football game to see them in action.

Paula Wilson, Skip Porter, Louis Lopez, Carlos Jackson, Ray Sosa, Dick Toney, Gene Getz, Julie McCamey, and Arie Korporaal all had a hand in making the boxes.



Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Steering Committee Minutes: September 19, 2023

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

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

Finances (Arie K.): August ending bank balance \$3,439.10.

Membership (Steve R.): There are 35 paid club members and two compensated members. July meeting attendance was 24 members and no guests.

Toy project (Dick T.): Cars inventory = Approx 1000 cars in inventory – some without wheels and axles. The anticipated amount of blocks to be given away in 2023 are completed, and 40% of them have now been bagged and are ready for distribution. 80% of blocks expected to be needed in 2024 are completed.

Raffle Project Update: The last meeting resulted in \$103 in tickets sold against expenses of \$9.99. YTD totals are \$464 in sales and \$188.76 in Expenses. YTD \$300 has been earmarked for the Christmas party fund – our goal for the year has been reached!

New Business:

- Proposal for 2024 club meeting dates and steering committee meeting dates was reviewed and approved.
- Discussion on a new idea for the club members to be given cards in the club meeting for them to pose questions about woodworking, and for the answers to be posted in the next Pushstick. The questions will be reviewed at the next steering committee

meeting, and appropriate responses will be determined there. The motion was voted on and approved.

- Proposal discussed and approved to make new videos for the website and club facebook page showing how the blocks and cars are made. Further discussion about who will make the videos, and where, to be determined later.
- Discussion and agreement to make December 4 the distribution day at Hathaway. The toy committee is to start making arrangements with the various charities to pick up or ask the club to deliver to them. No other activities at Hathaway are currently planned for December.

Upcoming Meeting Schedules: The next general club meeting will be October 12, and the next steering committee meeting will be held October 17, both at the Whittier community center.

Meeting Adjourned 7:32 pm

Respectfully submitted by Ray Wolven, September 19, 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!

In January Chris Voien shared pictures with us of a beautiful bookcase he had built. Since then he has added glass doors to it, and they look great - nice job Chris!



Birthday Wishes

We are recognizing club members who are celebrating (or not) a birthday during the month. This month the following club members with Birthdays in October are: Carlos Jackson and Phil McNear. Happy Birthday!

Club Reminders

For our October meeting we will forgo having a guest speaker, and instead watch a short video about our block making project at the Hathaway Ranch Shop. There are new club members that are not familiar with that project, and others that have not had a chance to see exactly what goes on there. This will give everyone a chance to see what is involved in that very worthwhile effort!

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. And starting this year, the club has decided that any club members who have not paid their dues by the end of the year will be dropped from the Pushstick mailing list. So please get your money in soon! 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.

October Club Calendar

Club Meeting - Thursday October 12, 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Whittier Community Center.

Steering Committee meeting - Tuesday October 17,

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

Hathaway Ranch Toy Project

Monday's October 16, 23 and 30, (not on the 9th)

9:00 am to approx 11:00 am

11901 Florence Ave. Santa Fe Springs, 90670

Adventure Park Woodcraft Project - Tuesdays October 24 and tentatively the 31st.

Double check with Paul W. sometime the week prior. 10:30 am to 11:30 am -

Adventure Park