



The DoveTale

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Woodworkers of SouthEast Texas

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Members:	53	Present:	19	Visitors:	3
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Our Next Meeting will be Oct 27th

August 25th Meeting

We held our August meeting at Acadian Hardwoods. Business items included:

- Howard Hartman - Balance is \$2,405.49
- Richard Hicks - Currently at 53 members
- Web Site - Rob Emanuel reports that our website www.wwset.org is back in operation.
- Toy Project: Rebecca Phelps brought a lot of small sheets of $\frac{1}{4}$ " MDF that she's using for animal puzzle cutouts as part of our toy drive. They were already marked - she needed help cutting them out.
- Library - We currently subscribe to WOOD, WOODSMITH, SHOP NOTES, WOODTURNING DESIGN - John Phelps, Howard Hartman and Rob Emanuel will review the library and it's use
- Programs: New incentives for program presenters - contact John Phelps, Glen Kenny or Tod Braquet
- Note: the September 29th meeting was cancelled due to Hurricane Ike. Acadian suffered a lot of water damage.

Our Next Meeting

Steve Brady will host our next meeting in his shop in Vidor on October 27th starting at 7PM. He will also provide sausage/chicken gumbo for the group, so get there early. Richard Spinney will present a program on the construction of a wooden plane. Be sure to bring a chair and a show and tell item. I'll be there early to take pictures of your show & tells.

Richard will also present a Saturday workshop on the actual construction of the planes on November 1st starting at 1PM.

Directions to Steve's shop:

Go to Vidor on I-10. Note: Due to road construction the East bound exit is earlier than normal - watch the signs carefully. Turn North on HWY 105 and go about 9 miles. Steve's house is on the left. The address, 6835 N. HWY 105, is painted on his mailbox. Turn left on the side road (county road 903) - Steve's shop is the barn in the back of his house.

Steve's phone number is 681-9701 (cell is 656-8564) if you get lost.

Show & Tells



Paul Smith brought pictures of a wooden vanity top he made and finished to look like marble. He used latex caulk as glue.



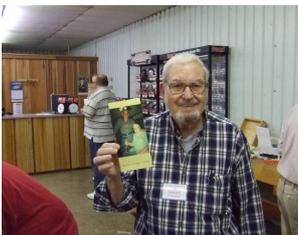
Lyman Frugia brought a wooden bracelet he turned for his wife from cardinal wood, purpleheart and zebra wood.



Dean Partridge shows off his Adirondack Chair that was part of his program presentation.



Steve Brady showed us a new tool called the Trim-Gauge. It's a simple, adjustable marking or adjusting gauge.



Howard Hartman made ex-club member, Ken Seguria a walking stick. Good to see a picture of Ken.



John Phelps brought several pictures of a clamp rack made by Dan Orgeron. It has dedicated storage for all type clamps and a shelf for glue.



Dale Clark brought a water-oak burl slab. He was asking for suggestions of items to make with it.



Our visitor, Kenneth Barry, brought a project example he made on his CNC machine.

Howard Hartman won the \$35 door prize!

Program

Dean Partridge presented the program with detailed instructions on building his version of an Adirondack Chair. He makes his chairs out of cypress because it holds up well outside. He rounds over all the edges so splinters aren't a problem.



He assembles the chairs with Kreg Pocket Hole Screws and glue. The pocket hole screws makes the alignment and clamping of the pieces very easy and accurate.



Dean uses a lot of templates to rout the various shapes. The chair must be assembled in a particular order for all the pieces to fit properly. He provided a material and cut list along with detailed instructions. He suggests that you precut all



the pieces, round them over and drill the Kreg Screw holes ahead of time.

Dean's chair is VERY comfortable and relatively easy to build. Check with Dean if you want a set of instructions. Dean planned a Saturday hands-on meeting to actually build a chair but he was pre-empted by Hurricane Ike. He plans to reschedule the meeting.

Dean, thanks for a very interesting program.

Clean Up Your Woodpile

To all of the club members who have scraps of wood in your shop, now is your opportunity to help with the Christmas toy-making drive and clean up your shop at the same time! The Toy Committee asks for your help in making sets of blocks for children to build whatever drives their imagination at the moment. Each set should contain enough pieces to mostly fill a 1 gallon size Ziploc bag. It can be a mix of wood species and colors or all the same—it doesn't matter. The blocks should be cut from at least 3/4 inch stock. There should be an assortment of sizes, such as:

3/4" x 2" x 2"

3/4" x 2" x 4"

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Please sand and blunt or round the corners of the blocks. Remember kids will be playing with them.

If every member of the club makes just one set, it would be a great contribution to our toy making effort this year!

Toy Making Workshop

On Saturday, Oct. 4, we held a pre-workday workshop at Steve Brady's workshop to

prepare the stock for making boxes for the toy drive. Dean Partridge, Steve Brady, & John Phelps used jointers, planers, band saws, and table saws to thickness, square, and cut the sides, bottoms, and tops ready for constructing 60 boxes at the next workshop. Lyman Frugia worked on turning tops during the workday.

The next toy workshop will be held on November 8th at Steve Brady's workshop, beginning at 9 am and expecting to last all day. Those members who want to help with the toy drive, or to learn the techniques being used, should show up for whatever time you can spare. Construction tasks include gluing the box parts together, routing the trim details and box feet, and inserting hinges to hold the lid on the box. In addition to toy box construction, the next workshop will include band sawing wheeled vehicle bodies from 2 x 4 stock, drilling holes for wheel axles, gluing wheels and axles on the vehicles, turning tops, turning whistles, gluing masts in boats, and scroll sawing boy and girl dolls.

This workshop will be the last toy-making workday before the toys are sorted and distributed at the November 24th meeting. If you have taken home a sheet of puzzle patterns to scroll saw and found that the sheet size exceeds the capacity of your scroll saw, please bring the sheet to the next meeting or to the toy workshop so that a larger capacity saw can be used to finish the job.

The toy making effort is going very well this year. We have high hopes that we will exceed our best record this year and help a lot of needy children

Club Election

The nominating committee proposes the following slate of officers be nominated for 2009. The election will be held at the November meeting.

- Vice President Tod Braquet
- Secretary Richard Hicks
- Treasurer Howard Hartman

Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the November Election.

Hurricane Ike Damage

John and Rebecca Phelps went by Acadian Hardwoods and discovered that the club's library cart was badly damaged by Hurricane Ike. Acadian had water intrusion at their business, and everything stored on the bottom shelf of the cart stood in water long enough that it was ruined. Norma said they went ahead and threw out the stuff on the bottom shelf because it was beginning to smell and grow mold. The two ends of the cart split out their panels and the vertical side to front/back joints split. Looks like a good club project for next year! The castors on one end had fallen off so they couldn't move the cart to get to the drawers on the side against the wall. They brought the dial indicator gauge, some videotapes that were sitting out on top of the cart, and a lapel microphone home with them. Contact John or Rebecca if you need to use the items - they will store them until the cart is repaired.

Dean Partridge and Sam Toby picked up the cart and it's contents and took them to Steve Brady's shop. Thanks to Steve for helping the club by storing the cart and it's contents.

We're not sure about the status of the club workbench.

The Newsletter

Since so many members had storm damage and may not have Internet service, I'm mailing everyone a paper copy of the newsletter.

I plan to resume the email distribution with the October issue. If you need a paper copy, please let me know by calling 982-5226.