
The Push Stick

No More Newsletters Until...

Hi guys, I am sorry there won't be a newsletter until the club can meet again. Just running out of things to write about. There will be email updates when something comes up. Feel free to send me photos. I do put them on Facebook and when I get enough, I will email them out as a Show and Tell edition. There are things happening behind the scenes. The club is not dead, just hibernating. Alan Webster

Message From the Prez

by Paul Wilson

Hello to all. I hope you are in good health.

As 2020 winds down, there are a few things I would like to share with you regarding the club.

First, in a year in which the pandemic complicated our normal routines, the club still distributed toys on our annual distribution day. We distributed 1,200 cars and 3,744 blocks (624 sets of 6) to 12 charities. On behalf of myself and all of the officers of the club, We would like to thank each of you who made cars or blocks this year a big thank you. Your hard work was very much appreciated by everyone that received them.

Secondly, we have an update in regards to dues for 2021. Since we are not sure when we can start our regular meetings again, we have decided to prorate the dues based on however many meetings we end up actually having. More information will be available as we get a better idea on when we can resume more normal activities.

Lastly, until we do get back together, Steve Romo, Ray Wolven and myself have been working on an idea to help the club go virtual for the interim. What we are looking for are short how to videos. They can be about most anything, sharpening tools, making jigs, or any other subject or project you have done lately. We are thinking the videos would be about 3 to 5 minutes long, and about any woodworking related subject you feel others would be interested in, or learn about. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of us.

On behalf on myself and my family, we wish you a very merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.

Until we can meet in person again, best wishes and stay safe;

Paul W.

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Toy Distribution

The crew at Hathaway Ranch has been busy the past year in between shutdowns. They have been building blocks and boxing toy cars. Paul Wilson gives the numbers above in his message from the prez. On toy distribution day Ron Holtz, Dick Toney, Arie Korporaal, Julie McCamey, Joe Duprey and Paul Wilson were on hand getting toys and blocks loaded into cars. The charities WOW supplies came and picked them up. Paul reports things went smoothly.

During the past year, in addition to the members listed above, Ray Wolven, Skip Porter, Gene Getz, Jim Sparling and Jim Lockwood volunteered their time. Another **Big Thanks** goes to all those who made cars this year. Al Winberg made a majority of them, but there were others of us who made cars too.

Even with the tough going this year, members of WOW got it done. Congratulations!



Moving Shop

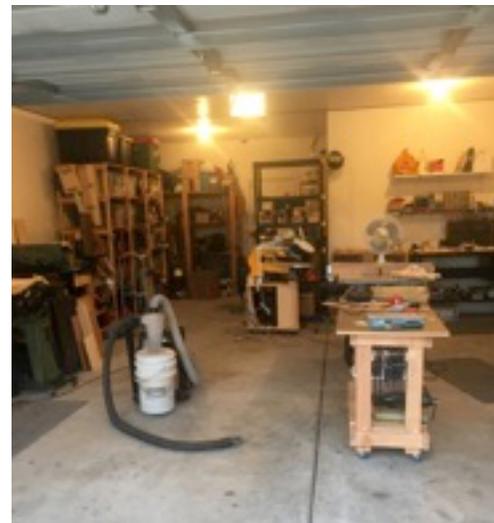
I moved to Kingman Arizona in October. I moved with the help of family and friends using a U-haul truck and my brother's truck and trailer. Moving to a smaller house I had to get rid of a lot of stuff. 70% of the furniture had to go. Furniture is hard to get rid of so I sold cheap and gave away the rest. Even had to throw away some. Facebook Marketplace and Offerup is what I used to advertise. Some popular things I got rid of in an hour, some it took two weeks.

Even in my workshop, I got rid of things I had not used in years. Items not worth much I made into piles, took a picture and sold as a group. You want to get rid of as much as you can, because the moving company will charge you more. In my case, I wanted to save my back. My tools are mostly on wheels and many things are stored in totes so that helped. On big tools like cabinet table saws and big lathes it is probably cheaper to sell them and buy new where you move. If you have things up on the rafters in the garage you had better rent a dumpster. I did not, but my brother filled 5 of them when he moved.

Where I moved to, the garage is big, so my setup is similar to what I had before. I am leasing so can't change the power situation, but I am making it work by plugging into the dryer outlet for 220VAC to power the table saw and compressor.

What did I learn from this ordeal? Get rid of as much as you can, then get rid of more. Have tools on wheels and small items organized in totes. After a month of adjusting, I do feel much better in a slimmed down and less cluttered house and shop. Even if you are not moving, it is great to have more room. Also, your family won't have to deal with it.

Happy woodworking!



Christmas Contest

The votes have been counted for the WOW Christmas Gift Challenge. **Al Winberg** wins first place for his western boot intarsia. In his words "My granddaughter has purchased several pairs of Western Boots so I thought a Intarsia of one of them would make a nice Christmas gift.

I made this Intarsia from a picture my Daughter took without my Granddaughter knowing it

I used Western Red Cedar for boots, Black Walnut the Soles, Yellow Pine for the American Flag, which I painted and used a Woodburning tool to put the design on the Boots. The Intarsia is 14" tall."

Al wins a router bit set.

Jim Sparling won Second place with a \$20 prize for the bowl he turned made of Walnut and Maple.

