



# The DoveTale

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Members:	72	Present:	31	Visitors:	2
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Our Next Meeting will be Sep 23<sup>rd</sup>

\*\* Note New Meeting Place! \*\*

## August 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Our August meeting was back at the Mike Taylor Career Center in Beaumont. Same old parking problems!

Howard Hartman reports \$2,136 in the treasury - still not enough for a South American Vacation.

## Toy Project

Lew Laurent brought us up to date on the toy project. He passed the collection box to buy more materials and collected \$120, and thanks everyone for their generosity. However, Lew reminds us, "the money and materials won't mean much if we don't make toys for the kids"! He's cut up a lot of wood for blanks and he brought 3 boxes to the meeting. I'm not sure if he got anyone to take them home. He still needs more people to cut the toys on their scroll or band saws. From personal experience, this is GREAT practice on the scroll saw (and someone else pays for the wood) and the kids love the toys. The

club scroll saws are available at no charge if you're using it to cut the toys.

## Fantastic News!

\*\* We have a new Meeting Place \*\*

Wes and Norma from Acadian Cypress and Hardwoods offered to let the club meet at their business in Vidor. There's plenty of parking space, but you'll have to bring your own chairs. At first, for those that present programs, we will not have any woodworking equipment available for your use - so plan to bring your own. Wes and Norma indicated they will normally have some type of "wood special" for the club members and they are willing to sell us wood on the meeting night. Remember, they also handle molding, hardware and finishing products.

Directions:

Going EAST on I-10 from Beaumont, take the Rose City West exit, stay on the feeder road and turn right at the PROGAS station.

Going WEST from Orange on I-10, take the Workman Turnaround exit, go under I-10 and take the EAST bound feeder road. Turn right at the PROGAS station. Acadian is about one block on the right. If you need better directions, call WES or NORMA at 769-8665.

After we get the details worked out, we will also have the library cart at Acadian. That will make our library materials available anytime Acadian is open. This will be a big improvement!

### Web Site Development

Steve Daigre, Rob Emanuel, Waid Gauthier and I have started working on a web site for our club. We plan to have electronic copies of the newsletter and program write-ups available on our web site (electronic distribution of the newsletter will save the club a lot of money and me a lot of work). However, we will still send a paper copy to anyone that wants one. There will be links available to other woodworking clubs and sites of general interest to our membership. Long-term, we hope to add a library database and tool sale/swap page. I think our club members will really benefit from a web site and our club will attract more new members. Contact any member of the Web Site Team if you have additional ideas for our web site.

Steve, thanks for the web site suggestion and for heading up the development team.

### New Members

Please welcome our 3 newest members:



Pete Nealley – is a relatively new woodworker and he's interested in learning more

about furniture making.



David Shows – Currently builds birdhouses but wants to know more about cabinet and

furniture making.



Frank Gaddis – Likes to build furniture, make toys, and millwork as well as scroll saw. He

wants to learn more about cabinet making.

### Show & Tells



Cliff McLean – Cliff learned to sharpen his wood turning tools at a recent Saturday Program Meeting

and used them to turn a cup from some spalted wood. He says his freshly sharpened tools made all the difference in the world!



Paul Smith – Built a washer toss game. The object is to get the washer in the center cup.

Getting the miters to meet properly on the 8 sided base was a real challenge!



Howard Hartman brought a really neat corner clamping jig he recently purchased from Rockler Supply. The jig provides a square clamping surface when you're gluing picture or cabinet frames together.



Richard Osborn brought some pictures of the copula - the finishing part of the decorative addition to the top of his house. This has been a long project with a lot of construction challenges.



Jewel Hymel - brought a set of measuring or duplicating sticks. The sticks slide in a track and you tighten a knob to 'lock in' your measurement.



Waid Gauthier brought pictures of a couple of walking canes he made for friends. Waid has a special woodworking machine that can make spiral and rope turnings.



Dean Partridge made his grandson a night stand with a metal top to match some other bedroom furniture he had previously made for him.



Gene Warden made a toy box that flies into several pieces when it's touched just right. It has a mousetrap installed inside that trips and causes the box to come apart.



Richard Hicks with his first attempt at an Intarsia project. Well actually his second attempt - his first wound up in the trashcan when some pieces broke during a sanding operation.

### Door Prize

Sue Caldwell won the \$25 door prize. She still turning some real nice pens and pencils. Remember, if you bring a show & tell item, the door prize is \$35.

## Program

### Hand Planes by John Phelps

John loves to use hand tools in his woodworking projects. One of his



favorites is the hand plane. With a little time and patience, you can learn to do some things with a plane that the big machines, like planers, can't do.

John did a quick refresher course on the proper hand plane sharpening techniques. Don't expect to be able to even use a new plane right out of the box. You'll need to flatten the sole plate (the bottom of the plane), flatten and polish the back of the blade and then sharpen the blade. The failure to properly 'tune up' a plane has caused many people to give up trying to use one. A plane just won't cut right if it's not properly 'tuned up'.

John brought a lot of his collection of planes – and each one is designed for a specific job. John gave a brief explanation of what each plane was used for and suggested a purchase priority – at least for the first four...

1. A low angle block plane – used for general planing needs, very versatile
2. A No. 4, 4½ or 5 smoothing plane
3. A shoulder plane
4. A No. 7 jointer plane – as it's name implies, you use it to flatten and joint boards

Some other planes:

- Scrub plane – has a curved cutting edge. Used for fast stock removal.
- Rabbit plane – has a depth and fence available. Used to cut rabbits along the edge of boards.
- Scrapper plane – it's much like a hand scrapper. It takes very light cuts.
- Chisel plane – the blade is mounted at the very front. Used to take glue squeeze-out from joints

In John's opinion, the 3 best plane makers are: Record, Lie Neilson, and Stanley. They also offer a line of replacement blades that are high quality and can make your plane perform like new (or better in some cases).

Thanks you John for a very informative meeting. Maybe someday I'll get over the idea that a tool has to have a power cord to be useful and give a plane a try...

**Attention: This is a month with  
5 Monday's – Our meeting is  
on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at**

**Acadian Hardwoods in  
Vidor, Texas**