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Skil Idea Hunt for Drill Modules

We're looking for your ideas about how to enhance Skil's corded or cordless drills.

Specifically, we're looking for modules that could be added to Skil's existing and future drills (including hammer drills) to enhance performance or offer another feature. Skil has successfully introduced a modular stud finder for its drills and is interested in clever ideas for more such modules. The most active, creative participants in the Hunt will receive a Skil drill. More importantly, the best ideas we receive will be presented to Skil for possible licensing agreements.

Invention Guidelines

1. Ideally, the module you propose would work with both corded and cordless drills, including hammer drills.
2. The module should have the same footprint as their stud finder, which is on their 12V drill (2467-03). However, your module does not have to be the same height. NOTE: We have a very limited number of stud finders available, which we can send inventors (only one per household) on a first come, first serve basis. We regret that we cannot send the modules outside the continental U.S.
3. Battery requirements for your module DON'T have to match the stud finder.
4. The module should be relatively cheap-\$10 or less at retail.
5. The module should be a widely desirable feature-not a specialized tool used only rarely.
6. The module should NOT require internal modification of the existing drill; it should be an add-on. (Skil plans to modify most of its existing drills to accommodate modules.)
7. The module should NOT be a feature commonly already found on most Skil drills.
8. The module does NOT have to be patentable. Conversely, it should not rely on getting permission to use an existing patent (unless that patent is owned by Skil).
9. Other factors to consider: safety, ease of use, ease of manufacturing, defensibility (not easily copied).

Who Can Participate

The Hunt is open to both professional and amateur inventors. Participants under age 18 must have a parent or legal guardian fill out the Entry Agreement and sign all agreements. Ideas created by multiple inventors are welcome, though you must indicate that on the entry form. Employees, immediate families, members of the same household, or affiliates and agents of Big Idea Group and Skil are not eligible to participate.

What does it cost to enter? Entry is free.

Who will evaluate the ideas? Big Idea Group will review ideas and show the best ones to Skil.

What do I send and where? At a minimum, we require you to send Big Idea Group the following:

- A completed Entry Agreement. One form will cover all your entries.



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Mission Statement

To provide a forum that fosters creativity, freethinking and education that will help further our members' innovations.



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- A brief typewritten explanation of your idea-one idea per page, please.
- A visual of your idea (you will NOT be judged on professionalism of the visual)-one idea per page, please. If design/look or color are key to your invention, we recommend that you mail a color visual.
- Other materials such as prototypes, tech specs, home videos explaining the idea, etc., are welcome but not necessary. NOTE: All materials submitted should be duplicates. We can't return material, so please don't send originals unless you don't need them returned.

What can I win? Skil will award drills to the most active, creative participants. More importantly, the best ideas we receive will be presented to Skil for possible licensing agreements.

Submission deadline: Entries are due on or before June 13, 2003. Please mail your submission(s) to: Skil Drill Idea Hunt, Big Idea Group, 814 Elm St., Ste. 300 Manchester, NH 03101. Or you can fax your submissions to: Skil Drill Idea Hunt at 603-641-5995.

Important note: The Inventor must understand and agree that Skil and BIG are involved in the business of researching and developing many ideas for new products and that either Skil or BIG may have previously received, or may receive third party ideas similar or identical to the Inventor's idea and that the Inventor's participation in this Hunt will not in any way limit Skil's or BIG's right to use any such idea as they deem appropriate.

Disclosure: Skil is currently working on these modules: (1) tape measure/voice recorder, and (2) depth sensor. Skil is still open to Inventor suggestions on these modules. However, in the spirit of fair disclosure, Skil and BIG wanted Inventors to be aware that internal development is already in progress in these areas. ❖

Inventor to Entrepreneur: Making a Successful Transition

Below is a re-cap of several tips shared during Suzanne Mulvehill's presentation:

1. **Passion** – Passion is, without a doubt, a necessity for being an inventor and becoming an entrepreneur. More than anything else, passion will help you become successful in entrepreneurship. When you have passion for what you are creating and are willing to grow and change, you increase the likelihood of financial success as an entrepreneur. Passion helps you do what it takes and learn what you need to learn – for the sake of your product or business.
2. **Vision** – Vision helps solidify your passion – it gives it form. When you create a vision, you create your future – your path as an entrepreneur. One way to create a vision is to ask yourself, “Where do I want to be in one year, three years, five years? Do I want to be running a business with a lot or a few employees? Do I want to have one product or several? The clearer and more detailed your vision, the easier it is to work toward it. Create your vision, then write it down and enhance or change it as the future unfolds.
3. **Focus and Goals** – Focus is one of the most challenging aspects of entrepreneurship. Why? Because entrepreneurs typically have to juggle many business responsibilities. One of the best ways to develop your focus is to set goals and work toward them. Use the following criteria to help set your goals:
 - Specific – Make your goals as specific as possible. Specific goals generate specific results. For example, to make the goal, “Increase Sales” more specific, you could say, “Increase sales by 20%.”
 - Time Sensitive – Put a deadline on the goal. Using the example above,

there is no deadline on the goal, Increase sales by 20%.By putting a deadline on the goal, the goal would be, Increase sales by 20% each quarter for the next year. This way, you would know if and when you met this goal.

Once you establish your goals, review and update them regularly and make a "to do" list every week and do what is on that list. This will help you stay focused and maximize your creative energy and passion.

Suzanne Mulvehill, MBA is the author of *Employee to Entrepreneur*, a book that helps people navigate the journey into entrepreneurship. She is president of Profit Strategies, Inc. a company that inspires marketing and development excellence. ❖

Kwolek's Polymer Research Precipitates Kevlar

It's all pretty heady stuff for Kwolek, who came up with Kevlar as a flameproof, ultra-light fiber to reinforce the tread of radial tires -- not save lives. At the time, there were fears of a future global energy shortage, and DuPont wanted something that would make tires lighter and cars more fuel-efficient.

Now, the material is used in more than 200 products, including bullet-resistant vests and helmets that have saved the lives of 2,749 police officers.

The spread of an invention for vehicles to war protection and sporting goods underscores the quirky path inventions often take. Civilians, after all, can thank the military for such everyday-use innovations as plastics, the Internet, Velcro, Humvees and Jeeps. At the same time, the evolution of Kevlar symbolizes the steady march of technology and how materials continue to get stronger, lighter and cheaper just as computer chips get smaller, faster and cheaper.

New lightweight Kevlar vests and helmets, developed in the past year, have become a crucial element of the military's ongoing transformation from heavy ground forces to lighter, more mobile units. That, and an increasing emphasis on urban combat in future wars, has fed greater dependence on light bulletproof vests, wireless communications, satellites and global positioning software, says defense analyst Loren Thompson.

Kevlar to the rescue

But it is Kevlar -- which is in everything from rip-resistant jeans and work gloves to skis and hockey sticks -- that has had a major impact in Iraq.

Four-pound helmets lined with up to 24 layers of Kevlar are up to 40% more resistant to shrapnel than the old steel helmets soldiers used until the 1970s, according to DuPont.

Kevlar vests stuffed with high-grade ceramic plates have sharply reduced casualties from abdomen and chest wounds, military experts say. That's because the lightweight fiber is five times stronger than steel with half the density of fiberglass to stop bullets and prevent shrapnel injuries from mines and bullet fragments. Alas, Kwolek won't see a dime from sales. As an employee, she was required to sign over royalty rights to DuPont years ago. "It comes with the territory of being an inventor for a big company," she says without regret.

Still, Kwolek says Kevlar has enriched her life. She has received more than 20 prestigious awards -- including a National Medal of Technology, the highest tech honor, from President Clinton in 1996. Several Web sites are devoted to Kwolek, among them the Kevlar Survivors Club, a joint venture of DuPont and the International Chiefs of Police Association. Chemistry students worldwide seek -- and get -- her advice.

Nothing, however, compares with "changing people's lives," Kwolek says. ❖

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Your membership entitles you to all that is offered by the Society: events, meetings, contests, prizes, awards, nominations, and networking. Members also benefit from a monthly newsletter that includes tips, publications, useful websites and national expositions. Membership means added benefits to you and, of course, funds to the Society to hold meetings, send newsletters, hold special events, and maintain an Internet presence. Discounted Student Memberships are available. ❖

ISSF Member Meetings

ISSF general meeting is at 1:30 pm on the first Saturday of each month at:

Ligi Tool & Engineering, Inc.
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Pompano Beach, FL 33069
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954-971-4504 Fax
<http://www.ligitool.com>

From the Florida Turnpike: Exit 67 to Hammondville Rd. Turn left (east) onto Hammondville Road and make the first left (north) onto 30th (Blount Rd)

From I-95: Merge onto W COPANS RD/NW 24TH ST via Exit 38B (2.35 miles). Turn LEFT onto BLOUNT RD/NW 30TH AVE (0.66 miles).

Contact
Alvin Blum 954-462-5006



The monthly meeting
has moved to

Ligi Tool

President's Corner



Transitioning into entrepreneurship can be one of the most challenging experiences of one's lifetime. Learn new techniques to expand your potential and achieve personal and professional success!

Suzanne Mulvehill's presentation was based on her new book titled *Employee to Entrepreneur: The Employee's Guide for Entrepreneurial Success*. The book was based on Suzanne's personal experience of becoming an entrepreneur and her professional experience of counseling hundreds of people at the largest Small Business Development Center in the country.

Her presentation covered the following topics:

- Letting Go of the "Employee" Ways and Mentality
- Techniques for building courage and confidence
- Changing beliefs to work for you instead of against you
- Before the money flows – how to evaluate your success
- Breaking through the Fear "Jungle"

Suzanne is a member of the National Speakers Association and gives presentations regularly to the Chambers of Commerce and other organizations throughout South Florida. Her dynamic teaching style integrates personal growth strategies with business and success strategies.

Next month is the field trip to **3Dimensional Engineering, Inc.** in Pompano Beach. Let's make it a great turn out of members!

On Tuesday, April 29th, ISSF was featured on Channel 7. This was a very good opportunity for the group to get exposure. I was asked by the UIA to write an article for their newsletter as to why our group attracts so many members. Everyone keep coming to our meetings...we are the group to belong to!

Creatively yours!

Abby

Food Safety Invention

Global Food Technologies, a privately held biotechnology company targeting the food safety market, today announced its revolutionary scientific method for significantly reducing and in most cases completely eliminating disease-causing surface and foodborne bacteria in seafood. During a press conference at its research and development facility, the company unveiled a prototype of the system, called SEABAC, which is based on this new methodology. Believed to be the first system of its kind, the SEABAC system will provide seafood industry processors with an all-natural, environmentally friendly solution to rid food of bacteria during processing. In recognition of its many innovations, Global Food Technologies was this week granted its third U.S. patent.

Global Food Technologies is a privately held biotechnology company based in Fresno, Calif., with its Research and Development located in Pocatello, Idaho. Established in 2000, the company has created a new field of microbiological study and invention in the food safety industry. The company's patented technology, SEABAC (SEAfood BACTERIA Elimination System), is thought to be the first true kill step to reduce dangerous surface and foodborne bacteria in seafood. Contact Keith Meeks at kmeeks@globalfoodtech.com or 559-252-4900. ❖

You Huntin' For Money?

Lawrence J. Udell (Inventor's Digest, Sep/Oct 2002)

At an early point along the path of new product development, inventors start thinking about money. Rather than reevaluating the potential of the product, they think about sources for the \$10,000 to \$50,000 they will need.

- Never borrow money or sell a percentage of your invention to a relative unless that person can afford to lose it. If the invention fails and the person loses his investment, it will lead to decades of remorse and negative comments at every family function.
- Don't believe what you have heard about venture capital. Only about one or two percent of inventors, because of their previous success or recognition, will interest a venture capitalist enough for him to even listen to the inventor's presentation. Also, the venture capital industry today is overly cautious. They are still seeking investment opportunities but their investments start in the area of \$5 million. The average inventor cannot justify that level of funding.
- Start with your family or personal doctor. Doctors are usually involved in an investment pool with other doctors.
- Lawyers are not only interested in investing, but will exchange their time for equity in your dream. Also, law firms have clients who have discretionary income and are looking for investments.
- Before you seek funding, answer the questions an investor will ask you:
 - Are patents filed and or issued?
 - How much of your own money have you invested?
 - Can you justify the funding you are seeking?
 - Where are your financial projections and use of funds?
 - What is the size of the market for the product?
 - Who are the biggest potential competitors?
 - Who controls the market now, and why? What makes your product better?
 - How many people have you talked to about it?
 - How many buyers have seen it? What are their opinions?
 - Who is going to manufacture it?
 - What are the packaging/assembly and distribution requirements?
 - Who has the experience to successfully run the company?
 - Who would be the three best companies to license it to?
 - Are you really sure you want to go into business?
 - Can you afford to quit your job and create a new venture?
 - Has your family been involved in the decisions?
 - What is the product cost and how did you make the determination?
 - What need does your product fill? What problem does it solve? ❖

Author of Employee to Entrepreneur is NBC Guest

Suzanne Mulvehill, MBA author of the new book titled, *Employee to Entrepreneur*, will be a guest on NBC-6 Miami's **Today in South Florida** on Saturday, May 10th from 9:00 am – 10:00 am. Suzanne will share the highlights of her book...what it really takes to become an entrepreneur that no one ever talks about. Having counseled hundreds of entrepreneurs at the largest Small Business Development Center in the country, at the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches and at the T.E.D. Center Business Incubator in Delray Beach, Suzanne shares the missing link to entrepreneurial success.

Entrepreneurship is becoming more of an option than employment. According to a representative at the Workforce Development Board of Palm Beach County, there are nine million people looking for three million jobs. Additionally, there are 4.7 million workers in the United States today who are working part-time jobs because they cannot find full time work. These facts support a prediction by economists regarding the future...that the nation's employers will face a shortage of at least 10 million workers by 2020. ❖

ISSF Speakers in Miami

ISSF offers speaker presentations at 1:00 pm on the **third** Saturday of each month at:

N. Miami Beach Public Library

1601 NE 164th St
North Miami Beach, FL

Directions from south:

I-95 North to North Miami Beach exit 17 (167th St). Follow 167th St. east, which curves right and becomes NE 163rd St. Pass 163rd St Mall, turn left on NE 16 Ave. Go one block to NE 164th St. The library is straight ahead beyond the traffic light. Note: NE 167th St. turns into NE 163rd St.

Directions from north:

I-95 South to Miami Garden Drive (NE 183rd St.) exit. Go straight through traffic light (you are now at the top of NE 6th Ave). Follow 6th Ave to NE 167th St. and turn left (east). Follow NE 167th St. which curves right and becomes NE 163rd St. Pass 163rd St. Mall, then turn left on NE 16 Ave. Go one block to NE 164th St. The library is straight ahead beyond the traffic light. Note that NE 167th St. turns into NE 163rd St.

Contact: Bob Levy at 305-893-5989 or 305-205-2884 cell or boblevy@bellsouth.net ❖

Newsletter Submissions

If you have something you'd like to see in the newsletter, please discuss with or send it to Abby Waters. If it is something that has to be copied, please send the original or a high quality copy. If you need the original document returned, please note this in the submission package.

Please remember that the newsletter is black print only. Submissions that have color (especially over text, i.e. words in a colored box) may not be usable. Try to keep submissions simple and basic. ❖

“Ask the Experts” Panel

This panel was formed to assist our members in going to the next step in the inventing process. At the end of every meeting we will have a panel of experts address inventors and their questions pertaining to patenting, prototyping, and commercializing. The panel may include:

- **Alvin Blum:** registered patent agent
- **Freddy Lee:** prototyping expert
- **Bob Levy:** graphic designer
- **John Fulton:** patent attorney
- **H & P Silken:** commercialization

Inventors Survey

Your help is really needed to learn more about "who" inventors are and "what" are their challenges. A distinguished professor at the University of the Pacific, Dr. Cynthia Wagner Weick, is conducting a survey of inventors. The information she acquires is vitally necessary to present a true representation of America's inventor -- that's YOU! Please take a moment to answer her questions at

<http://www.surveympro.com/akira/TakeSurvey?id=8010&responseCheck=false> Of course, your answers will be kept in the strictest of confidence. A data summary will appear in INVENTORS' DIGEST. ❖

MN Inventors Congress

Are you an inventor who is considering exhibiting at the Minnesota Inventors Congress in Redwood Falls, MN? If so, don't delay. Sign up before May 16 and save \$50! If you provide inventor services (patenting, marketing, prototyping, etc.) the MIC is THE place to be! You'll also save \$50 on the exhibit fee if you sign up before May 16, so do it now! <http://www.invent1.org> or call 1-888-468-3681. ❖

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UIA New Products Page

The new products page has been brought up to date. Older listings have been eliminated. If your listing is missing and you still want to advertise, resubmit at <http://www.inventorhelp.com/newproducts/SubmissionForm.htm> ❖

National Inventors Day Show

The Houston Inventor's Association reserved a hall at Rice University that will cost about \$1,000. It will have room for 100 inventors. We plan to charge \$20. for the minimum space. If we get 50% participation, we break even on the cost. We are trying to get publicity for free. Popular Mechanics has agreed to do a story about NIDS if we can get enough participants. The local business Incubator has agreed to send information about the show to their 7,000 e-mail list. The local newspaper will do an announcement story. Inventors Digest will do a story.

All of this publicity is contingent on getting a large enough group of inventor shows participating. We really need you to consider participating and give us an answer ASAP. Contact Otto Glaser, Houston Inventors Association at oglaser@hal-pc.org or call 713-464-2027.

The UIA feels that this is a wonderful event to be held during "National Inventors' Month" in August. We encourage all groups across the nation to participate in this original and promising concept. The target date as suggested by Mr. Glaser is August 9, 2003. The UIA Board of Directors feels that it would be next to impossible to get everyone nationwide to participate on that same day. It would be possible to get everyone to participate during the whole month of August. For those that participate, regardless of the day, the UIA will post the date and location of your event on various websites to gain maximum exposure. The schedule will also be provided to the media and professional organizations. All inventors that participate in their group's activity will be offered a free posting of their product to the "UIA New Products" listing on the UIA website for the month of August. If your group wants to participate in this national event, please contact uiausa@aol.com with the name of your inventors group and a point of contact. August is fast approaching, so please notify us soon. August 9, 2003 is the preferred date; August is the target month. ❖



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Determining the Proper Media Market

(*media market* - all those media outlets whose editorial profiles are a match to a product/business profile and are appropriate for generating media exposure and publicity)

Ask for help from a smaller PR agency or publicity specialist who is willing to "hand hold" to get the client educated. Research to find one who doesn't mind spending the time to educate you about what should be included in your specific media market and the pitch. Make sure the agency or publicist understands the product/business as well as you do and can in turn educate you about your media market - one that will be able to benefit your business for years to come.

No product or business, no matter how big or great can be assured media coverage in every outlet in a media market. But you can get coverage in a good number of them given the right media tending. Every media pitch will be weighed against the media outlet's editorial lead-time, its available editorial space, and availability of an editorial staff member to cover your pitch. It is the discretion of each media outlet as to whether your pitch makes it to the pages or on air. It can be an uphill battle if you target the wrong media with the wrong message. But you can greatly increase the chances generating those media placements with a little expertise and media market know-how.

The reality is local and large are indeed part of your media market, but not the only ones. The best media market opportunities may well be the dozens of other smaller scale papers, magazines, newsletters or TV/radio/cable shows that may generate more customer interest and sales than a placement in the big media might. Because of a lack of media market knowledge, many business owners don't even know these smaller, more targeted media outlets exist. This is where a PR agency or publicity specialist can be integral in your publicity campaign. They know the media market very well and will be able to find those media members who will be the best for generating editorial features on your business or product. They also have great media contacts that can turn one feature into a syndicated story that runs in multiple media outlets nationwide.

Don't let a PR agency or publicity specialist tell you they will send your pitch to 20,000, 30,000 or 50,000 media outlets. The reality is, of the 8,000 daily & weekly newspapers, 11,000 magazines & newsletters, 15,000 radio/TV/cable stations and 7,000 Internet news sites in North America, only about 25% of those accept press releases from outside their geographic area. They cover only LOCAL issues, businesses and products, and it is a waste of time to target them. The key is researching to discover which media outlets will be receptive to your pitch and knowing how to parlay those media contacts into positive consumer interest features that will educate and entice customers about your product or business.

Just like marketing to find the right customers, one should be equally diligent about finding and pitching the right media market. Bottom line - whether you have a general interest product that has widespread consumer appeal or a trade specific business with a very narrow customer base, knowing your appropriate media market can mean the difference between product/business publicity or product/business obscurity. ❖

MIT Inventor Survey

An important academic study on invention in the U.S. is being undertaken by professors at University of the Pacific and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. They have designed a questionnaire for inventors, which you may access by simply clicking on the web address below. Answering the questions should take about five to ten minutes of your time. The data will be used to prepare articles for academic journals - and we expect that a data summary will be made available to the United Inventor's Association membership in the future. The UIA thanks you in advance for your participation. The survey is located at the following address:

<http://www.surveyprom.com/akira/TakeSurvey?id=8010&responseCheck=false> ❖

Your Messy Patent Files

Recent case law from the Federal Circuit has reaffirmed the confidentiality of most attorney-client communications and work product in a patent application, making it difficult for litigation opponents to view the inventor's lawyer's files.

However, it is possible that some documents may still be allowed as evidence as an exception to this rule.

Keeping your patent files organized and clean will help you out if you should ever litigate your patent. Your potential opponents are looking for materials to invalidate your patent, and anything that can be construed as an admission as to the scope of nature of your invention, patent and claims.

The most deadly paper you can have in your patent file is a piece of prior art that has not been cited to the Patent Office during prosecution of your application.

Every relevant reference must be cited to the USPTO in an Information Disclosure Statement. If a reference is not deemed relevant, TOSS IT OUT. Ditto for search results, patent lists, partial printouts and the like.

There is no requirement in the law that you keep and particular documents in your file except when you patent has been or is about to be litigated. At that point, everything in the files is evidence, and to destroy it could cost you your case and get you into a lot of legal trouble.

If you keep an art reference or rough draft of the patent application in your file and fail to cite it, your opposition will make a litigation issue of it. The usefulness of the rough drafts is text deleted from the final version, wherein your opponent can argue that the application is non-enabling under 35 USC 112.

The litigator is looking for documents with inventor statements indicating what the invention is believed to be or how the scope of the claims are interpreted. ❖

Extracted from *Inventor's Digest*, May/June 2002 written by **Robert Platt Bell**.

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for upcoming
events including
3D field trip



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- Chemical Patents Plus <http://casweb.cas.org/chempatplus/>
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- QPAT-US <http://www.qpatV3.com>
- World Intellectual Property Organization <http://www.wipo.org/> ❖

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