



The DoveTale

August 2015

Woodworkers of SouthEast Texas

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Members:	45	Present:	16	Visitors:	1
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Our Next Meeting will be Sep 28th

August 24th Meeting

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

- Waid Gauthier - about \$1,726
- Richard Hicks - 45 members
- Toys - See Sam, Richard or Red for toy patterns and parts.
- Web Site - Rob Emanuel - Web site is up to date
- Library - Check for the new additions to our library in the specially marked wall shelves.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday, September 28th, 2015 at our regular meeting facility, 1685 Ashley in Beaumont. Richard Hicks will present the program on "Adding Digital Readouts to Your Shop Equipment".

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.

Safety Pause

Mark Underwood and Steve Brady displayed their "positive pressure hood/masks" they use when they're turning on their lathes. They explained the pros and cons of each type of mask.

Steve uses a Triton mask and he lists the pros as:



- the battery pack hooks on your belt
- the face shield is ANSI Z87 compliant
- the hat is like

a regular hardhat

- it includes hearing protection earmuffs

Mark has a Trend unit and Mark says it has very few pros and many cons:



- the face shield is very light weight
- the hat is thin plastic
- the battery mounts on the

unit making it heavy

- the headband is poorly made

Mark says that he would buy the Triton unit if he had it to do over again.

Tool Reviews



Steve Brady bought a new style push block, called the Grr-Rip Block, at the AWFS symposium in Las Vegas. The

gripping surface is extremely good and there are 'drop-down' pawls to help push your stock through the jointer or table saw.



David Mayer bought a Woods 50030 digital timer from Amazon to use with his battery chargers. The

single outlet can be set to turn off at a settable time of 1/2/4/8 hours.



Troy Gallier shows his router sled used to cut box joints. It uses spacing strips to adjust the offset needed for

different size router bits.

Show & Tells



Jerry Shivers shows a walnut "barley twist" table lamp he made using his legacy machine.



Sam Tobey shows a pine cradle he designed for a small doll. It will be part of our toy project plans.



Dale Clark shows pictures of a white oak blanket chest he made. His daughter added a dark stain finish.



Terry Turney shows a 'striking knife' he made using recycled materials.



Raymond Fontenote shows a picture of a Banyan fig tree, also called a 'strangler tree', that looks like a thicket of trees.



Troy Gallier shows a box, made with box joints, that stores his saw blades.

Steve Brady won the door prize, \$35 since he had a show & tell item. Sam Haviland and Dale Clark won the Craft Supplies gift certificates.

2016 Winnie Rice Festival

The club voted to have a booth at the Winnie Rice Festival this year. Our booth will be in the vendor area located in the community room on Saturday, October 3rd. We will be able to sell our woodworking items this year.

We'll meet at Jerry Shivers' house, 11100 Mahon Lane, in Fannett at 7AM and convoy to the festival. We'll need help to staff our booth from 9AM until 6PM - you can stay all day or just part of it.

Directions to Jerry's Shop:

Take I-10 west toward Houston past Goodyear Rubber plant, exit at Hwy 365 and go left on Hwy 365. Watch for a red barn and one of those yellow highway signs warning "Highway intersection 1500 ft." Turn right at the intersection onto Mahon Road. Jerry's house is the 2nd brick house on the right. His shop is behind the house.

Note: While traveling on Hwy 365 from I-10, if you cross the railroad tracks, you missed the right turn off 365 on to Mahon Road.

Elections

It's that time again. Paul Magee, our President Elect, will appoint a three-person nominating committee at the September meeting. They will meet before the October meeting to propose a slate of officers. If you are interested in serving on the nominating committee or being a club officer, let Paul know at the September meeting.

Woodworking Questions

We are encouraging members to bring their woodworking questions to our meetings - we have a number of experienced woodworkers that can answer those questions or help you

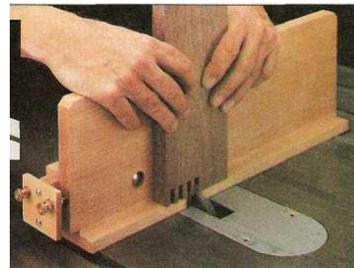
find the answers. Several questions came up at the August meeting.

- Up vs. down spiral router bits - when and why to use them.
- Making tongue and groove joints on a table saw

Bring your questions to the meeting or email them to rhicks4@gt.rr.com and we can research the question prior to the meeting.

Program

Richard Hicks presented the program about building an adjustable box joint jig that



makes cutting box joints, on a table saw, fast and easy. The jig easily adjusts to any size dado blade width from

1/4" to 3/4" and that allows you to match the finger size to the thickness of the wood.

Richard found the plans in Issue 8 of ShopNotes (available in our club library) and his presentation provided tips and comments on each step. The ShopNotes plans provide a list of the required hardware items and he suggests that you order those items before you start the project. He added carriage bolts with wing nuts to the jig to make attachment to his miter gauge easier.

The adjustments are fast and the finished box joints fit together well. Richard showed a "real time" video where he setup and cut a set of 1/4" and a set of 3/8" box joints in about 10 minutes.

A copy of Richard's presentation is available on our website www.wwset.org.