

# The Push Stick

Meeting Thursday July 8th 6:30 pm

Let the message go far and wide WOW is back! See Paul's message for details.

## Message From the Prez

*by Paul Wilson*

Hello to all. I hope all of you are doing well. I have a few things I would like to share with you. First, WE ARE COMING BACK! July 8th will be our first club meeting in 16 months.

It has been a long time since we last met and the world is a very different place. As we get back together, we will be following all county and state guidelines. We will have a few changes since we last met, for example, we are asking everyone to continue wearing a mask unless you are speaking during the meeting. We are still working on other details, like whether or not we will be using tables. Also, refreshments will be available as individually wrapped items: cookies, brownies, etc. As for coffee, it will not be available until further notice. So if you would like to have something to drink, bring it with you. There are a lot of changes as result of the pandemic, but we are working on some new ideas to add some excitement to the club. Looking forward to seeing all of you again. I hope you will join us.

There is more club news. The club has raised more than \$900 from the Jim Lockwood tool sale and donations from the wood that Emmett Cassidy found. So thank you to all who have contributed. Finally, there are still several members who have not paid their dues for 2021. Arie will be available to collect dues at the meeting and we hope you will renew your membership.

My thanks to all of you for your patience during the past year. We are ready to get back together and make some sawdust. See you all soon and take care...Paul

## The Pace is Picking up at Hathaway Ranch

*by Arie Korporaal*

Like just about everything else, work at Hathaway Ranch was seriously impacted by the lockdown for the COVID-19 pandemic. For nearly a year there has been a skeleton crew working on one of the two charity projects that help to define the Woodworkers of Whittier.

There is the well-known charitable project where members make wooden toys, mostly cars, out of scrap lumber. Each participating member salvages, cuts, and sands small wooden cars over the course of the year. Every November members bring the car bodies they've crafted to a meeting where wheels and axles are added to make a proper toy.



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Each season that project produces about 1,200 to 1,500 wooden cars to give to charity. Last season, a number of the charities were closed down, so WOW provided cars for 7 charities and the Highway Patrol and Whittier Police Department.

The second charitable project is at Hathaway Ranch and Oil Museum. WOW has a shop on the grounds where sets of building blocks are crated from recycled lumber.

There is a hardy crew that goes to work at the Hathaway shop to cut recycled lumber provided by the local carpenters union. Larger construction lumber is cut down into various sizes and shapes of blocks. Other members of the crew sand the rough-cut blocks into finished child-sized building block sets. The photos show various WOW members sanding the blocks to finished sizes. Other members keep the rough stock supplied to the sanders and the packing finished blocks into complete sets to be given to the same charities that receive the wooden cars.

The crew has made enough sets of blocks for the 7 charities that received blocks last year. Going forward the crew will be making sets of blocks for additional charities that join the list or to begin stockpiling sets of blocks for next year.

You can see WOW members observing proper COVID-19 protocols by wearing masks, social distancing where possible, and working with barriers that shield workers from neighboring workers. The crew you see in the photos work every Monday morning from 9:00 to about 11:30 AM or so.

The more or less regular crew since January had included Julie McCamey, Skip Porter, Dick Toney, Paul Wilson, Arie Korporaal, Joseph Duprey, Gene Getz, Ron Holtz. If you are so inclined, feel free to join the group on Monday mornings. Call Paul Wilson for details. His number is listed in the sidebar.



## Pay Dues

Hi even though we haven't been meeting, the club still has expenses. Our biggest expense is buying wheels and axles for the charity cars. Hathaway Ranch is a monthly expense. Christmas party, website, postage, printing, awards are an expense. Dues are reduced to \$20. You can pay at meeting or Send check made out to "Woodworkers of Whittier" to

### Club Calendar

Steering Committee June 22 Dick Toney's  
 July Meeting- Thursday July 8th 6:30-8:00pm  
 Steering Committee- Tuesday July 13th  
 Steering Committee Meeting To be announced  
 Meet 2nd Thursday of the month at Adventure Park  
 10130 Gunn Avenue Whittier , CA 90605

WOW Dues, P.O. Box 9314, Whittier, CA 90608. Pay as soon as possible. Thanks