

The Wood Rack

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Wednesday, January 6, Brush Barn - 7:30pm

Presidents Message

I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday's. Did you get that special tool on your wish list? I'm hoping for more live Grateful Dead tapes. Does anyone trade tapes, if so please see me. We all should be very pleased with the quality and quantity of the toys made for the children. Im sure they will bring smiles to them all. The Marines were blown away. I didn't see the Air Force there, but I hope everyone noticed the beautiful rocking airplane that landed on the stage. To name one of the 230 toys.

As we start the new year I know Bob Urso and the program committee is working hard for an exciting year. Keep up the good work. Maybe more people would like to get involved this year. A little help goes a long way.

Condolence's go out to Gabe Jean for the loss of his son. Our thoughts and prayers go to you and the family.

Now lets go and make some sawdust.

-- Charlie Felsen (351-9634)

Toys-for-Tots, Holiday Party

How do you describe what took place on Wednesday, December 2 1998? The night started in its usual fashion, members arriving, milling around, setting up the refreshments and tables. But this night was different, it was the night that members brought in the toys they made for the annual "Toys-for-Tots" campaign sponsored by the United States Marine Corp. What a night it was, a virtual fantasy land of trucks, planes, boats, cars, puzzles & games of all shapes and sizes, including a giant airplane rocker and knock hockey table. These fabulous toys brought smiles and admiration to everyone's face for work that truly comes from the heart. for one night we all became children again and remembered a simpler time when your imagination was your computer, and a piece of wood your joystick. These works of art and love will be distributed to the needy children in our communities. What they will hold in their hands is a persons love for working with wood. To create an object that will bring happiness to someone we don't even know. Some of the highlights of the evening, which were too numerous to mention them all, included "A Giant Rocking Plane" by Steve Costello & Frank Allaire, A beautiful "Ferry Boat" by Bill Coveny, Awesome "Planes" by Joe Bottigiore & Jim Heick,

a wonderful "Model-T Truck" by Bill Busch, an incredible display of "Toys" from Eileen Pfreundschuh & Diane Sherin, mighty "Fire Trucks" by Ed Dillon, a "Dog Pull Toy & Puzzles" from Ed Schnepf, a "Big Truck" filled with blocks by Bob Urso, an assortment of "Games" from Joe Adams, Pete from Armor Crafts of East Northport for the "Music Carousel, the Big Bus, Trucks, And Dog Pull Toy" and all the rest of the wonderful toys and games made by a very special group of people "The Long Island Woodworkers Club". Just to complete the night the refreshments were great and really added to the joy of the evening.