



# 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 and staying cool. Turning the calendar to September means there is relief in site. Fall is not too far off and the holidays will be here before you know it. So with just a few months before our club's annual Christmas party I would like to take this opportunity to remind those of you who are planning to attend this year's party not to forget the door prizes. Each member is asked to bring 3 -4 handmade items in addition to a potluck item such as a main dish dessert or a side dish. Members are welcome to bring more than one food item if they would like. The party usually has an attendance of about 40 - 50 people. I will follow up in the coming months to keep track of the food items.

As for other club news I would like to thank the following officers for returning for another year of service to the club. Vice President Skip Porter, Treasurer Arie Korporaal, Secretary Ray Wolven, Membership Steve Romo. The appointed officers are Raffle - Gene Getz, Refreshments - Julie McCamey. A big thank you to each of you for all of your hard work. I would like to give a special thank you to Arie K. for his work on the clubs website and Ray W. for his work on the clubs newsletter. I look forward to working with you once again during the next year as we continue to build the club and increase activities and participation. In closing I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the first responders on 9/11. This year will be the 22nd anniversary and the bravery has not been forgotten.

## August Meeting

Ray Sosa did a very nice introductory presentation on the use of the scroll saw. He talked about the different types of blades and when they should be used, and showed several samples of his work.

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Show and Tell - Steve Lelewer, Louis Lopez, Rubin Johnson, Jim Sparling, Ray Sosa, Mike Perovich, Bill Covell and Carlos Jackson all showed off their skills this month. Unfortunately we do not have pictures for all of them. Thank you all for your participation!

## Adventure Park Woodcraft Class

We will be starting a Halloween trivet for this month's project on Tuesday the 19th. After that there will be projects for Thanksgiving and then Christmas. Come on by and help out if you can.

## Hathaway Ranch Activities

Soon we will be starting to put the blocks we have made into bags for distribution this year. This year has seen the club getting involved in new and different projects there. If you have not been to Hathaway to see what we are doing lately then it is time to stop by and see. The team at Hathaway recently completed making some rabbit boxes for a friend of Dr. Rippy (Dr. Rippy is the owner of Hathaway Ranch, and a huge supporter for our club). Pictured below is the recipient of the boxes, Jolen, and her son Wyatt. Wyatt has also been helping the crew at Hathaway over the summer each Monday, and has been a tremendous help. Thank you Wyatt!



## Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

**Steering Committee Minutes:** August 15, 2023

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

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

**Finances (Arie K.):** July ending bank balance \$3,402.69.

**Membership (Steve R.):** There are 34 paid club members and two compensated members. July meeting attendance was 23 members and 3 guests. 8 new members so far this year.

**Toy project (Dick T.):** Cars inventory = Approx 1000 cars in inventory - some without wheels and axles. The quantity of blocks has not changed since last month. The anticipated amount to be given away in 2023 are completed. 80% of blocks expected to be needed in 2024 are completed.

**Raffle Project Update:** The last meeting resulted in \$68 in tickets sold against expenses of \$17.79. YTD totals are \$464 in sales and \$188.76 in Expenses. YTD \$165.11 has been earmarked for the Christmas party fund.

**New Business:**

- Discussion about the Hathaway schedule. No specific changes are necessary at this point.
- Discussion about labeling cars instead of branding them. Aerie provided samples of both, and the committee decided to proceed with labeling all cars beginning at the first opportunity to do so.
- Discussion, vote, and approval to a small club expense to buy small yard signs to be used to promote any future yard sales that the club participates in.
- Discussion about the method to price the cheerleader box project for Whittier High School. Agreed to further discussions at a later date.
- Discussion, vote, and approval to ask Steve Lelewer to engrave any new club badges needed going forward.

**Upcoming Meeting Schedules:** The next general club meeting will be September 14, and the next steering committee meeting will be held September 19 at the Whittier community center.

Meeting Adjourned 8:02 pm

Respectfully submitted by Ray Wolven, August 15, 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!

This month **Chris Voien** sent in these pictures of a gorgeous lectern he rebuilt recently, "Made of red oak with breadboard ends and stained with red mahogany."

Very nice - Way to go Chris!



Also - **Mike Perovich** sent in these links to his you tube videos where he showed off some very nice restoring, painting, and refinishing on various magic props he has worked on. These videos are very interesting to watch, and to admire his fine work. Nice job Mike!

▶ [Pandemic Magic Apparatus fixes](#)

▶ [Magic Apparatus Made as an Adult](#)

## Birthday Wishes

Welcoming a new section to the Pushstick this month - We are recognizing club members who are celebrating (or not) a birthday during the month. This month the following club members with Birthdays in September are: Dick Toney and Paul Wilson. Happy Birthday!

## Club Reminders

The guest speaker at our next meeting will be Rubin Johnson. He always has something interesting and informative to share with the club, don't miss it!

Club member Stan Quade and his wife recently celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. You may remember that Stan and his family hosted the club at his house for our June meeting and showed off the prodigious amount of handiwork he has created over the years. His story was also recently posted

in the local la Habra Heights newsletter. A copy of the story being posted on our club website. Arie K. has done a fantastic job updating our website over the last few months. Give it a look, and let him know we appreciate his efforts.

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](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.

### **September Club Calendar**

Club Meeting - Thursday September 14, 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Whittier Community Center.

Steering Committee meeting - Tuesday September 19,

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

Hathaway Ranch Toy Project

Monday's September 18 and 25, (not on the 11th)

9:00 am to approx 11:00 am

11901 Florence Ave. Santa Fe Springs, 90670

Adventure Park Woodcraft Project - Tuesday September 19, and TENTATIVELY Sept.

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

Thanks to Paul Wilson for another memorable artwork contribution to the Pushstick!

