



# The DoveTale

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## Swap Meet

Members:	53	Present:	23	Visitors:	4
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Our Next Meeting will be May 28<sup>th</sup>

## April 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting

We held the April meeting at our regular meeting location, 1685 Ashley in Beaumont.

Business items included:

- Waid Gauthier - about \$2,918
- Richard Hicks - 53 Members
- Toys - Plenty of supplies in stock
- Web Site - Web site is up to date
- Library - Reminder, library items are checked out for one month at a time.

## Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at our regular meeting facility, 1685 Ashley in Beaumont. Richard Hicks will present the program, Back to Basics - Tuning Up a Table Saw for Maximum Performance 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.

Red reminded everyone that our second swap meet for 2018 will be on September 1<sup>st</sup> from 9AM until 12 noon. So gather your unused items and get ready for the swap meet.

## Show & Tells



machine.

Steve Brady shows two Longworth lathe chucks. The one made from UHMW plastic was machined by Dale Clark on his CNC



Richard Hicks and Terry Turney showed a picture of the cannon frame they are making as a club project for the VFW.



Gerald Wheeler shows an open segmented bowl he turned from various pieces of scrap wood.



Rob Emanuel shows a poplar business card holder and nested walnut oval bowls he made using his scroll saw.



Richard Spinney shows a pair of carved birds that move up and down (like they're eating) as you turn a crank.



Curtis McGuirt showed pictures of a pair of tables he made from pine using biscuits and dowels.



Tommy Ellis showed pictures of a book case he made using oak wood and plywood. He glued decorative moldings and a carved piece, his wife picked out, to the bookcase. Then he stained and finished it.

Roger Cacak won the \$25 door prize and Steve Brady and Richard Hicks won the Craft Supplies gift certificates.

## Program

Rob Emanuel presented our program, Back to Basics, Spindle Turning and Carbide vs. Traditional turning Tools. Spindle turning is

generally defined as turning wood with the grain running parallel to the bed of the lathe and mounted between the headstock and the tailstock of the lathe. Typical spindle turned items include spindles, stair balusters and table legs.



Traditional spindle turning tools include roughing gouges, spindle gouges, scrapers, skewers and parting tools. Rob demonstrated using the various tools to round square stock, turn beads, coves and flats.



Then Rob used his carbide tipped turning tools to make the same set of spindle turning cuts. Comparing the two types of tools:

- The traditional turning tools gave a smoother surface cut (as long as the tool was sharp) and require less sanding
- The carbide tools were easier to use with fewer 'catches'
- Carbide tools are more expensive
- Traditional tools require frequent sharpening and an investment in the sharpening system and jigs
- Traditional tools are harder to 'master' in order to get consistently good results

Conclusion: Traditional tools are more versatile and generally yield a smoother cut but they have a steeper learning curve and require frequent sharpening. Carbide tools are generally more expensive to buy but they're easier to learn to use and don't require sharpening.

Thanks Rob for an interesting and informative presentation. A video copy of Rob's presentation is available in our library.