



The DoveTale

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Woodworkers of SouthEast Texas

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Members:	81	Present:	44	Visitors:	3
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Our Next Meeting will be Mar 24th

February 24th Meeting

Our President, Waid Gauthier, was under the weather so our President-Elect, Ray Ward called the meeting to order. Several 'old business' items of were taken care of:

- The club approved the change to the By-Laws creating a Website and a Project committee. Rob Emanuel and Steve Daigre were appointed to the Website committee. We don't have anyone for the project committee yet.
- The club approved the change to allow the Executive committee to spend up to \$50 on any single item or project without prior approval of the club membership.
- Kenneth Bodden's eyes have improved to the point where he now believes he can continue to function as our librarian. Don Lemp gratefully stepped down and the club approved Kenneth's nomination as librarian.
- Sam Tobey and Dean Partridge donated a very nice easel and white board to the club. It will be stored at Acadian and is available for use at any of the Saturday Program Meetings

Howard reports \$2,639.37 in the kitty - still not enough for a trip south...

Rob Emanuel reports that the website now has all of the 2002 newsletters available. He's also ready to post pictures in the Photo Gallery. Contact Rob, Steve or Richard for instructions. The Saturday Program write-ups will be posted shortly. From the show of hands, most of those present had visited our website and really liked it.

Richard Spinney announced the Woodcarvers are planning a show at Central Mall in October and asked if any of us were willing to participate. Eleven members indicated an interest and Rod Ruppel, our show chairman, will follow up with Richard. The Woodcarvers Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at the Art League building at the Fair Grounds in Beaumont. The meetings start at 7PM and visitors are welcome.

Rod Ruppel passed around a signup sheet for booth workers at the Houston Woodworking Show. If you work the show, the admission is free - unfortunately, it still costs to park.

The show hours are:

- Friday, March 28th 1PM to 9PM
- Saturday, March 29th 10AM to 6PM
- Sunday, March 30th 10AM to 4 PM

The Friday volunteers will take the show items and setup the booth starting at 10AM. The Sunday folks will take down the booth and bring the items back. You can bring your show items to Rod Ruppel, Richard Hicks or to the meeting on March 24th. Be sure to label

your items and include a brief description. Please pack them well so they won't get damaged in transit. Rob Emanuel will make the display cards, so contact him if you plan to take your items to the show yourself.

Shop Safety

We've added a new agenda item to our regular meetings - a discussion about shop safety. We have a lot of new members and we hope that our discussions will help them work safely. At this meeting we had discussions about router safety, dust collectors and static electricity, table saws and using jigs and push blocks when routing small pieces. Collectively, there's a lot of woodworking experience in our membership - let's put it to good use by sharing our knowledge (especially safety) with the rest of the club.

New Members

Five new members joined our club:

- Kenneth Henry from Beaumont
- Frederick Rinebold from Beaumont
- George Turner from Vidor
- Garry Stubblefield from Vidor
- Tod Braquet from Groves

Please welcome our new members!

Show & Tells

Thanks to everyone for helping me get the pictures before the meeting started.



Dean Partridge brought a drawer he constructed with a special 'lock miter' router bit. It's a little tricky to use, but makes a strong, attractive corner joint.



Howard Hartman with a marquetry picture (made from tiny pieces of wood) by a local artist. Howard framed it with Cypress from Acadian.



Jerry Shivers made a walnut box to hold some gold coins and a gold bar. He used his mini-raised panel cutters and used burl walnut

veneer on the panels.



Kathy Dressel completed her mesquite bowl and made a couple of pens after attending the 'pen making'

Saturday Program Meeting.



Joel McLean made his dad a step stool. Nice job - can you tell by the color where he lives?



Lyman Frugia a spalted Dogwood vase. This was a 'work in progress' that was still mounted on the faceplate.



Jerry Heckman brought a piece of Lignum Vitae, a very dense, heavy wood that was used for bearings on submarine

propeller shafts during the war. It's now on the restricted trade list.



'T' Bruce modified his raised panel tissue box with bookends and a light. It makes a really nice desk lamp.



Richard Spinney brought two carved apples with solid arrows through a hole. The question is; how did he get

the arrows through the apple?



Sue Caldwell is getting an early start on Christmas with a pen she turned that has a heavy metal top shaped

like Saint Nick.



Jewel Hymel brought pictures of a traditional workbench he just finished building. He also donated the book he used

to build his workbench to the club.

Wes Vice showed us a nested set of boxes his boss made out of 'sinker' cypress. Sorry, I didn't get a picture of the box - it was a real beauty.

Program

Rod Ruppel led our program this month with a



discussion of various types of workbenches. They range from utility benches made from things like 'solid

core doors' to some that would qualify as a 'really nice piece of furniture'. Your pocket book and what you plan to use it for will likely dictate the style you pick for your shop. The traditional bench has a heavy, laminated wooden top (usually made from maple or beech), bench dogs and two vices. Some also have storage shelves and drawers. There are other designs - far too many to list here. But, the main requirements for a bench are:

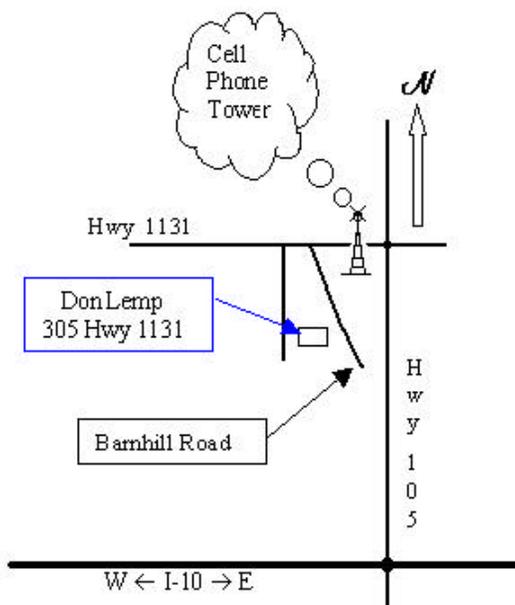
- sturdy (which usually means heavy)
- the right height for the person using it
- the right combination of vices and bench dogs for the intended use
- storage for frequently used tools

By agreement with Acadian, we can't use power tools in our programs and the club leadership believes that we need a workbench for programs about woodworking with hand tools. A discussion ensued about what type of bench the club needed for use at our meetings. Some of the members thought a 'utility type bench' would be easy to build and serve our needs. Others believed we should build a more elegant bench since it would be representing our club by being on display at Acadian. After a lot of discussion, the club appointed an ad-hoc committee to study the issues and make a recommendation to the

club. Richard Osborn will lead the group with help from Glen Kenney and Jewel Hymel. If we decide to build a bench, Acadian has offered us the wood and B.J. has offered us the hardware at their cost.

Saturday Program Meeting

Our next Saturday Program Meeting will be held on March 15th at Don Lemp's shop in Vidor. The meeting will cover general wood turning and tool sharpening. Directions to Don's shop:



If you have a portable lathe, bring it along with your tools - Don has plenty of table space in his shop. The meeting will start at 1PM and last a couple of hours - bring a chair if you don't want to stand up the whole time.

Next Month's Meeting

Our next regular meeting will be held on March 24th (**Note: March has 5 Mondays**) at 7PM at Acadian Cypress and Hardwoods in Rose City. John Phelps will present a program on hand-cut dovetails. Be sure and bring a show & tell, a chair and your Houston Show items! Sam Tobey won the door prize - \$25 since he didn't have a show & tell. Will you be

the next winner? I'll be there early to take the show & tell pictures.

News at Acadian Hardwoods

Wes and Norma got married and took a cruise to Cozamel. They really enjoyed the cruise and honeymoon.

Wes said he is carrying a new line of drawer slides. These slides are a really good value - about half the price of the KB slide he currently carries. He says the quality is very good. Acadian is also expanding their line of exotic woods. Check them out, they have some very nice exotic pieces in stock now.

Acadian is also putting the finishing touches on their new warehouse. It's good to see their business expanding given the current economic conditions.

Woodworker's Paradise

Have you been to Woodworker's Paradise lately? He's done a lot of remodeling and re-arranging and really has the place looking nice. He's gotten in a lot of the new items he talked about in the November meeting.

Newsletter

If you have access to our website, but are still getting a paper copy of the newsletter, please consider switching to the electronic version. It will save the club some money and me some work - not to mention the trees they use to make the paper.