

# The Push Stick

## John Rodgers



Former WOW President John Rodgers passed away December 27th, 2019. He had not been to a meeting in several years due to poor health. He died at the age of 81. He worked for the city of Whittier for 30 years in Parks and Maintenance.

Here is a picture of him receiving an award from then President Alan Schwartz in May 2016. It was for his many years of service to the club and community. He was WOW's President many times, loved to show members how to scroll saw and represented the club at many community functions, where he told

them what WOW did for the community.

The picture to the right is of him sitting at his favorite tool: the scroll saw. His favorite sayings were "Do you make saw dust? Then you're a woodworker." and Stay Safe! "Stay Safe" came about after cutting himself on a table saw. Fortunately, he recovered. His stories about physical therapy make me more careful around power tools.

His wife Charla told me he appreciated the talent of other woodworkers and was proud to be associated with WOW and our Christmas projects. He told others "I work with the greatest bunch of guys. They make all these toys, then give them all away! Rest in Peace John and Thank You.

There will be a Celebration of Life gathering for John on Saturday, February 15th 12:00-4:00 PM. Buffet at 1:30. Ritz Gardens 11201 1st Ave, Whittier, CA 90603 Corner of Leffingwell and 1st Ave. Wear a club shirt if you have one. John would like that.



## Hunter Smith Award

The Hunter Smith Award is given to members that have shown a history of giving to the club and community. **Jim Callen** is such a member. He has made cars, been active at club functions and entertained us with his magic acts as Dr. Presto. Thank you Jim and congratulations!

## February 13th Meeting

Allan Zolnekoff will do a demo on how he makes cigar box guitars.

## Pay Dues

Dues of \$30 are now due. Please make checks out to Woodworkers of Whittier. At the meeting our membership team will be taking your money at the back desk. Please do not interrupt the meeting doing

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this. You can also pay by mail. Send check made out to “Woodworkers of Whittier” to our treasurer Arie Korporaal, WOW Dues, P.O. Box 9314, Whittier, CA 90608. Pay as soon as possible.

If you are a new member and have not received a club badge, please let Paul Wilson know.

## Message From the Prez

As I mentioned last month, I am trying to find ways to help the club grow. One way that I would like to address this is by getting new ideas from our members. Steve Romo, Jim Sparling and myself will be working on this. We welcome any new ideas or suggestion you may have. Also, I would like to see if any member would like to do an open workshop. The last one we had was in 2018, at Ernie Moraga’s home. So if anyone is interested in doing an open workshop, let me know. Even if you have done it before and would like to do it again, I welcome that as well.

Finally, I want to ask if anyone would like be an officer. The club elections are in June and this year we will have at least two openings for elected officers- Secretary and Membership. If you are interested in participating, please let me know as soon as you can. Thank you. Looking forward to seeing all of you at our next club meeting on Feb 13th at 6:30pm and I would like to invite you to our Steering Committee Meeting on Feb 18th 7:00pm at the uptown Whittier senior center. Hope to see you there.....Paul Wilson

## January Meeting

At the January meeting club President **Paul Wilson** did a presentation on the celebration of the 50th anniversary of landing on the moon. What does this have to do with woodworking? Well NASA commissioned the top intarsia expert Judy Gale Roberts to do an art piece celebrating the occasion. Intarsia is the creation of picture using different varieties of wood to get the correct colors and contouring them to make a 3D effect. The same way different types of flowers and spices are used on a Rose Parade float. The project contains over 1300 individual pieces and took 1300 shop hours to complete. See <https://intarsia.com/pages/intarsia-apollo-11-50th-anniversary> for more info. and videos.



## Making Cars

If you would like to make cars for the club’s November meeting we have some requests. The club provides the wheels and axels. They are 1 1/2” wheels that need a 7/32” hole for the axels. The car needs to be at least one inch thick to provide room for the axel pegs.

Make the edges rounded and the body smooth. They are going to be played with. 150 grit sandpaper will work for a final pass.. The club provides four wheels for each car. If you want to make an 18 wheeler, you will have to shod it yourself. Here are some plans to start with. Feel free to come up with your own too.

### Club Calendar

Feb. Meeting- Thursday Feb. 13th 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
 Steering Committee- Tuesday Feb. 18th 7-8:00 p.m.  
 March Meeting -Thursday March 12th 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
 Steering Committee-Tuesday March 17th 7-8:00p.m.  
 Meet 2nd Thursday of the month at Adventure Park  
 10130 Gunn Avenue Whittier , CA 90605

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