

## Welcome Our October Speaker Tommy Dodson Rockwell Collins Government Systems VP & GM - Surface Solutions



Glen T. (Tommy) Dodson is Vice President & General Manager, Surface Solutions for Rockwell Collins. In this role, Dodson is responsible for land and sea based systems solutions including ground vehicles, soldier, maritime and fixed site solutions. He was named to the position in May 2011. In addition, Dodson oversees the company's Richardson, Texas, facility.

Tommy, who joined the company in 1978, has been associated with the in-flight entertainment business since its acquisition by Rockwell Collins. He previously served as vice president and general manager, Cabin Systems. In that role, he was responsible for cabin information management systems serving the air transport and business jet markets. He has also served as vice president and general manager, Passenger Systems, and business development director for the company's Communication Systems Division (CSD), a leading supplier of communication systems and related services to the U.S. Department of Defense and more than 27 other countries worldwide.

In 1994, Tommy was named program manager for Rockwell Collins' Secure Mobile Anti-jam Reliable Tactical Terminal program. He has held a variety of positions in the finance and contracting fields, including manager, Financial Planning/GFA, from 1992 to 1994, and manager, Contracts and Proposals, from 1989 to 1990.

Tommy, a graduate of Garland High, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing from the University of North Texas and a Master of Business Administration degree from Abilene Christian University. He lives in North Dallas with his wife Cindy and son Thomas (G. T. Dodson III). Glen Dodson, Tommy's dad, is a member of RCRA. We are looking forward to celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with Tommy as our speaker!

### WEDNESDAY October 19, 2011

Richardson Civic Center  
411 W. Arapaho Road  
9:00 Social Hour  
10:00 Business Meeting



Gary Grogan and Bob Judd pose with the April 2011 prize winners, Emmitt Robitaille, Richard Kaiser, and Jim Logbeck

### Door Prize Winners - April 2011

Bob Judd awarded the following prizes at the last meeting

\$5 Gold Coin – Emmitt Robitaille  
\$50 – Richard Kaiser  
\$25 – Jim Logbeck

You can view more photos of the April 2011 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.

### Rockwell Collins Retirees Association

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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.**

## Website Information

**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 notify one of the officers (see page 1 for contact info) of obituaries/death notices for our members to and send a copy to our email account ([rc retirees@gmail.com](mailto:rc retirees@gmail.com)) to aid in distribution of that information to our members.

## 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.

### Rockwell Collins Leadership Association Website

<http://rockwellcollinsclubs.com/clubs-tx/leadership/>

### Rockwell Collins Benefit Contact Information

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

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## PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

### The Safest Way to Double Your Money!

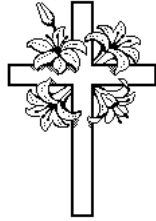
I rarely give financial advice, but in this article you'll find a safe, foolproof way to double your money. Also, with debt ceiling increases, budget cuts, layoffs and wild stock market gyrations making headlines these days, I thought it might be appropriate to reflect on what others have said about finances. How many of these statements mirror your thinking? Here goes:

- "People say that money is not the key to happiness, but I always figured if you have enough money, you can have a key made." **Joan Rivers**
- "Money frees you from doing things you dislike. Since I dislike doing nearly everything, money is handy." **Groucho Marx**
- "Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it." **Ronald Reagan**
- "Money will buy a pretty good dog, but it won't buy the wag of his tail." **Josh Billings**
- "It is pretty hard to tell what does bring happiness; poverty and wealth have both failed." **Kin Hubbard**
- "Rule No.1: Never lose money. Rule No.2: Never forget rule No.1." **Warren Buffett**
- "A nickel ain't worth a dime anymore." **Yogi Berra** (It was also Yogi who, when asked what he would do if he found a million dollars, responded "If the guy who lost it was poor I'd give it back.")
- "I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them." **Thomas Jefferson**
- "We should measure welfare's success by how many people leave welfare, not by how many are added." **Ronald Reagan**
- "The American Republic will endure until the day Congress discovers that it can bribe the public with the public's money." **Alexis de Tocqueville**

Will Rogers once said he was more concerned about the return OF his money than the return ON his money? And, in times like these, you might want to consider the advice of Kin Hubbard who observed: "the safest way to double your money is to fold it over once and put it back in your pocket".

## In Remembrance

James Benish  
Calvin Glade  
Robert Lippert  
Nancy Mallette  
John Stuckey Jr.  
Ruth Thatcher  
Joe Cullinane 2004  
Robert Bond 2008  
Elaine Clayton 10/2008  
Bobby Gardiner 3/2009  
Alford Nelson 2009  
Jose Elek 12/26.2009  
Richard Reha 10/9/2010  
Robert George 11/1/2010  
Enoch Salas 1/2/2011  
Ellis Godsey 1/7/2011  
Paul Beyer 2/7/2011  
George Shuford 2/23/2011  
August Ebensberger 3/21/2011  
Russell (Rusty) Candler Jr. 3/26/2011  
Arthur (Art) Middlebrook 4/7/2011  
Mildred Brandon 4/11/2011  
La Vana (Bonnie) May 4/11/2011  
Stanford (Stan) Fong 4/27/2011  
Don Colby 5/1/2011  
Floyd Miller Jr. 5/22/2011  
George Kernsavage 6/7/2011  
Clarence (Al) Brookner 6/9/2011  
James Tipton 7/12/2011  
Worth Speed 7/20/2011  
William (Bill) Reagan 7/21/2011



## Welcome New Members

Bob Abele  
Bob Braack  
Joseph Campanella  
Victor Cawoski  
Carol Cunningham  
Lorraine Finn  
Bob Hamer  
Ray Housley  
Mike Musgrave  
William Nelson  
Betty Priesing  
Glen Shaffer  
Harold Shiroma  
John Stover  
Bill Swan  
Deloras Theys  
Jim Westcot  
Paula (Sue) Wiseman

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

None Identified



Wanda Fox and Cynthia Noah stopped talking long enough to give us a smile.



The synchronized smiling trophy, however, was awarded to Hersh Parekh, Jim Doi, and Tom Schultz..

## 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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