

The Push Stick

Using the Internet for Woodworking



I did a demonstration at the August meeting, showing the usefulness of the internet for the woodworker. It is a great research tool for finding out information. I covered three ways to use it:

Get Ideas, Learn Techniques and Get Information on Tools

Google is the best known way to find information on the internet. What many people don't know is that when you do a search, it will also do an image search. Recently I wanted **ideas** for a toy tugboat. By doing a Google search I got pictures of toy tugboats. Click on the picture and you can get more information .

Another popular way to see pictures of woodworking projects, is to go to www.pinterest.com . This is a site where people put together collection of pictures they like from the internet. These collections have themes. One collection I have is "Things I want to make". You can see other peoples collections and search them.

www.youtube.com is an excellent place to learn woodworking **techniques**. There are probably a million videos there. Some are great and some lousy. Here are a few of the people I follow. Steve Ramsey (does wood projects weekly, John Heisz, Mathias Wandel, The Wood Whisperer, April Wilkerson and Izzy Swan. Most of these people also have associated websites where they post plans. I find if I need a jig for my workshop, doing a search on Youtube finds me someone who has already made one.

The woodworking magazines have websites and Facebook pages where they post free tips, plans and videos. Wood Magazine is a good one. Woodworkers Guild of America often posts free short videos.

Before buying a **tool**, do a google search for reviews. It will lead you to websites with information on that tool. Also go to www.amazon.com and look up a tool. Even if you don't buy it there, looking at the reviews is most helpful.

If you have and old tool without an owners manual, do a google search with the make and model number. You can often find a site that has a free manual in pdf format that you can download for free. Craftsman is really good about this.

So, use the internet to help in your woodworking endeavors....Alan Webster

September 10th Meeting

This month Fred Richter on Halloween Props made from wood.

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General Club News

Steering Committee Minutes- WOW has 41 paid members. \$2933 in the bank. Jim Sparling said they have enough blocks cut for 2015 and are working on 2016. At the August WOW meeting Dick Toney sent around a sheet for wheels and axels. Members said they are making 1165 cars. He will send the sign-up sheet around at the next meeting too. This is so we know how many wheels to purchase.

If you are making **toy cars** for WOW and need wheels, let Dick Toney know.

Volunteers needed to put WOW toys in Library displays and under city Christmas Trees. It gives the club publicity and is a community service. Call Jim Sparling for details. 562-943-3013. We also need a program chairman for speakers at WOW meetings. If you come across someone who would be good for a presentation at a WOW meeting and is interested in doing it, please let us know.

Please bring **Xmas gift ideas** to the WOW show and tell. This gives other members ideas on what they can make for the Christmas raffle. It doesn't have to be fancy. Something that can be used in the shop is a bonus.

Louis Lopez Open Shop

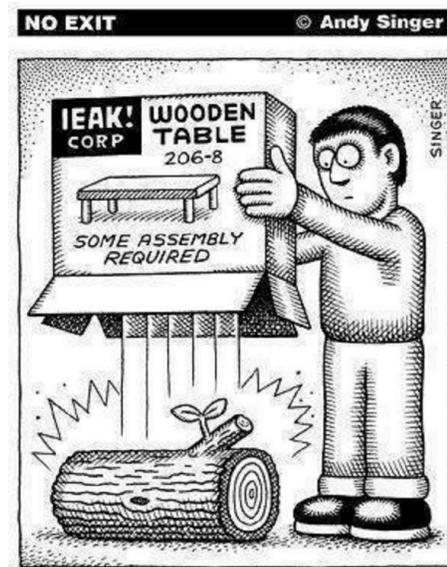
Louis Lopez had an open shop at his place. I have been to his shop before and it always impressive. Ray and Judy Mitchem, Arie Korporaal, Dick Toney, Don Prince and Alan Webster were there to see Louis' shop and creations. Louis likes the "Arts and Crafts" style of furniture, so that is what he makes. He said his wife doesn't like that style so he has it in his "man cave" area. He makes beautiful furniture and it is smooth as glass. He has to get some of the finishes he uses from Arizona, as they are not sold in California anymore. These include oil based poly and lacquer.

He was showing us two grandfather clocks he is making. It was supposed to be one, but Louis found the original plans weren't correct after he had already started building . He called the plan seller and they told him "oh those plans are wrong". Louis was not happy. You can see in the picture, the taller clock is the correct one. He hopes to sell the smaller one.

Thanks so much for showing us your shop Louis. It is great!

Club Calendar

Sept. Meeting -Thursday Sept. 10th 6:30-8:00 p.m.
 Steering Committee-Tuesday Sept. 15th 7-8:00p.m.
 October Meeting- Thursday Oct. 8th 6:30-8:00 p.m.
 Steering Committee - Tuesday Oct 13th 7-8:00 p.m.
 Meet 2nd Thursday of the month at Adventure Park
 10130 Gunn Avenue Whittier , CA 90605



Upcoming Meetings

October- Harold Greene fine furniture maker.

November- Wheels and Axel installation

Thanks to: Harold Ehlers for mailing the newsletter, Julie McCamey for bringing the snacks.