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March 19th Meeting European Hinges Main Plant Cafeteria - 5:00 p.m.

Larry Tjaden will make a presentation on the selection, installation, and finer attributes of European Hinges. With a few simple tools to drill the hole pattern and a little forethought ordering the parts, you too can take advantage of these versatile hinges and accessories. You don't have to run a cabinet shop to purchase them either, several woodworking supply catalogs have a wide range to select from. Larry will bring several common hinges types and some of the companion attachment accessories.



Last Meeting

The February meeting was held in the Main Plant Cafeteria, thirty-one members and guests attending. The topic for the meeting was presented by Bob Wolf and Jean Wiedenheft from the Indian Creek Nature Center. Bob is the Nature Center's official Bee Keeper, Jean is the Facility Steward. Bob gave an overview of the workings of their indoor bee hive and how it is used to teach students the ways of the bees and their mysterious society. The hive is in need of repair and Bob is looking for a few improvements to the design. For instance, he is looking to making it more portable so they can temporarily remove the main hive and show it at area schools. Bob brought some wooden hive parts and a design plan to work from. Ronnie Manthe has volunteered to redraw and modify the plan to fit Bob's ideas. Bob gave a real nice discussion on bees and bee keeping. Our members kept him busy answering questions. We still need a couple additional volunteers to help build the new hive as soon as Ronnie completes the drawings. You may also contact Dave Huovinen if you wish to join in. This is sure to be another fulfilling project and a chance to build something unique for

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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.ttrackusa.com/unifence.htm>) of a company that makes a replacement for the Unifence and suggested I see if I could 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-

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Track, Inc. of Atlanta, GA is a 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. 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 to the fence. This is a case where a picture is worth a thousand words and I'd suggest you look at the graphics included with this article or at the URL homepage.

As I said earlier, the President of Might-T-Track, Inc indicated he would give us a discount but wouldn't make any commitments until late April or early May. His business season is Sept-April (the wood show season) and right now, is actually selling everything he can produce. Once the show circuit winds down he will have excess production and will take our order. I pushed him a bit to get a sense of what sort of discount he might be offering and he rattled off "\$10-\$15-\$20, something in that range" but my guess is that the discount will be on the low end of that range. The list price of the 36-inch Uni-T-Fence is \$70 plus shipping,

A Year Ago This Month

Richard Dudak gave our club a tour of his cabinet shop in Marion. As usual, our membership turned out in numbers when visiting some of the professional businesses and wood-related shops in the area.

which, per the homepage, is \$7.75. Also, you may want to wander around the Might-T-Track site a bit to see if there is anything else you're interested in buying. The President indicated that on a group order such as this he would only charge actual UPS shipping costs. The shipping weight of the fences is 10-12 pounds each so shipping costs will be significant. My thinking at this point is to try to work out a price for the fences that includes shipping and a fixed discount on all the other stuff (to include shipping) so that we will know upfront what all the costs will be. I'll collect the money in advance, submit one order and pay via a credit card to speed up the whole process.

The April newsletter will have an order form of some sort in it and I will begin taking orders at the April meeting. I'd appreciate it if you'd let me know in advance if you're interested in the Uni-T-Fence, any of the accessories or any of the other Might-T-Track products (an email would be best). I'll use that info to "bargain" with the President.

Members joining since 2/1/2002

James Jobe - 2/6/02
Pete Sheyko - 2/19/02
Chris Madsen - 2/19/02
Jim Gardas - 2/20/02

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our friends at the Nature Center. Thanks to Bob and Joan for the excellent presentation. A couple of members brought show and tell items. Jerry Roland brought a homemade picture frame with interesting pocket-hole fastened miter joints. He also used the club's FrameMaster framing point gun to install the poster. Larry Tjaden brought a homemade vacuum stand that used an air compressor to draw the vacuum. John Cox won the \$10 gift certificate and Jerry Roland won the \$25 certificate door prizes.

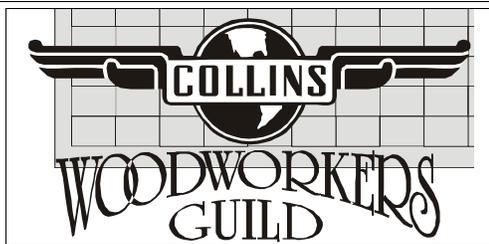


Wiel and & Sons Lumber Co.
Dave Huovinen is making the initial plans for a club tour of Wieland's facility in Winthrop.

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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.

Check out the Guild's website

The Collins Woodworkers Guild website is available for viewing on the World Wide Web at:
www.collinsclubs.com/woodworkers

Guild Benefits

- ◆ Access to our Extensive Library and Tool Collection
- ◆ Open Exchange of Ideas
- ◆ Social Activities
- ◆ Workshops
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