

The Push Stick

Woodworkers of Whittier Bulletin

Due to no meetings until next year, there will be little news to report in the Pushstick. So it is not really a newsletter, but more a bulletin.

Message From the Prez

by Paul Wilson

As the holiday season approaches, I hope all of you are doing well and even though we are unable to get together, the club is still making progress. WOW will be distributing toys to charities this year. For when we are able to meet again, WOW officers and I are working on some ideas to make 2021 a great year. One of things we are working on is making short "how to" videos to post on our club website and Facebook page. If you have any ideas, please let me know. We would like video topics showing projects made with the lathe, scroll saw or any other woodworking project. The projects can range from the easy to intricate.

We are also looking to update the clubs Facebook page and website with some new pictures. If you have any pictures you like to have uploaded, please let me or Alan W. know. Finally I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving. I hope that you are able to spend time with family in a safe and festive environment.

Paul W.

Christmas Project Contest

Since we will not be getting together until next year the officers and I have come up with an idea to keep club activities active until we are able to meet again. Please read the criteria for the contest. The prize is a 20 piece router bit set. **We have only had two entries so far so please send your photos and descriptions.** Paul W.

Contest Criteria

1. Item must be made between October 1st and December 5th
2. Please Include types of wood used and what the item is.
3. Projects are to be simple like bowls, cutting boards or any other type of simple project that would be made as Christmas gifts
4. All entries must be received by December 5th to either Alan W. or Paul W.
5. The Winner will be announced on December 9th
6. The prize is a 20pc Carbide router bit set. (See attached photo)
7. The Contest judges are Louis Lopez, Alan Webster and Ron Holtz.

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Jim Callen

WOW member Jim Callen died of bladder cancer at the age of 91 in September. He was an active club member bringing show and tell items he made on his scroll saw. He also was a magician, sharing his act with WOW members several times. Here is what I wrote about Jim four years ago after one of his shows. Jim will be missed.

Dr. Presto

Jim has been interested in magic since 1943 when at an 8th grade assembly, there was a magic performance. He was hooked and magic has been a lifelong hobby since.

His family moved from Pennsylvania to California. In 1959 he was performing at Hacienda School. A policeman, who happened to be a fellow magician, urged Jim to join the International Brotherhood of Magicians. He has belonged to various organizations since then. In 1972 he joined the Magic Castle. The Castle needed to upgrade its building and offered lifetime memberships for \$1,000. That was a lot of money for Jim, but he came up with it. It was a great move. Memberships is now \$650 year.

Jim worked for GTE 37 years, doing magic as a hobby. He took what money he did earn performing to buy magic props. He estimates he has done 400 shows for schools, churches, Boy and Girl Scouts, and other organizations.

He has had some bloopers. One was when he was switching a real egg for a wooden one under his arm. The real egg had a thin shell and broke under his armpit getting all over his suit.

Jim hasn't performed for awhile, but came out of retirement to put on a show for WOW. Thank you Jim!

