



The DoveTale

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Members:	48	Present:	17	Visitors:	0
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Our Next Meeting will be May 26th

April 28th Meeting

We held the April meeting at our regular meeting location, 1685 Ashley in Beaumont. Business items included:

- Waid Gauthier - about \$2,528
- Richard Hicks - 48 members
- Toys - We'll start making toys for this year's toy drive - Dean has wood, wheels and axels available
- Web Site - Rob Emanuel - Web site is up to date
- Library - Larry is looking for suggestions for new library materials

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday, May 26th, 2014 at our regular meeting facility, 1685 Ashley in Beaumont. George Turner will present the program, "My Favorite Jigs for Accuracy and Safety"

Directions: Take the MLK exit on IH-10, go South on MLK and then turn West on Ashley. Go two blocks and you're there. The business meeting will start at 6:30 and the regular meeting starts at 7:00.

Show & Tells



Larry Sonnier shows a lidded urn he turned from Aspen and walnut.



Raymond Fontenote shows one of two large, divided router bowls he made from maple & cherry.



Jerry Shivers shows a picture of a 13" x 4' white oak display case he made for a model of a log loader and truck.





Mark Underwood designed, and Waid Gauthier made, this mobile tool rack for his lathe tools and supplies. It's mounted on an old swivel office chair pedestal. It has

two drawers and PVC storage tubes for 15 lathe chisels.

Troy Gallier won the door prize, \$25 since he didn't have a show & tell item. Raymond Fontenote won the Craft Supplies Gift Certificate.

Lake Charles WW Club

The Lake Charles Woodworkers Club held its May 10th meeting at Mark Underwood's shop and they invited our members to attend as guests. Eight of our members attended.

Steve Thomas presented the program, "Forest Pests and Diseases". It seems that there's a pest, the Emerald Ash Borer, that is killing a lot of ash trees. They haven't found an effective way to control the pest and they think that we may lose most of our ash trees before the pest dies off. The other threat is from a small insect (walnut twig beetle) that carries a fungus that kills the walnut tree. So far, all of the infected trees are west of Colorado and officials are trying to make sure it doesn't move east in logs, lumber or firewood.

They had a show & tell period and our club participated by showing examples of the toys we make each year for our charities. Mark Underwood provided hot dogs and chips for lunch and everyone enjoyed the meeting and the fellowship of the woodworkers from the Lake Charles club.

Program

John Phelps presented the program - "Hand Tools for Power Tool Users" - that covered the different types of hand tools that a power tool user might find helpful in their day-to-day woodworking.



John showed his extensive collection of hand planes and said that the last one he bought should have been

his first one - a large Jack Plane. He explained how versatile the plane was and demonstrated how to set the blade and use it with a shooting board to "square off" or make a minute adjustment to the length of a work piece. Much faster and better than a saw!



John also showed some of his homemade tools like the skew chisels he fashioned from

some old wood chisels. He uses them to cleanup dovetail and tenon joints. Again, much better and faster than power tools!

John also discussed the tools he uses to keep his hand tools tuned up and sharp. He explained how he grinds, then hones and finally polishes the cutting edge of his chisels and planes. With sharp cutting edges, it's a pleasure to use hand tools. It's also true that dull tools are more dangerous than sharp tools.

Thanks John for a very informative program on hand tools. As a reminder, a video copy of John's program presentation is available in our club library.