



# The DoveTale

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Members:	66	Present:	28	Visitors:	2
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Our Next Meeting will be June 24<sup>th</sup>

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

Jerry Shivers hosted the May meeting. We had a good turnout (28) considering it was on a holiday!

The folks from Lamar University are still begging for someone to teach an introductory woodworking course.

They've indicated the format is open and up to the instructor. It may be as simple as classroom instruction on the basics of woodworking like preparing stock, using tools, safety, etc. We don't think Lamar has any woodworking equipment (yet) so hands on instruction could be limited. If you have any interest, let Cliff know and he will put you in touch with the proper person.

Along the same note, one of the assisted living facilities would like the club to present a short woodworking show and presentation on Father's Day. Some of their residents are interested in woodworking and would like our club members to do some demonstrations. Cliff will check to see if the date can be changed to something other than Father's day.

## New Member



Our newest member is Jeffery Fritz. He has the distinction of living across the street from Howard Hartman.

Jeffery already does some woodworking (as evidenced by his show & tell project).

## Show & Tells



Jerry Shivers - A solid walnut raised panel bed. He used Minwax Special Walnut stain to even out the color and finished it with Deft.



Paul Smith - An upholstered footstool with round pad feet. He also brought a set of templates for a chair he made.



Gerald Brennan - A turned birds-eye maple bowl with an inlaid walnut bottom he used to correct a defect.



Howard Hartman – Pictures of a workbench and a train table he made for customers.



Danny Stinson – Pictures of a kitchen remodeling project with a lot of changes to the cabinets.



Dick Osborn – The first of a 3 part assembly that will go on the roof of his house to display a weather vane decoration. Lots of complicated angles.



Woody Willet – A wooden patio chair, which he also sat on during the meeting. Good thinking Woody!



Jeffery Fritz – A curly maple box with a walnut top and inlay bands around the sides. He still has to mount the hinges.



John Phelps – A partially completed box he worked on during one of his training classes. He used mostly non-powered hand tools, even on the dovetails. B.J. suggested using a small brass or cardboard shim to correct a lid alignment problem.



Jewel Hymel – A 'smart stick' he's used a long time on his table saw to check measurements and alignments. Also, an adjustable router base used for making dados and grooves.



B.J. Holt – An adapter from Might-T-Track that allows you to attach jigs, etc. to your Delta Uni-Fence. He's also figured out a way to adapt it to a Besemeyer type fence. He is trying to get setup to carry the adapter in his store.

### Program

Bill Chanley presented the program on straightening the edges of boards without a jointer.

Bill planned to build a project using some plywood he had in his shop, but it had gotten wet and was unusable. Using solid wood meant edge-gluing boards to make the wider panels. The boards he had were too long to joint but he remembered a recent article in WOOD MAGAZINE (issue 142) that showed a way to do this with a router. Basically, you use the straight edge of a piece of wood or metal that's longer than your board, as a fence,



and a router to straighten the edge of the board. Bill used the factory edge of a piece of plywood for his fence. Be sure it's wide enough (at least 6") so it won't flex and you'll have

room to clamp it to your board and still have clearance for your router to pass. Cut off imperfections and straighten your board and as much as possible with a table or band saw so you take a shallow cut with your router.



If you plan use a plain straight cut bit, position your fence by setting your router (unplugged) at one end of the board, with the bit against the edge of the board. Move the fence to the router base and



lightly clamp. Repeat the process at the other end of the board, but move the fence 1/16" away from

the router base and clamp. Then move back to the first end of the board, move the fence 1/16" inch away from the router base and clamp both ends of the fence securely.

As an alternative, you can use a straight cut router bit with a bearing on the end (usually called a flush trim bit) - the only difference is the placement of the fence. Position the fence 1/16" from the edge and let the bearing, on the end of the bit, follow the fence.

Since, with either method you use, less than half the router base will be supported, be very careful to keep it flat on your wood. Done correctly, you'll get a nice, clean straight edge - just like a jointer.

Thank you Bill for an excellent program!

## Safety Item

One of our members, Mark Schmidt, recently had a close call with his router and was willing to share the details in the hopes that it might keep someone else from a similar experience! Mark is a very skilled and experienced woodworker so it wasn't a 'rookie mistake' type incident!

Mark was using a Porter-Cable model 690 mounted in a purchased insert plate located on the end of his table saw table. He had just finished installing, and setting the height, on a multi-profile bit to put a decorative edge on a test board. He's sure he tightened the bolt that clamps the motor in the housing - but evidently it wasn't tight enough to hold the motor in place. When he turned the



router on, he saw the bit immediately start to disappear and realized that the motor was spinning out of the base. In an instant, the motor came loose from the base, broke the router base, tore up the insert plate, cut the power cord, blew a circuit breaker and came so close to his leg that it cut his shoelace! It's hard to believe, but the router bit was not damaged - not sure yet about the router. Fortunately, Mark wasn't hurt! He wound up with a lot of broken equipment and a newfound respect for the dangers of power tools. I'll think of Mark every time I use a router.

## Woodworkers Paradise

**B.J. is having a SALE!**

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For those that don't know it, B.J. NEVER has a sale – he doesn't believe in them. He tries to keep his prices low everyday so he doesn't have to run sales. But, Delta and Porter-Cable made him an offer he couldn't refuse (something about another free cruise). They are directly sponsoring and supporting this sale. If you have a new woodworking tool or accessory in mind, drop on by and help B.J. make this a sale a big success. Maybe he'll have another 'funny hat' story after the cruise!

## Acadian Hardwoods

Wes and Norma encourage you to bring your plans and they will help select the wood you need for your projects. They get fresh shipments every week and currently have a large supply of all species.