



# The DoveTale

November/December 2017

Woodworkers of SouthEast Texas

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Toy Project Richard Hicks, 553-6157

Members:	63	Present:	24	Visitors:	0
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## Club Elections

Our Next Meeting will be Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>

### November 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting

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

- Waid Gauthier - about \$1,973.46
- Richard Hicks - 63 members
- Toys - Plenty of supplies in stock
- Web Site - Web site is up to date
- Library - Season 11 of the Woodsmith Shop TV series has been received and it's available for checkout.

### Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 22, 2018 at our regular meeting facility, 1685 Ashley in Beaumont. Richard Hicks will the program "Getting Back to Basics".

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.

The nominating committee presented the slate of officers for 2018.

- Mark Underwood for president-elect
- Waid Gauthier for treasurer
- Richard Hicks for secretary

There were no nominations from the floor and the members present voted unanimously to elect the slate as nominated.

## Renewals

It's membership renewal time again. Thirty one members have renewed for 2018. Our dues will remain at \$24 for 2018 - a real bargain. Reminder, you can also use a club gift certificate to pay your dues. If you haven't already mailed your renewal, please bring it to the meeting.

When you renew your membership, please take a few moments to let us know what you would like for programs next year and any thoughts you have about ways to improve our club.

## Club Social

After input from club members, the committee decided to have a short social period prior to the January meeting.

## Toy Project

Club members created 564 toys this year.



We sorted and divided them during the November meeting. Steve Brady, Sam Tobey, Waid Gauthier and

Richard Hicks volunteered to deliver them to the charities before Christmas.

Our "club toy elves" plan to start making toys early next year and have several work days for those interested in helping with the toy project.

## Safety Item

Kris Castle shared a story about a safety incident he had recently while using his Festool Trac Saw. He was using the saw (in an awkward position) to cut some Texas Ash and when he started plunging, the blade grabbed and the saw flew off the guide and across to the other side of his garage.

Dale Clark and Waid Gauthier suggested that the safest way to use the plunge saw is to start the saw running before starting to cut the material. Also, be sure to position yourself so that you have "full control" of the saw and make your plunge depth as deep as possible so that the saw is making a more vertical cut vs. a "scooped cut".

## Show & Tell



Jim Thibaut brought several pieces of Texas Ebony wood he recently purchased. He has more for sale to club members.



Terry Turney designed and built a new style boat for our toy drive.



Jeffery Fritz showed a pair of Oak sawing benches (saw horses) he built using draw bore mortise and tenon joints.



Kris Castle showed a cabinet door with a damaged Deft finish. He believes that the damage was caused when his wife boiled a turkey carcass to make soup.

Paul Magee won the door prize, \$25 since he didn't have a woodworking show and tell item. Ronnie Webb and Michael Newell won the Craft Supplies gift certificates

Waid Gauthier reviewed the rules for the drawings:

- The first number drawn is for the \$25 club gift certificate that can be used at local merchants or for club dues. If that person brought a "woodworking" show and tell item, defined as:
  - An item that actually involved woodworking (pictures of large items or items that were made as gifts are OK)
  - Or, the person prepared and presented the meeting program they also win a \$25 gift certificate to Hartville Tool.
- The second and third numbers drawn are for the \$10 Craft Supplies gift certificates (if available).

## Program

Richard Hicks presented a program on woodworking equipment maintenance.

He started by suggesting that you keep and take special care of the manuals and parts lists that come with your equipment. If you lose your manual, you may be able to find a copy of one online by entering the name and model number in the search field of your internet browser.

Replacement parts can usually be ordered directly from the manufacturer. In some cases, it may be faster and/or cheaper to order them from companies that specialize in machinery replacement parts. Two of these sources are:

<https://www.ereplacementparts.com>

and

<https://www.toolpartsdirect.com>

In addition to general parts suppliers, Richard gets his bearings from:

<https://www.vxb.com>

and handles and knobs from:

<https://www.jwwinco.com>

As an example, he showed that getting the 4 bearings for his Grizzly stationary disc/belt sander from Grizzly cost \$9.50 each. But the same bearings ordered from VXB cost \$8.88 for a package of 4. Most of the parts lists have the manufacturer's bearing number as part of the description, or the numbers can be read directly from the old bearing.

Next, Richard discussed maintaining the cast iron tops on his machines. Richard uses Johnson's Paste Wax on all of his cast iron tops. It provides excellent protection for the cast iron and it won't transfer to the wood and interfere with gluing and finishing.

If your shop isn't climate controlled, you can usually keep cast iron tops from rusting by simply covering them with cotton material (like an old sheet) to keep moisture from condensing on the top. If Richard needs to remove light rust from a top, he uses 400 grit sandpaper on an old finishing sander and then treats the top with Johnson's Paste Wax. For heavily rusted and pitted tops, he uses Ospho (a brand name is Naval Jelly) to neutralize the rust. He then retreats the top with Johnson's Paste Wax.

Richard finished by discussing two motor failures he experienced on his table saws. These motors are described as capacitor start, Totally Enclosed, Fan Cooled motors but that doesn't mean they're completely sealed. Over the years, fine dust migrated into the motors and kept the starter winding switch from making electrical contact. These motors will not start without the starter winding and capacitor - they just hum and try to turn very slowly. To fix the motor, remove it from the tool, open it up and blow out the dust and reassemble.

A video of Richard's presentation is available in our club library and copies of his slides have been added to our website

[www.wwset.org](http://www.wwset.org) .