



WOODWORKERS OF WHITTIER

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Meeting Notes

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

The annual Christmas Potluck for members and guests is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 12, 2013, in the Oak Room at Parnell Park and Senior Center, 15390 Lambert Rd. (corner of Lambert Rd. and Scott Ave. in Whittier). Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for setup. Food should be brought in at 6 p.m. Guests should arrive shortly after 6 p.m. Dinner will begin at approximately 6:30 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.

All members are asked to bring three shop-made items for the door prize drawing for guests. We hope to have at least one prize for all guests and spouses. Invited guests will include those who have provided wood for blocks and cars, other suppliers, past guest presenters and others. There will be a separate prize drawing for paid-up members.

November Meeting

The November meeting was the club's annual wheels and axels night in which members put wheels and axels on nearly a thousand cars and trucks that evening. In all, club members made more than 9,000 building blocks and more than 1,600 cars and trucks.

Announcements

Do you have a tool or other item of value that's collecting dust and taking up space? If so, you can now donate it to the club and receive a tax-deductible receipt for the donation from the YMCA. Call **Don Prince** at (562) 447-4455 to make arrangements to get the item to **Don** for resale.

Announcements

For Sale: 7 ¼” worm drive Skill Saw. Excellent condition. Comes with new cord. Asking \$120. Contact **Don Prince**, (562) 447-4455. **Don** is also selling a 6” Frejoth jointer that was donated to the club. It has an adjustable fence and depth of cut, and is in excellent condition. Asking price is \$195.

Help Wanted

The members who work at Hathaway Ranch on Mondays say they can always use more help in sanding. Contact **Ray Mitchem** or **Ron Holtz** if you wish to volunteer. The work takes place on Mondays, 8:30 a.m. – noon. The Ranch is located at 11901 Florence Ave., Santa Fe Springs.

Toy Distribution

Toy Distribution Day took place on Tuesday, Dec. 3 at Hathaway Ranch. Boxes of toys and blocks were distributed to more than 18 charity groups. Volunteers included **Jim Sparling, Ron Holtz, Ray Mitchem, Jim Lockwood, Charles Kresge, John Okawa and Alan Schwartz**. **Joan Holtz** delivered pizzas for lunch, with **Alan** picking up the tab.

Open Shop

If you missed it, you missed one of the best open shops ever at Louis Lopez’s spectacular workshop in La Mirada last month. His shop is in a three-car garage filled with all the necessary tools assembled in his 40 years of woodworking. His home was filled with his creations, clocks, bookcases, tables, a massive entertainment center and more. Each piece was a great example of his skilled craftsmanship. “What didn’t you make?” commented one guest after touring his house. Thanks, Louis, for hosting a memorable open shop.

WOW Toys To Brighten Holiday Display

Toys made by WOW members can now be seen under Christmas trees at Whittier City Hall, Whittier Community Center, Whittier Library, La Mirada Library, James Hardware, Uptown YMCA and the Whittwood YMCA. The Whittwood Branch Library will have toys in a display case.

Jim Sparling and **Ray Mitchem** set up the displays. Thanks, guys!

WOW Recognition

The editor’s column in the December issue of *Wood Magazine* discusses the efforts of woodworking clubs around the country that build toys for children along with other items for charitable causes. With the column is a photo taken at one of WOW’s wheels and axels nights. An accompanying caption reads: “As a group and in their individual shops, Woodworkers of Whittier (Calif.) each year build nearly 1,000 cars and trucks, which then get distributed to needy children.”

Steering Committee Proceedings

Treasurer **Red Nichols** reported a bank balance of \$278.88.

The club membership now includes 45 members.

Annual dues of \$30 are due and should be paid at the January meeting. Because of the tightness of club finances, prompt payment of dues is appreciated.

The committee voted to send a box of toys to Al's Angels Holiday Toy Drive in Connecticut. This is a charity that helps children with cancer, rare blood diseases and severe financial hardship. Last year, the club sent the group a large box of toys to the charity in its efforts to help victims of Hurricane Sandy in Connecticut, New Jersey and New York. The toys were a big hit with the charity and were much appreciated.

The committee also discussed **Don Prince's** tree project. One of **Don's** neighbors donated two oak trees to the club. The trees were felled and **Don** arranged to have them cut into slabs and have them waxed. There are approximately 12 slabs and they are stored at **Don's** home in Whittier. They range from approximately 3' to 4' wide, up to 7' long, and 2" to 3" thick. Each slab will be individually priced. Tree expert **Jeannette Gonzales** is assisting in selling the slabs. Sales will begin early in 2014. Club members interested in the wood should contact **Don** at (562) 447-4455. Net proceeds from the sales will be given to the club.

Lindsay Fisher is still seeking volunteers for the club's ornament project in conjunction with Christmas parties at the Boys and Girls Club on Dec. 13, 3:30 p.m.- 5 p.m., and at Adventure Park on Wednesday, Dec. 18, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. This involves about two hours of volunteer time in assisting youngsters in creating their own Christmas tree ornaments. It's a lot of fun and a great way to help children be creative. Contact Lindsay at (562) 201-1918 if you can help.

On Your Calendar

December Meeting Thursday, Dec. 12, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. (Christmas Party, Parnell Park an Senior Center)

Steering Committee (There will be no Steering Committee meeting in December)

January Meeting Thursday, Jan. 9, 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Steering Committee Tuesday, Jan. 14, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Thank you Bill, Julie, Harold and Paula