

Big Changes- Hurricane Harvey Update

August 2017 Hurricane Harvey swept through Houston and left a historic mark. We suffered severe flooding at my place with 2.5 feet of water in my house and 10 inches of rain in my shop. I lost most of my equipment motors, but was able to get up and running again in just a couple of months.

The house was a different story. The drywall had to be ripped out and we lost incalculable memorabilia. At first, I figured I would rebuild and started on the project. After getting the drywall replaced I began to reassess the rebuilding project. I knew that my property on Lake Houston would only sell to a developer that would tear everything I had built down to make way for condos, so I decided to quit the rebuild. I listed the property and bought a new place in Brenham, Texas about 100 miles from my old location. I have since moved there and am developing that location.

Before the flood I had already decided to give my shop to Scott Gilmore. He worked for me (part time) for the last five years. I did not want to sell my business because I felt it was important to my customers' investment in my work that I maintain the integrity of my reputation built over a forty-seven year career. But, I wanted there to be service for my cues and wanted it to be by someone I had trained. Scott is now (still working part-time) providing that service. I am working (at 80 years young) to establish my new studio in Brenham. I'm still a few months away from having that set up. I will be concentrating on higher end, one-of-a-kind cues.

Scott will establish his own designed cues and will provide refinish/rewraps, new shafts and general repair on my cues for my customers. I will continue to instruct him as necessary. His cell number is 832-693-0060.

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Thank you all for your years of support in an industry and profession I have truly enjoyed.

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