



The DoveTale

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Members:	51	Present:	27	Visitors:	1
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February 28th Meeting

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

Business items included:

- Waid Gauthier - about \$2,398
- Richard Hicks - 51 renewals - so far
- Web Site - Rob Emanuel reports that our website is operational and our new Facebook page is now active.
- Library - A lot of new books and videos are available for checkout

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday, March 28th at our regular meeting facility, 1685 Ashley in Beaumont. David Mayer will present a program about using the Festool Domino joining system. 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. Be sure to bring a show and tell item.

Library

There are a lot of new books and videos in our library, such as:

- Woodworking Jigs & Fixtures
- Woodworker's Essentials Book 1
- Steel Square Handbook

Be sure to bring back the books and videos you've checked out so that other club members can use them.

Renewals

It's not too late to renew your club membership. So far, we've had 51 renewals. Our club bylaws require that I finalize the membership list at the March meeting and I will publish the membership roster after the meeting. If you don't plan to renew, please let me know.

Programs

I'm still looking for ideas for our programs. Let me know if you have an idea or would like to present a program. We have a lot of audio/video capability now and I'm available to help with pictures or other forms of electronic presentation aids.

Tool Reviews

David Clubb recently purchased a Porter-Cable trim router to round over the edges of the planking on his picnic tables. The trim router is light and easy to use for a multitude of light-duty routing chores such as edge treatments, hinge routing and laminate trimming.



Larry Trahan gave a short presentation about the capabilities of Google SketchUp CAD software. It's a free download from the Google website and it runs on Windows XP, Vista, and 7 as well as Mac OS X (10.5+). Larry says it's easy to learn and it includes access to a library of drawing images and tools as well as a lot of drawings by other users of things like furniture and cabinets, etc.



Google SketchUp CAD software.

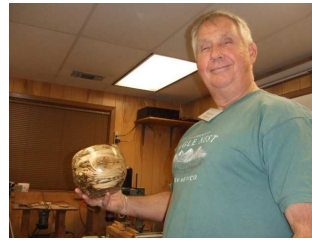
Tommy Ellis brought a picture of his new Ryobi bandsaw. It's a bench top model with a 9" throat and 3 1/2" cutting capacity. It's great for light duty cutting and it doesn't take up a lot of floor space. It usually includes a work light and miter gauge.



Show & Tells



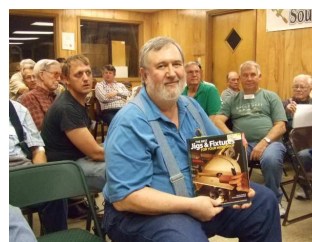
Christopher Castle brought a variable frequency phase converter he recently purchased on eBay so he could operate a piece of shop equipment that has a three-phase motor on his single-phase house current.



Raymond Fontenote brought a bowl he turned from a piece of spalted magnolia he found in Steve Brady's woodpile.



Mack Trahan brought one of his doors with a book-matched, spalted maple panel.



David Mayer displays a book on woodworking jigs and fixtures he donated to our club library.



David Clubb brought his two-person picnic table. This is David's original design and he plans to market it locally.

Program

Jerry Shivers presented a very informative and interesting program entitled "Common Woodworking Joints". The joints he talked about included mortise and tenon, biscuit and dados with Kreg-Jig screwed panels. He described in detail how he uses the joints in the construction of his furniture projects as well as the various ways to construct the joints.

As a bonus, he demonstrated a foolproof, three-step method for setting the height of rail & stile cutters.

Thanks Jerry for a great program. We have a video copy Jerry's program in our club library.