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## August 20th Meeting 5:00 p.m. Main Plant Cafeteria

Join us this month for a look into the Collins Woodworkers Guild photo album. Larry Tjaden is planning a five-year photo retrospective of meetings, tours, and trips. Over the last several years, we have visited a number of local businesses and shops where John Cox and Larry Tjaden have been regularly snapping photos. However, only a few made it into the newsletter. Like all good photographers, we kept the negatives just in case such an occasion, like this, should arise.

To add to the show, we will review the topics of the last sixty meetings and compare it to what, you the membership, look to see in the future. Where shall we go from here? Do we like the tours and trips ... you bet! But, we still need a few show & tells and a couple of member project reviews to fulfill our charter to exchange woodworking knowledge with fellow members.

We hope that looking back at our old photos and meeting topics in this way will encourage a new member to prepare a presentation of their own - therefore perpetuating our club and our hobby. Keep in mind that one of our FY03 president's tasks is to assemble eleven meetings - the September Membership Drive meeting is a freebee. For every meeting topic volunteered by a member - that's one less for the planning committee, and the president, to dream up.

## September Membership Meeting

Coming to a Woodworking Guild near you... As the next fiscal year rolls into view it becomes our queue to renew. Don't forget, we need to elect a new set of officers too.

Guild treasurer, Larry Lacy, say's, "Bring your ideas for tools or books to spend-down the club budget."

Anybody want to write the newsletter?



## July Meeting

Our July meeting was held at Dick Schwab's farm and sawmill near Solon - about twenty members and guests attending. On a quiet drive at the end of a shaded lane Dick has created a trio of wonderful hand-built round barns. Several years ago, Dick got the urge to use some of the lumber he had sawn for a special construction project - and ended up building three large round barns and one smaller version that is more of an elongated octagon. The three round barns are patterned upon a turn-of-the-century design but without the silo in the center. In place of the silo Dick has installed an 'upper floor' to act as a observation deck with a 360° view. All of the shaped beams are laminated from layers of 3/4-inch hardwood. The sheathing is solid wood except when the curves are too tight he used plywood. To accent the architecture, the outer walls are finished-out in cut limestone masonry - all beautifully laid.

One of the barns was chock full of lumber that has been cured in Dick's kiln, one was full of automobiles, one with tractors, and one houses the woodworking shop.

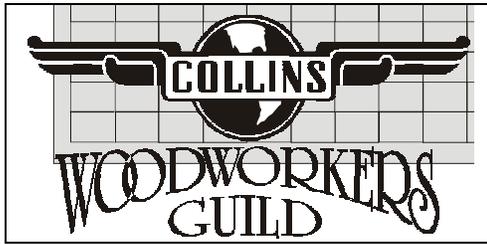
After the barn tour, we all went for a short walk to a field where Dick demonstrated his WoodMizer portable sawmill. Several deft cuts and we were looking at some real nice curly-grained white oak that will fit nicely in a project someday. He gets all of his logs from an Iowa City tree service in trade for their disposal.

The club extends our thanks to Dick for hosting a most enjoyable tour.



Photos by John Cox and Larry Tjaden





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Membership in the Collins Woodworkers Guild is open to all Rockwell Collins, Inc. employees, spouses, retirees, and contract employees.

Everyone is welcome at our meetings!

Yearly dues, renewed in September, are \$10.

Keep in touch! Don't miss a copy of the newsletter.  
Send an e-mail to our membership person Larry Lacy at  
cwg-membership@collinsclubs.com and give him your new address.

## Invitation to all members

Got an idea for a meeting topic? Want to contribute to the club?

Attend one of our monthly planning committee meetings.

We meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Main Plant Cafeteria at five o'clock. This year's team is Larry Tjaden, Dave Huovinen, Larry Lacy, Lee Johnson, Wayne Hanson and Emil Krepcik.

We greatly appreciate your new ideas. For it is from them that we keep the meetings interesting, well attended, and on target.

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## Guild Benefits

- ◆ Access to our Extensive Library and Tool Collection
- ◆ Open Exchange of Ideas
- ◆ Social Activities
- ◆ Workshops
- ◆ Opportunity to Help our Community through Toys-for-Tots and other Programs
- ◆ Educational & Informative Presentations
- ◆ Open Houses
- ◆ Tours
- ◆ Discounts at:
  - Puckett Tools & Fasteners
  - Woodsmith Store - Des Moines

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