

The Push Stick

1919 Chevrolet



At our August meeting Dan Wright, owner of D & L Stained Glass in Whittier, shared with us his 1919 Chevrolet Model 490 light delivery truck with a calliope in back. It cost \$490 in 1919. For an additional \$39 you got an electric starter. This proved so popular, they made it standard in later years, raising the price. When you got the truck it was just the rolling chassis, fenders, motor, transmission. From the steering wheel forward. You had to take it somewhere to install a

cab and bed. Usually this was a local cabinet maker, as it was made from wood.

Dan started this build in 1990. It wasn't a restoration, as it started with a pile of metal pieces. All the wood had turned to dust. He didn't even have all the metal bits and had to find or fabricate them. This was in the 1990s pre-internet which made research much harder. Dan did find a great side view picture he could use for dimensions. It took him 7 years to complete and he only knows of 6 others in the world like it. He advises potential car restorers to make sure all the parts are there before buying a project vehicle.

Dan had us gather around his truck as he pointed out how wood was used in it's construction. Upon looking closely, you can see the parts that look like metal are actually wood painted black and are connected with simple joinery like half lap joints. The wheel spokes are made of hickory, using clincher tires, like bicycles used at the time. In the mid 1920s they started using metal spokes. The main chassis frame is two wooden beams made from poplar. The firewall is also made from wood. When Dan is driving it down the road he can see the truck flex. It is supposed to.

Dan must not have been too overwhelmed building this car 20 years ago, as he continues to restore cars. Thanks for sharing this one Dan!

September Meeting

A captain from the local fire station will tell us what to do in an emergency situation.

Battle's

Dave Reed went to Battle's Hardware on Whittier Blvd and observed that they have "done a lot of beefing up on the hand and power tools. They have completely overhauled the paint department. They are selling tools on consignment and have even added a selection of small sizes of hardwoods obtained

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from a woodworker who has closed his shop” If you haven’t stopped by lately, you might stop by and take a look.



This Motley Crew assembled at Hathaway Ranch, after work was done, to eat pizza. When they heard WOW President Dave Reid was buying pizza, to reward the many hours they have worked in the past year, they all showed up. Most of the time it isn’t this many, but they all volunteer their time when they can. Hathaway Ranch (in Santa Fe Springs) block building is Monday mornings, Call Jim Sparling for more info. 562-943-3013. Leave a message.

Dick Toney, Dave Reid, Gene Getz, John Okawa, Charles Kresge, Ron Holtz, Stan

Quade, Skip Porter, Matt Tran, Jim Lockwood, Jim Callen, Jim Sparling, Jared Sparling, Paul Wilson and Alan Webster were in attendance. Thanks for organizing this Paul Wilson.

Club Info.

WOW has a new member **Bob Caine**. Thanks for joining Bob! We now have 45 members.

Don Prince has moved to Whittier Place Senior Living. It is off Imperial Highway, west of Telegraph. At Don’s urging they are sponsoring a showing of the Woodworkers of Whittier member’s creations. WOW members can bring items to display and to sell. Choose one of your items to enter for **“The Best of Show”** First Place is \$150, Second is \$75, Third is \$25. This isn’t until October 28th, so start creating. I will include a flyer with the October Pushstick.

Survey said...

A reader’s survey in a recent issue of *Woodworker’s Journal* reported that 98 percent of woodworkers own a cordless drill. When asked what they used it for, the number one answer was for woodworking, followed by home improvements. Lending my drill to my neighbor came in dead last.

Twenty percent of respondents said they owned a Dewalt product. Coming in next at 10 percent each were Craftsman, Makita and Ryobi. 85 percent of woodworkers own more than one drill, while 58 percent own more than three. Most woodworkers say they use a corded drill from time to time.... Dave Reid

Save Money! 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

Sept. Meeting -Thursday Sept. 14th 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Steering Committee-Tuesday Sept. 19th 7-8:00p.m.
October Meeting- Thursday Oct. 12th 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Steering Committee- Tuesday Aug. 17th 7-8:00p.m.
Meet 2nd Thursday of the month at Adventure Park
10130 Gunn Avenue Whittier , CA 90605

Woodcarving Show and Competition put on by the Orange County Woodcarvers October 14 & 15 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Santa Ana Elk’s Lodge 212 S. Elk Lane, Santa Ana Free Parking and Admission www.ocwoodcarvers.net

Thanks to: Julie McCamey for bringing the snacks, Gene Getz for organizing the raffle.