

DESERT WOODCRAFTERS ASSOCIATION (DWA)

Meeting Minutes

August 2, 2025

President, Bud Bencic, opened the meeting held at the Flowing Wells High School Auto Shop, at 9:00am with 23 members, and 3 visitors. Visitors were introduced..

MINUTES: Minutes for July were accepted and pre-approved as distributed. One error was discovered afterwards and corrected. Dianna Benson's name was misspelled and corrected.

50/50: The total was \$67. Jeffrey Decker won \$33 and \$34 went to the club.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Current DWA bank balance is \$7,031.90.

BRING BACK: Mike Phillips won the Bring Back, which was a keepsake made by Frank Pickett. Mike will be responsible for bringing a Bring Back item for August.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

Jim Click RAFFLE TICKETS are still available. \$25 or 5/\$100. Prizes include a new car, trips and cash. Tickets can be bought at SAZWA or DWA through Bud Bencic. Raffle takes place in December.

NEW BUSINESS:

There will be a "pen turning session" today after the meeting. Members and guests are invited to stay and turn pens. For those who are not experienced, there will be members to teach the process. Turn a pen and keep it, or donate it to our community project.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS:

DOODLE BOXES (Part of the Toy Project) – Chairman: Terry Glover (520) 290-8503

Each Doodle Box comes with a set of 4 colored, dry-erase makers)

Goal Set for 2025: (between DWA & SAZWA). 1,000

Status for 2025: TBD

* Note: We are taking a break from cutting more boxes out and concentrating on assembling what we have done. Kits are made up and ready to assemble. Contact Terry to volunteer.

TOYS – Chairman: Frank Pickett (520) 546-7646

Goal set for 2025: 3,000 (including Doodle Boxes)

Status for 2025: TBD

* Note wheels and axles are provided for toys cards. See Frank for bags of them. Also if you don't like to paint, but like to build, we can arrange for volunteers to paint for you.

BEADS OF COURAGE - Chairman: Curt Peters (520) 240-4876

Goal set for 2025: 50

Status for 2025: 55 Met the year goal, but will still be accepting more.

PURPLE HEART PENS - Chairman: Spencer Davis (520) 471-2480

Goal set for 2025: TBD

Status for 2025: TBD (Note: 1 box turned in today at meeting.)

PENS FOR THE TROOPS – Temporary Chairman: Bud Bencic (972) 533-8752

Goal set for 2025: 800 (between DWA and SAZWA). PE

Status for 2025 : 1,200 pens turned in

DIAPER BANK – Chairman: Jim Payne (520) 591-9876

Fundraiser Event for 2025 TBD.

Status: TBD

NESTING SHELTERS (HOUSES) – Chairman: Spencer Davis (520) 471-2480.

Goal set for 2025: 50

Status for 2024: TBD

SHOW & TELL: \$25 Monthly Award Winner was Stan Ries.

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE: Next Quarterly Award will be in September.

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE FOR SEPTEMBER: Bring in one of 3 things:

- 1) Something with a unique finish.
- 2) Something using your favorite finish.
- 3) Bring in a toy for donation to the Toy Community Project

SEPTEMBER DEMO: Sharpening Circular Blades and suggestions as to “when” circular blades need to be sharpened.. Bring in one of your circular blades and get it sharpened at the Demo,

TODAY's DEMO: Sharpening Cabinet Shapers

The next meeting will be held on September 6, 2025 at 9:00am at the Flowing Hills High School, Auto Shop.