

# The Push Stick



## November Meeting



At the November meeting you could hear the tap, tap, tapping of the WOW elves putting wheels and axels on cars. We had to get those cars ready to go not to Santa, but to the 22 charities we supply. This year WOW members and their guest shod 650 cars. These cars were made by members in their home workshops. Woodworkers of Whittier buys the wheels and axels from Cal Dowel in Buena Park. This year we had great help and good organization. We even had the cub scouts represented!

This is one of the favorite meeting of the year, as it finishes up the toys members have built. Special thanks to Al Winberg and Stan Quade for making so many cars. Thanks to all that participated, building cars and putting on the wheels. Time to take a break until next year.

## Toy Distribution Day

December 3rd was toy distribution day at Hathaway Ranch.

This is when the blocks and cars made during the year are given out to charities. Paul Wilson reported it went smoothly with 1800 cars and 4600 blocks given out to 22 charities. Somebody even brought donuts! Thanks to all the volunteers at Hathaway Ranch for bringing a fine conclusion to our years labors.

## December 13th Party

The annual Christmas Potluck for members and guests is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 13th, 2017, at Parnell Park and Senior Center, 15390 Lambert Rd. (corner of Lambert Rd. and Scott Ave. in Whittier). We will have Food, Awards and Prize drawings. Doors will open at 5:15 p.m. for decorating and setup. Food should be brought in at 6 p.m. Guests should arrive shortly after 6 p.m. Program will begin at approximately 6:20 p.m.

Members are encouraged to bring their spouse, partner, friend or other guest. Each member is asked to bring a main dish or salad or dessert, and serving utensils to serve 6 to 8 persons. If appropriate, food should be cut into portions at home. Beverages, plates, cups, napkins and tableware will be provided. Persons bringing soup or chili should bring disposable bowls. Cooks are invited to share their recipes. If you wish to do so, please write your recipe on a small card and place it next to your dish.

## Don Prince

Recently I visited WOW member Don Prince to get his story. Don started life in Pennsylvania, moving to Phoenix, Arizona at age 13. He attended High School there and took woodworking class in his junior and

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senior years, including being a teacher's assistant in that class. He still has the shoeshine box he made as one of the projects.

After graduating he joined the Navy in 1961 serving on the aircraft carrier USS Oriskany. Highlights of his stint were the Cuban Missile Crisis and President John F. Kennedy touring the ship.

After serving two years active and three reserves Don became a bank teller. He worked his way up to managing the Sanwa Bank in Pico Rivera. After 25 years in banking Don started his own mortgage broker business in Brea. After having a stroke at age

60 he retired and as many in our club have, found an old love - woodworking. He built a garage workshop where he liked to use the lathe and scroll saw.

Due to physical problems he has moved to assisted living at Whittier Place. Don has a small scroll saw in his room and carving can be done there too. It turns out woodworking can be done in a small space. He likes to use Basswood for carving and thin Baltic Birch plywood for scroll saw. He gets patterns from books and magazines. One of his sayings is "Woodworkers never make mistakes, they just alter the plans."

Don came to WOW about 8 years ago after reading an ad in the paper. He wanted to be around other woodworkers. He became active in the club and was club President July 2011 to June 2012. Thanks Don for being part of the WOW family!

## Message From the Prez

As we wind down 2018 I would like to thank all of my fellow woodworkers and officers on another great year. 2018 marked the clubs 25th year of making an impact in our community with our toy project leading the way. I hope we can keep this going for many years to come. I would also like to recognize Vice President Louis Lopez for his contribution to the video made by Accuride. The video came out great and Louis did a great job representing himself and the club.

Finally, December means Christmas is near and that means it is time for the club's annual Christmas party. I hope to see you there and please don't forget the door prizes. The club asks that each member attending bring 2 or 3 handmade items. My last wish is I hope each of you have a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful and Happy New Year. Thanks again for all of your hard work.

## Lathe Tools Cheap

Robert Bilevich shared with us how a set of Harbor Freight pry bars can be turned into a set of carbide bit lathe tools. Basically use the handle and shaft on the pry bar and cut off the angled tip and grind an inset for the carbide insert. Drill a hole and tap it for a screw. Buy a set of carbide cutter inserts first before grinding to know how much to take off. You can buy the carbide cutters online at Amazon or Ebay.

### Club Calendar

Dec. Xmas Party-Thursday Dec. 13th 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Steering Committee- None in December

Jan. Meeting -Thursday Jan. 10th 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Steering Committee-Tuesday Jan. 15th 7-8:00p.m

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

Thanks to Julie McCamey for bringing the snacks and Gene Getz for the raffle.