

The Push Stick

Battel's Hardware



At the October meeting, Scott Carmichael from Battels True Value Hardware in Whittier came to our meeting and talked about the recent changes at the store. Mr. Battel opened Battel's Hardware in 1943. Scott's father and grandfather bought it from him in 1958. Scott's father told us about this at a WOW meeting 7 years ago.

They were the largest Shopsmith dealer in the nation, selling many at the Los Angeles County Fair. They sold many woodworking tools to our members including Dave Reid who said he bought his Rockwell Unisaw there 33 years ago and has bought many tools since. Scott said his family appreciates WOW members support through the years.

In 1977 Scott's father brought him into the store to repair machinery. When he started he knew nothing about it, but learned through doing. The store sold tools on consignment and many had to be refurbished.

There have been many changes in the past year with a new owner. All the tools they were known for in the woodworking community were deleted. Things were not the same and the store was not doing well.

Scott and a partner bought the company recently and are in the process of bringing the store back up to snuff. They have tools on consignment again and they are bringing in power tools. As time goes on they are expanding departments such as paint and fasteners. They even have dust collection fittings and a sharpening service

I went in there the other day and they have an excellent plumbing department. Home Depot got rid of faucet repair kits, Battel's has hundreds. Scott says if they don't have it, they can find it.

I found latches and hinges for a box I made. Home Depot and Lowe's have a limited selection. Battel's has a huge selection of fasteners. The same helpful guys are there too. With Orchard Supply coming back to Whittier, Battel's is counting on their customer service, knowledgeable staff and hardware selection to keep customers coming to their store.

So go in and support a small businessman in these times of mega stores. Their store hours are Weekdays 8am-6pm Saturday 8am-5pm Sunday 9am-4pm

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November 10th Meeting

All Hands On Deck! We need all members to show up, even if you didn't make cars, for WOW's annual Wheels and Axels meeting. This is when we install the club supplied wheels and axels to cars made by members for charities. We need enough people to finish on time. We need help to put wheels and axels on 1400 cars. Bring a friend or family member and a small hammer for each. This meeting is the favorite one of the year for many members.

Steering Committee Minutes- WOW has 46 paid members. Two new in October - R. Garate and H.

Ludeking. \$1,933 in the bank. Dick Toney projects WOW members will make 1400 cars that will need wheels and axels installed at the November meeting. Jim Sparling showed a list of the 23 Charities WOW gives handmade toys to. Paul Wilson is making a DVD to give to the charities WOW supplies, explaining how the toys and blocks were made.

Toy distribution day to the charities is December 5th from 9-12pm at Hathaway Ranch. Everything will be ready in boxes. If you want to help, call Jim Sparling 562-943-3013

WOW President Dave Reid reminds members that it would be nice to have 3 shop made raffle gifts from each member for the Christmas party raffle. This is suggested and not mandatory. The reason we come up with that amount is that we would like everyone to receive a raffle gift. So we need one for you, one for your guest, and one for the special guest that WOW invites. You can make more.

Even if you make none, we want you at the party. No one will know. Bring food. This is just a reminder to give you time to make something.

2012 Woodworker of the Year **Don Hall** was at the meeting. He was in Texas, but is now in Chino. Good to see you Don!

Jim Sparling reminds members, if they know of someone that has something of interest to share with WOW and can do a 20- 30 minute demo- get their name, company name and telephone number. Call Jim Sparling 562-943-3013. At the moment we are good through January.

Save Money at Christmas! Buy yourself a gift. Don't forget to show your WOW membership card when you go to **Rockler** or **Woodcraft** and save 10% off your purchase. After 20 people from WOW make a purchase at a Rockler store, WOW gets a \$20 Rockler gift card to raffle off!



Club Calendar

Nov Meeting -Thursday Nov 10th 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Steering Committee-Tuesday Nov 15th 7-8:00p.m.
December Party- Thursday Dec. 8th 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Steering Committee- None in December

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

The **WOW Facebook page** is being updated often with club news, videos, announcements between meetings. Give it a look and a "like". www.facebook.com/woodworkersofwhittier

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