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John Corbitt**



**Richardson Police Department  
Crime Prevention Unit**

Presents



**Know Your Stuff®**

When a burglar breaks into your home or business they can be in and out in as little as three minutes, carrying your property with them. Stolen property carries with it the ability to lead police back to the scene of the crime, even back to the perpetrators. A comprehensive property inventory list can assist police in recovering your property and solving property crime. Recording your valuables will also provide assistance with the replacement of your property in the event of theft, fire or other catastrophic event.

“Know Your Stuff”, the online property inventory software provided by the Insurance Information Institute is a secure internet storing house for individuals or businesses to record property data. The website is an easy to use database, free to the public, where serial numbers and pictures can be stored and retrieved in the event of a loss. All that is needed to utilize this program is a computer and internet accessibility.

To find out more about the Insurance Information Institute visit their website at [www.iii.org](http://www.iii.org). For a direct link to their property inventory software visit [www.knowyourstuff.org](http://www.knowyourstuff.org)

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**April 21, 2011**

Richardson Civic Center

411 W. Arapaho Road

9:00 Social Hour

10:00 Business Meeting



Paul Holcomb, Cary Collins, and Dave Marrs enjoy the Social Hour at the October 2010 session.

You can view more photos of the October 2010 meeting by going to our website, <http://rc retirees.com/index.html> and click on the “Click here for pictures...” link on the home page just under the meeting announcement.

**Door Prize Winners - October 2010**

Bob Judd awarded the following prizes at the last meeting

\$5 Gold Coin – Leonard Schmitt

\$50 – Harold Kirby

\$25 – Fred Hall

**Planned Next Meeting: October 19, 2011**

*Note the change of Day (WED) & Date*

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10:00 Business Meeting

*Speaker - Alan Caslavka*

*RCGS VP & GM - Surface Solutions*

*Plan to come help us celebrate our*

*50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

## Newsletter Mailing Must Be Curtailed!!

Due to the high printing and mailing cost, please note that effective September 1, 2011, we will no longer mail the RCRA newsletter. The newsletter will continue to be available at the RCRA Website and if you will provide your email address to us, we will email it to you when a new newsletter is available. If you need an exception, we will mail a copy of the newsletter to you via the US Mail, but you must specifically request this exception and verify your address for us, as follows:

1. Come to the meeting and make that request at our special signup table.
2. Mail a written request to us with your current home address to P.O. Box 851271, Richardson, TX 75085-1271
3. Email your request to us at [rc retirees@gmail.com](mailto:rc retirees@gmail.com). Please include your current home address, as well.

The officers have reviewed our options and we are sorry if we inconvenience any of you. If we do not hear from you, we assume that you no longer need a printed copy sent via US Mail.

**Jerry Henninger**, a past president of RCRA, hosts the RCRA website, <http://rc retirees.com/>. You may choose to download the current newsletter via the links on that website. We thank Jerry Henninger and his business partner, Lance Ochs for this service. Also, we ask you to forward obituaries and death notices for our members to one of the officers (see page 1 for addresses) and copy Jerry at the following address: [jerry@heritagetradegroup.com](mailto:jerry@heritagetradegroup.com).

## Thanks to Our Host/Hostess Committee

We want to express our gratitude and thanks to our Host/Hostess Committee organized by **Janice Taylor** and **Bernice Toller**. They greet members, prepare the meeting room, handle name tags, arrange and serve the refreshments, sell rosters and collect the money to support the meetings and do an outstanding job at every meeting. Let them know that you appreciate them.

Troy Scoggins reminds us that we can know about current Rockwell Collins Leadership Association activities through their website:  
<http://rockwellcollinsclubs.com/clubs-tx/leadership/>

### Important Contact Information

[www.benefits.rockwellcollins.com](http://www.benefits.rockwellcollins.com)

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## PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

### Change is Inevitable

(except from a vending machine)

Ben Franklin once said "When you are finished changing, you're finished". Meg Ryan, on the other hand, said "People are always telling me that change is good. But all that means is that something you didn't want to happen has happened". I think I may be more in the Meg Ryan school of thought. While browsing the internet, I stumbled on a site titled "CHANGES ARE COMING", which caught my eye. Let me summarize the nine things the article predicted would be changing and going away:

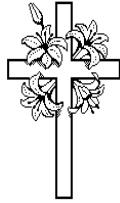
1. **The Post Office** - Is in deep financial trouble and there is probably no way to sustain it long term. But then again, you can already receive and pay bills on-line and save a stamp. For everything else, there's email, FedEx, and UPS.
2. **Bank Checks** - see #1. For everything else, there is a debit card.
3. **Newspapers** - Have been a staple in my life for the past 50 years. But, neither of my sons subscribe. They, and millions of other young people, get their news on-line.
4. **Books** - My wife has always been a voracious book reader. But now, she has an IPAD. You can get books online for a slightly lower price than paper books. Plus, once you start flicking your fingers on the screen and get excited about the plot, you forget you are holding a gadget instead of a book.
5. **Land Line Telephones** - We dropped ours in favor of cell phones. So far, the biggest thing (i.e. benefit) we've noticed is that we aren't getting bothersome sales calls every evening.
6. **Music** - Per the article, "greed & corruption in the industry" is resulting in a lack of new music. 40% of the music purchased today is "catalog items" from older established artists. You can download a song or an entire album and not even leave home.
7. **Television** - Network revenues are down dramatically. A lot of people have already switched to watching TV & movies streamed through their computer.
8. **The "Things That You Own"** - "Cloud" computing means your music, pictures, movies and documents aren't stored on your computer, but on the "virtual" internet (also known as the cloud). So, if they are stored on the internet, do you really own them?
9. **Privacy** - Security cameras, the camera built into your computer and cell phone and the "profile" you create every time you buy something or surf the web lets total strangers know your preferences, where you live, and where you are at any given moment. Our privacy is vanishing.

The article wasn't attributed, so I can't give you the name of the person who actually wrote it, but it makes some good points. For every change-resistant geezer like me, there are a dozen young people without a landline, a newspaper subscription, or a checkbook. All of these changes are advancing at a high rate of speed and it's important that we all recognize these changes (so we can be prepared to adapt) as they are taking place in front of us.

Not all of these changes are necessarily positive. As the President once said, "It is not strange ... to mistake change for progress". Not our current President. The President that said that was Millard Fillmore. So, it sounds like he would be of the Meg Ryan school of thought too.

## In Remembrance

Johnny Gray 3/2006  
George Skaar 2008  
Gart Bowling 4/2009  
June Ducote 2009  
Toby Christian 1/2010  
Gene Colwick 5/2010  
Joe Paysinger 8/2010  
Gordon Tilley 8/2010  
Doris Moore 9/2010  
James Nickell 10/2010  
Robert Hodges Jr 10.2010  
John Gurley 11/2010  
Bill Thompson 12/2010  
Diane Sullivan Price 12/2010  
Richard Loughry 1/2011  
John Anderson 1/2011  
Kenneth Bell 1/2011  
John Walker 1/2011  
Grady Riley 2/2011  
Wendell Holder 2/2011  
William Perkins 2/2011



Member Contributions –Contributions received at the meetings continue to play a major role in offsetting the expenses of this organization. When the baskets are passed please be generous. Another way to help RCRA is to purchase an ad in this newsletter. Any officer can help you with the details.

### Welcome New Members

Paul Hartmann  
Nancy Drerup  
Neal Watts

We need your help to identify and contact Retirees. We must have the retirees address from them or a friend.

### Recent Dallas Area Retirees per R-C

Bill Swan, McKinney  
Terrell Graham, Plano  
Michael Tunnell, Plano



Dave Flanigan, Spencer Burgess, Odis Hall, and Jim McLean enjoy a cup of joe and reminiscing.



Howard Hess and Mike Patrick chat with Warren Bruene.

### Updated Rosters Available

Updated Rosters will be available at the next meeting for a cost of \$4.00. Electronic copies are available by e-mail by sending your request to one of the officers—no charge.

To obtain a roster by mail, send your request including your address along with a check for \$5.00 to:

Rockwell Collins Retirees Association  
P.O. Box 851271  
Richardson, TX 75085-1271

### Retirement Bulletin Sponsor

Dr. Robert M. Judd, JD, MBA, became an RCRA sponsor early in 2007 and continues his support to us. He joins us at our meetings and provides handouts describing his services and registration for three door prizes to award through a drawing at the conclusion of the meeting.

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