



# The DoveTale

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Woodworkers of SouthEast Texas

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Members:	69	Present:	22	Visitors:	4
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Our Next Meeting will be Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>

September 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting

We held our September meeting at Acadian Hardwoods. Business items included:

- Howard Hartman - \$2,851.51
- Richard Hicks - Membership at 69
- Web Site - Rob Emanuel reports we have some new pictures on our website: [www.wwset.org](http://www.wwset.org)
- Toy Project: Dean made some blanks for spinning tops and Lyman gave us some instructions for turning them. See Dean if you would like to turn some tops.
- Programs: Rob Emanuel is our new program chairman. Please help him with ideas and presentations.
- Steve Brady will continue to handle our raffles.

## Raffles

Woodline Inc. donated a precision positioning jig kit to the club during the Houston Woodworking Show. As promised, our raffle chairman, Steve Brady, held the raffle



during the meeting. Dean Partridge was the lucky winner.

## Tool Reviews



Dean Partridge showed us his new Dowel and Tenon Cutting tool that makes 1/2" dowels from 5/8" square stock.

The kit comes with a 5/8" square drive socket and drive adapter for an electric drill. The cutter has an adjustable, curved blade that will allow some size adjustment of the finished dowel. A straight blade is also available to cut tapered tenons used in chair making. Dean suggests that you sharpen the blade before using the tool - it's really not sharp enough right out of the box. The tool set is available from Lee Valley & Veritas Tool Company. The website address is: [www.leevalley.com](http://www.leevalley.com).



David Rutledge brought a center-finding ruler made by General Tools. The ruler has dual scales, normal graduations on the top

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scale and half graduations on the bottom scale. To find the center of a board, measure it with the top scale, then find the identical measurement on the bottom scale and you've located the center - no math required!



David also brought an adjustable edge-marking gauge that doubles as a small T-square. It has very fine marking measurements - 1/64" horizontally and 1/28<sup>th</sup> vertically. It has very tiny holes so you can make accurate markings - but you have to use a very pencil.

Both rulers are available from Woodcraft. Check their website: [www.woodcraft.com](http://www.woodcraft.com).

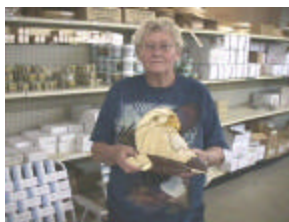
## Show & Tells



Lyman Frugia brought a magazine story about a previous member, Kip Powers. Kip is a very good wood turner that left the area when he retired from the Texaco Research department.



Sue Caldwell brought an Eagle Intarsia. She's had the pattern for a long time but couldn't find any naturally blue wood for the flag. She finally relented and stained a piece of wood blue.



Winnie Rudd also brought an Eagle Intarsia. She and Sue now identify the woods they use for the intarsia on the label.



Howard Hartman brought the jig he made to sharpen his chisels and plane irons. He used a double layer of plywood and a sheet of plate glass. He tapes his abrasive to the glass and uses a holder to keep the edge straight while he's sharpening.



Earl Rutherford shows his first turned pen. Steve Brady trained him and they used a piece of Bloodwood to construct the pen.



Rob Emanuel showed us the bowl he made at a recent Saturday Program meeting as well as a pair of walnut candlesticks he saw on a woodturning program on television.



Steve Brady built this versatile tool caddy that doubles as a workbench and work stool.

## Door Prize

Steve Brady won the door prize. Steve also brought a Show & Tell, so he won \$35 - more than enough to pay next year's club dues!

## Club Election

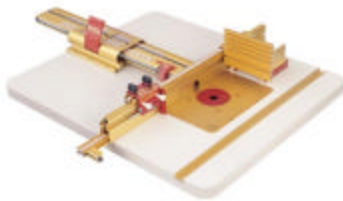
Our President-Elect, Steve Brady, picked a nominating committee for the upcoming election. The committee will recommend a slate of officers at the October meeting and ask for nominations from the floor. The election will be at the November meeting.

## Program



Rob Emanuel presented our program this month and it featured his Inkra Jig LS-25 precision positioning fence. Rob

purchased it about 4 years ago and recently started using it.



The kit comes with the fence, the precision lead-screw positioning head, templates and a very extensive

instruction manual. The LS-25 has a 25" positioning head. Inkra also makes a 17" version. The templates are designed to use certain size bits, so it's best to purchase a router bit set specifically designed for use with the Inkra Jig.

Operation is simple! Just pick the type joint/cut you want to make, install the proper bit in your router and make the cuts according to the directions in the manual.

Using a box joint as an example, pick the template for the width joint you want, say 3/8", and install the 3/8" straight bit in your router. Set the bit height a few thousandths of an inch higher than your stock is thick.



Setup the 'center cut' as directed in the manual. That's where the Inkra shines, you can set the distance from the bit exactly where needs to be with the precision

lead-screw adjustment.

Stack your opposing sides together and clamp one set to the sled. If you want a good fit, you have to clamp the stock to the sled. Cut all of the 'A' cuts at one time, then cut all of the 'B' cuts.

The Inkra Jig easily cuts dovetails of almost any size or spacing. You can even cut the famous 'shadow' dovetails that use contrasting woods to highlight the dovetail joint.

The Inkra Jig also works very well as a table saw fence.

Rob, thanks for a very interesting presentation on the Inkra Jig.

## Our Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be October 23<sup>rd</sup> at Acadian Hardwoods in Rose City starting at 7PM. This meeting will be our annual FAVORITE JIG meeting. We all use some type of jig to make our woodworking safer, faster or more accurate. Please bring at least one jig to share with your fellow woodworkers. Your jig will count as your show & tell item for the door prize drawing.

I'll be there early to take pictures of your show and tell items. Be sure to bring a chair.