



JULY 2014

WOODWORKERS OF WHITTIER

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Meeting Notes

July Meeting

The July meeting is Thursday, July 10 at Adventure Park, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. The park is located at 10130 Gunn Ave., Whittier.

The meeting will feature a presentation by **Paul Kavanaugh** of California Dowel & Turnings, Inc., 7294 Melrose St., Buena Park. The firm is a leading manufacturer and distributor of high quality wood dowels and woodworking supplies. It was the source for wheels and axels used by W.O.W. last year.

At the meeting, **Ray Mitchem** will be officially honored as winner of the club's Woodworker of the Year Award. He will receive an award plaque for his service to the club. Congratulations, **Ray**.

June Meeting

The June meeting featured a fascinating presentation by **Dan Wright**, owner of D & L Stained Glass in Whittier. **Dan** displayed his 1919 Chevrolet Model 490 light delivery truck (original cost: \$525), which Dan restored over a seven-year period. The truck, constructed mainly of wood, was in poor shape when he got it. Most of the wood components had to be replaced. Using the wheel size as a guide, he scaled up all parts based on that size because no plans were available. He made one exception to the original height, lowering the height by 1 ½" so the vehicle could fit in the garage. In the bed of the truck, Dan has a circus calliope that he also built. The instrument played tunes using a player piano roll, much to the delight of club members who gathered around the truck to listen to the music.

During the meeting, elections were held. The lineup of officers and other positions for 2014-2015 remain the same as the previous club year, with the exception of Alan Webster, who changed from club secretary to Push Stick editor. Dave Reid, Push Stick editor, switched with Alan and becomes secretary. Thanks to all for agreeing to serve the club for another term.

Steering Committee Report

Treasurer **Red Nichols** reported a club bank balance of \$2,067.

It was reported that the club already has 2,000 building blocks of each shape that are sanded and ready to go for distribution in 2014.

The Christmas Party will be held Dec. 11 at Parnell Park. The club will pursue monetary grant opportunities from Best Buy. Grant funds could go for wheels, axels, supplies and equipment for Hathaway Ranch.

John Rodgers will conduct a Shopsmith demonstration at the August meeting.

The committee approved the wording for the Hunter Smith Woodworker Achievement Award.

Ray Mitchem reported he has given 150 cars to the ER at Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital.

Toymakers Needed

Because of the passing of **Hunter Smith**, the departure of **Don Hall** to Texas and one or two club members who said they may have to cut back their production of toys, WOW needs more members to step up and increase their efforts in building cars and trucks. **Hunter** and **Don**, in particular, were prolific in producing hundreds of these items. Their production will have to be made up by others if the club is to maintain its goal of serving needy children in the community.

Ron Holtz

As of this writing, **Ron Holtz** is at home and continues to recover from surgeries and hospital stays as a result of a head injury sustained from a fall. He is in good spirits. Cards may be sent to Ron at 11853 S. La Serna Dr., Whittier, CA 90604.

Share Your Skills

Members are encouraged to share their woodworking skills with others in the club who may have limited experience in some aspects of woodworking, such as turning, furniture making, drawer construction, etc.

Show and Tell

Bring an example of any project you wish to tell us about at the July meeting.

On Your Calendar

July Meeting Thursday, July 10, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Steering Committee Tuesday, July 15, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

August Meeting Thursday, August 14, 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Steering Committee Tuesday, August 19, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Thank you Bill, Julie, Harold and Paula