



# KNOT KNEWS



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## June 17th Meeting Tour of Wiel and Sons Lumber Co. 9:00 a.m. Winthrop, IA

This month we are going to venture away on a Monday morning to tour a large-scale sawmill, kiln, and lumber sales facility. Tour facilitator, Dave Huovinen, has arranged our outing on a work day because Wieland's is not open on Saturday and so we can witness their equipment in full operation. Which reminds me ... Dave said they want us to bring our own **hearing protection** and **safety glasses**. In the interest of economy, we are going to car pool for the trip starting in the Rockwell Collins Recreation Center parking lot. We plan to leave at 8:00 a.m., assuming it will take a little less than an hour to drive up there, therefore we need to be gathering at around 7:45 in the parking lot. Winthrop is East of Independence on Highway 20. It looks like there is a couple of routes we can take between Cedar Rapids and Wielands. When the tour is over, several of us are planning on lunch in Winthrop.

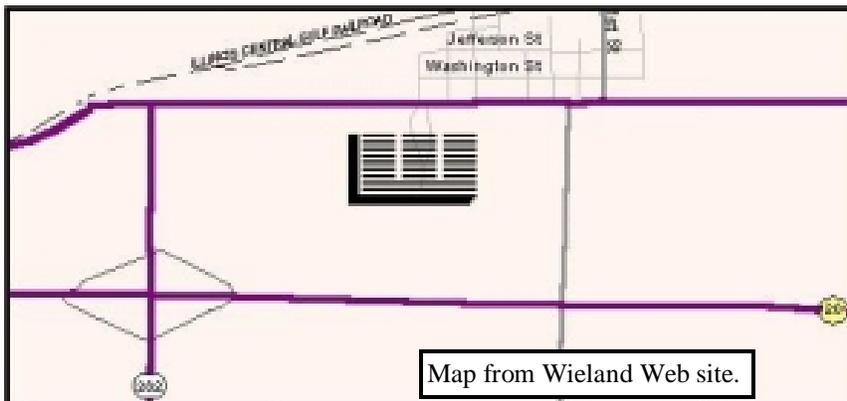
### July Meeting Joel Gillett, Facilitator

On July 16th, we have scheduled a tour of Dick Schwab's sawmill, kiln, and barn collection. Dick lives in rural Solan, runs a sawmill, and builds round barns as a hobby. He has a couple of really big ones to show us. He also has for sale, local cut and dried hardwoods. We will provide a map to Dick's facility in the July issue of *Knot Knews*.

### May Meeting

Last month Allen and Linda Root, owners of *By The Foot Sawmill and Kiln*, provided our club with a tour of their facilities. About thirty club members and guests enjoyed an informative evening with the Roots. They walked us through the process

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### Attention Unifence Owners By: Wayne Hanson

I've had a Delta Contractor's saw with the Unifence for a few years and have enjoyed the increased accuracy and ease of use that it brought to my shop, particularly over the Craftsman table saw I used previously. One of the common criticisms of the Unifence is not being able to easily build accessories to fit over the fence because of its non-symmetrical shape. A friend sent me a URL (<http://www.trackusa.com/unifence.htm>) of a company that makes a replacement for the Unifence and suggested I arrange a group discount for the club. I contacted the company, spoke to the president and he is interested in working with us. Before I talk about prices, let me talk a little about the fence.

The Uni-T-Fence, made by Might-T-Track, Inc. of Atlanta, GA is a 36 or 43 inch, box shaped extrusion that is a slide-in replacement for the Unifence. It's uses the same mounting slots as the Unifence and is the same width so there's no need to reset the measurement scale on the fence. What it adds is a replaceable face of UHMW (ultra high molecular weight) plastic and several T slots for accessories.



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## One Year Ago...

Mark Clark and Lee Johnson gave a presentation on TurboCAD, a low cost answer to making two and three dimensional drawings for wood-working projects.

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of receiving logs, wrestling them onto the saw, the cutting process, straight-line ripping, and stacking the lumber into the kiln. They also showed us their sales room and the lumber species they have for sale.



Allen saved a log aside for the tour - it had very interesting grain patterns but it was too old and full of dry rot. If you have a log for Allen to saw, bring it in right away - don't try to age it a little first. When you fell a tree or are offered a hardwood log, take it to *By The Foot*,

they will be glad to make it into lumber for you.

Our club would like to thank the Roots for an enlightening tour.

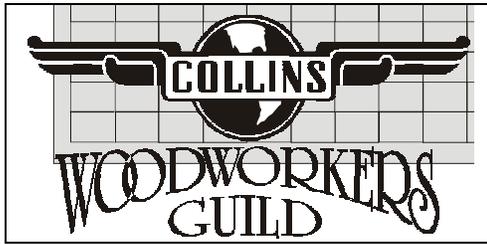


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The plastic insert is 1/2 inch wide so it can be replaced with plywood or solid wood for such operations as rabbeting where you might want to bury part of the dado. The company has developed several accessories such as Board Buddies and featherboards that can add a lot of utility (and safety) to the fence. This is a case where a picture is worth a thousand words and I'd suggest you look at the picture included with this article and the URL homepage. Might-T-Track sells a variety of other woodworking products too so I'd suggest a quick look around their website to see if they have that widget you've been looking for.

I've spoken with the President of Might-T-Track and he would like to have a list of what we're ordering and then give us an item-by-item discount. He indicated that since some of what he sells is purchased from other companies, he can't be quite as generous with a discount on those items. I pushed him a bit to get a sense of what sort of discount he might be offering on the Uni-T-Fence and he rattled off "\$10-\$15-\$20, something in that range" soooo, the discount could be anywhere in that range. Please check the Might-T-Track website and send me a list, via email, of what you'd like to purchase (call me at home if you don't have access to the INTERNET, 366-0345) and I will

compile a master list to send to Might-T-Track. Use my email address (listed elsewhere in the Newsletter) and it will get to my home address. Might-T-Track will send the list back to me with the discounted prices and I will provide you with a price that shows the cost of the equipment plus your share of the shipping. Might-T-Track has indicated they will not charge us for any handling - just the actual cost of the shipping. The order will come to my house in one box (or as few as practical) to minimize shipping costs. Fair warning to the buyers of the Uni-T-Fences - each one weighs 10-12 pounds so purchasers of those will pay the majority of the shipping. I have informal commitments for around 10 fences, so shipping cost for each fence won't be out of line. The June meeting will be a road trip Weiland and Son's at Winthrop so there won't be a meeting at the Collins cafeteria. Check the newsletter and homepage for those details. The deadline for getting your order to me is June 19<sup>th</sup>. After I've received the prices from Might-T-Track and allocated the shipping costs, I will return email everyone with the final price of their order and the total order will be sent. I'll require a check (made out to Wayne Hanson) or good old cash when you pick up your order.



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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 lineup 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.

*Visit our Web Site at:*

*Collins Clubs.Com*

## 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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