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# LAKE CHARLES WOODWORKERS CLUB

Jim Couvillion, President

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## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The June meeting was held in the shop of Jim Couvillion in Lake Charles with 20 persons attending. Our appreciation goes to our president for hosting this event.

**Jim Couvillion** demonstrated his lathe duplicator which was installed and working well. A follower contacts a pattern and travels lengthwise in response to handwheel adjustments. A lathe cutter responds to lever action to produce the desired cut. Jim noted that the primary disadvantage with the duplicator was its significant weight which necessitates several individuals for the installation.

A major topic of the meeting was table saw blades. There was considerable discussion of a comparison of carbide blades with infrequent sharpening versus steel blades with frequent sharpening. There appeared to be no real consensus opinion; each individual apparently has his own preferences. Carbide blades, however, continue to receive a lot of attention.

**Jim Couvillion** demonstrated his Freud 60 tooth cross cut rip blade. In addition to producing clean cuts, special cuts in the blade itself contribute to a major noise reduction; it was extremely quiet.

**John Perry** also reported on a saw blade he purchased as a result of his trip to the Houston Woodworking Show. His is a Woodworker II, 40 tooth carbide-tipped blade made by the Forrest Mfg. Co. It also produces extremely smooth cuts with very little noise. John also purchased a carbide-tipped dado from the same manufacturer which John claims this is the finest he has ever seen for precise, clean dadoing.

**Scott Pias** showed examples of his recent carvings.

## In Memoriam

Our member, Joseph B. Cass, Jr. died on June 7. Our sincere condolences go to his wife and family.

## Editor's Note:

I wish to express my appreciation to Ron Stowe for performing my reporting duties at the last meeting. I have been on a vacation trip through New England, part of which involved some woodworking activity in Maine. As a result, the newsletter is briefer than normal this month.

## NEXT MEETING

July 8, 1995, 9:00 am in the shop of

**Norman Robinson**  
708 Dolby  
Lake Charles, LA

## FUTURE MEETINGS

August 12 .... Open .... (Any offers ??)  
September 9 Shop of Ron Stowe