



The DoveTale

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| Members: | 63 | Present: | 22 | Visitors: | 0 |
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Renewals

Our Next Meeting will be Mar 26th

February 26th Meeting

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

Business items included:

- Waid Gauthier - about \$2,960.98
- Richard Hicks - 62 members/ 45 renewals
- Toys - Plenty of supplies in stock
- Web Site - Web site is up to date
- Library - Lots of new books added to the library and a fresh supply of magazine back issues.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday, March 26th, 2018 at our regular meeting facility, 1685 Ashley in Beaumont. Mark Underwood will present another of our Back to Basics' programs, Getting Started Turning.

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.

Just a reminder - It's membership renewal time again. We've had 48 renewals so far. If you haven't paid your dues yet, please do so as soon as possible. We have a lot of programs planned with some special Saturday hands-on sessions.

Our club bylaws require that I finalize the membership list at the March meeting and I'll publish the membership roster after the March meeting. If you don't plan to renew, please let me know.

Safety

One of our members missed a step while descending a ladder and fell breaking their wrist.

Tips & Techniques

Richard Hicks shared a tip he saw in issue #78 of Woodsmith magazine about cutting thin strips on a table saw. Since he needed to



cut multiple pieces of wood 5/16" thick for a toy project, he built a jig based on the tip. He cut a scrap piece of plywood 4" wide and attached a short strip of wood to the edge

that would push the cut off piece past the blade. It worked really well and it was simple to make.

Swap Meet

Mark Underwood shared that it seemed that everyone enjoyed the club swap meet we held on February 17th and he asked if there was interest in having another one later in the year. David Mayer made a motion that the club schedule one for September 1st and Pete De La Cruz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, so gather your unused items and get ready for the swap meet in September.

Tool Reviews



Mark Underwood shows an Arbortech bowl gouge he won by registering on the Popular Woodworking December Giveaway contest. He also showed a DeWalt 20 volt battery powered drill, impact and bag set he got on sale at Lowes. It included two batteries and a charger. He also showed a small rubber mallet that had aluminum handle. Mark also showed a saddle square that is used to transfer dimensions from the front to the edge of a board.



Show & Tells



Richard Spinney showed a 'Dough Bowl' he made for his wife using tulipwood and bloodwood left overs.



Rob Emanuel showed one of several 5"x5" maple turning blocks he bought on eBay. He plans to turn them into bowls. He also showed an intarsia dolphin he made using cedar and blue pine.



Dale Clark showed a picture of an entertainment center he made using birch plywood and oak. He relieved the doors with his CNC machine.



Tommy Ellis showed a picture of a bookcase he built for his wife using pine. He added decorative trim and doors for the storage area.



Richard Hicks showed a resawing jig he made for his bandsaw. He got the plans from Wood magazine.

Program

Rob Emanuel presented a program about sharpening tools. He showed three different methods he uses to sharpen his tools while demonstrating sharpening a chisel, grinding a chisel and sharpening a turning tool.

Rob started by sharpening a standard chisel using a flat board and four grits of sandpaper



(220, 320, 400 and 600). Start by flattening the back of the chisel all the way to 600 grit.

Flattening the back only has to be done once in the life of the tool. Then, using a jig, sharpen the cutting edge to the same grits. You can add a micro bevel if you want to, but it's not necessary for a good cutting edge. You can tell when an edge is sharp by looking at it in a bright light. A sharp edge will not reflect light.

If your tool's edge is damaged (nicks, etc.), it needs to be reground before it's sharpened.



Rob uses a slow speed grinder (~1,800 rpm) with a 120 grit wheel. He uses a Tormek jig on his grinder. He starts by flattening

the back (unless it's already been done), then he sets the jig to the correct angle and slowly regrinds the edge bevel. He keeps a container of water handy to keep the edge of the tool from overheating while he grinds it. When he finishes grinding the bevel, he finished sharpening the edge with his sandpaper method.

Rob also uses a Tormek slow speed, water cooled, sharpening system for some of his tools. He bought the entire system, with an assortment of jigs, on eBay at a bargain price. The grinding wheel on the Tormek can be



"regraded" from a course (~400 grit) to a fine (~1,000 grit) surface. He demonstrated

sharpening a turning gouge on the Tormek. After he setup the bevel angle, he ground the edge using the course surface of the wheel. Then he "regraded" the wheel to a fine surface and finished sharpening the edge. He stropped the edge using the leather wheel with stropping compound.

Thanks Rob for an excellent program presentation and demonstration. A video of Rob's presentation is available in our club library.

Library Donation

Former club member Larry Dopson passed away and his wife donated his extensive woodworking library to our club. Larry liked to build furniture and his wife showed me bookcases and cabinets he built.

She hopes our members put the books and project plans to good use. We hope to have them inventoried and ready to check out at the March meeting.