

The Push Stick



At the July meeting, David Tilson from the Pasadena Rockler Store gave us some instruction on sharpening chisels and plane blades.

He thinks that Leonard Lee's book "The Complete Guide to Sharpening" is a great way to get started in sharpening.

He showed how to use a sharpening stone to sharpen a chisel. He likes Japanese water stones as opposed to oil stones that attract dust and are messy. The Japanese stones cut fast, but are soft, so change the area you are sharpening on often for even wear. They can be flattened with wet/dry sandpaper on a sheet of glass. He says the King brand of Japanese water stones is a good value and uses a 1000/6000 grit combination stone with a holder.

You need to use a honing guide to hold the chisel at the right angle. David likes the Lee Valley Veritas honing guide.

After placing a chisel in honing guide, blacken the cutting edge with a Sharpie. Drawing the hone across the stone, look at where the marker has been removed to see if you have the right angle set on the guide. Adjust and test again. Once you have the angle set so it is cutting evenly, you can start to sharpen, using 1000 grit first and the finish with the 6000 side.

To get a really get a razor edge, a leather strop is used. A piece of leather is attached to a board. Polishing compound is spread on the leather and the chisel edge is polished. These same steps are used for plane blades too.

David also showed us his Tormek sharpening machine. It is a slow speed water cooled grinding wheel. It is not cheap at \$600, but can sharpen just about anything with the proper jig. Thanks David for giving us great demo on sharpening tool blades.



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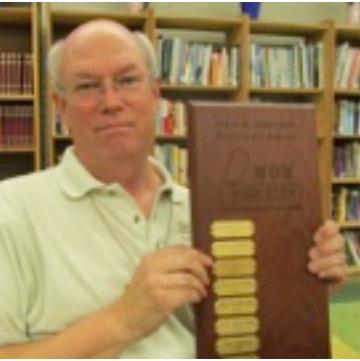
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August 11th Meeting

August meeting demo will be by Dan Wright of D&L Stained Glass. He has some new Street Organs to show us. A couple years ago he showed us hand cranked pipe organs he made. They were very interesting and sounded great.



Alan Webster - Woodworker of the Year

by Dave Reid

Alan Webster, Push Stick editor and Webmaster for the Woodworkers of Whittier website, has been named the club's Woodworker of the Year for 2016-17.

He was cited for making major changes in the look and appearance of the club's newsletter, with the addition of color photos (which he takes), a new look in layouts and lively text.

As Webmaster (woodworkersofwhittier.org) he has improved the website and has also updated the WOW Facebook page. Alan has also been active in many club activities, including participating in the club's Boys and Girls Club holiday ornament project, Founders Day and other events. Congratulations, Alan!



Outgoing President's Message

Alan Schwartz sends a message to the members of WOW. "I am very impressed with the dedication and willingness of WOW members to help with club activities. It is amazing how much gets done with so few problems. Great job! Please support the new President, Dave Reid, as you did me. Thank you."

Toy Makers Needed

President Dave Reid reminds members that WOW has lost some of our major toy car makers. The latest being Ray Mitchem who made hundreds of toy cars for our November Wheels and Axels event. He says members have to "step up" to fill the void. Toy templates are available on our website and help to get you started is just a phone call away. You can call Alan Webster at the 562-943-4919.

Kudos-Vice President, Paul Wilson reports at Hathaway Ranch Jim Lockwood brought a fan, Jim Sparling and Ron Holtz rigged up an awning to shade windows making it cooler to sand. Thanks guys for the improvements.

Steering Committee Minutes- WOW has 42 paid members. Block building project is on schedule. \$2467 in bank.

Don't forget to attend a Steering Committee Meeting. All members can attend. See what goes on behind the scenes of WOW. We meet at the Whittier Senior Center, 13225 Walnut St., off of Painter. Time and dates listed below.



Club Calendar

August Meeting- Thursday Aug. 11th 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Steering Committee-Tuesday Aug. 16th 7-8:00 p.m.

Sept Meeting -Thursday Sept 8th 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Steering Committee-Tuesday Sept 13th 7-8:00p.m.

Meet 2nd Thursday of the month at Adventure Park
10130 Gunn Avenue Whittier , CA 90605

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