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Another World

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This is about an eight year old boy, a story his teacher told him and how it changed his life.

The boy's teacher was his counselor at a summer camp. He was a science teacher at a New York City High School. He was also a ham radio operator and brought his hand made rig for the summer months at camp. When the boy saw this strange looking radio and heard Morse code from around the world he was overwhelmed and wanted to know exactly how the radio and transmitter worked. As a result, questions started in rapid fire order.

"What are all those things for and what makes them work? How does the radio wave get into the radio and exactly what is a radio wave? How do the radio waves change to sounds and the sounds get into the earphones?" Any answer he got only inspired a new question. Fortunately, for the boy, the teacher loved it and was taken with the inquisitive mind of this youngster. It seemed that every question always started with the word "Why" or "How come" or "What if?". Very soon, the teacher realized he had to educate this boy from the beginning. "Let's start with the electron" he said. "What's an electron and where does it come from?" No matter the answer, it was always followed by another and deeper question. The teacher got so pinned down that, at times, he was tempted to answer "We don't know why, only God can answer that question". But he did not because he knew the boy wanted facts, not fairy tales. In short order the boy was putting the pieces together in his puzzled mind and he soon became enlightened and transformed from a bored and solemn child to a non-stop chatterbox. He wanted to know everything about everything.

One of the teacher's duties was to conduct the weekly campfire. Because of his scientific knowledge, he would tell stories to the group of quiet young boys, rapped in blankets, under cool, silent and starry nights. One of his stories made such an impression that his protege never forgot it. The tale was about a farm boy who had an inquisitive mind very similar to his own.

"On a farm, in Ohio, lived a farmer, his wife and a young son. The son did not like farming but he sure liked fooling around with the farm machinery. He had hands of gold and could fix anything. As a young adult he attended college and received several degrees in engineering. He returned home and worked the farm with his now aging father. The farm prospered and they soon needed a strong farm hand. The new farm helper was an immigrant from one of the Balkan Peninsula countries. He came to America because the pending 'World War One' was fermenting in his homeland. One day, the young man asked the farm hand why the people of his country were fighting with their neighbors. With that, the farm hand got very excited and flew into a rage. He said, "Those _____ people, they should all be dead. We must kill them all." The young man was shocked. Here a pleasant and quiet man was ranting and waving his arms. When the man calmed down, the young man asked the next question. "Why must you kill them?" His answer was unexpected and affected the rest of his life and he asked no more questions. The man's answer was. "If we don't kill them, they will kill us."

As the young man aged, he found little to change his notions about his fellow men. He came to the conclusion that life on this planet is doomed because of the stupidity of mankind. Unless things changed, life on this planet, as he knew it, was headed for extinction.

His vast accumulation of knowledge and his foresight convinced him that somewhere there must be civilizations, far older than ours, where better brains have taken over and everyone



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thinks clearly for himself. He was determined to find out if such a place existed.

Because of his knowledge of physics, chemistry, and machines, he knew it would be possible to build a small rocket ship capable of leaving this decaying earth behind. He also knew he had to find that wonderful place first and it would take many years to do so. In an old and deserted barn he started on two projects at the same time. The first was to build the space ship and the second was to build a powerful radio transmitter to contact intelligent beings in outer space in order to know where he would be going. He worked on the two for several years and on a still and starry night was ready to send his first radio message. He used a series of dots and dashes that would make sense to anyone with a good brain. He also knew, if he did reach someone, it would take years for the message to get to him and an answer to come back. During this time he would work on his space ship.

When he thought it was time for a return signal, he tuned to the night sky and listened for slightly different special radio signals to come in. Several years passed and then one night, clear as a bell, the special sounds of dots and dashes were coming in. He hooked up his earphones to a paper recorder, he had built that moved a vibrating pen over a paper tape forming wiggled lines of dots and dashes. It was three years from the day he sent the first message. The message told him exactly what star and planet he had reached. It also indicated that their civilization was very advanced scientifically.

A few nights later, he sent a return message that asked what life was like on their planet. He knew he had to wait another three years but that didn't matter. Things on earth were getting worse. People were polluting the earth and still killing one another. It seemed to him there were more and more stupid people and they were the ones who were ruling the world.

When the time came for the answer to his last transmission, he tuned in and listened. As expected, on a cold and dreary night, the air was ablaze with radio signals. But one was not like the others. It was the answer to his question. He turned on his recorder and watched as the pen recorded the dots and dashes. The next night he was finished deciphering the message. It said, "We are born, we suffer and we die".

A disintegrating space ship is somewhere on an Ohio farm, hidden in a decaying barn.

Epilogue: The teacher went on to teach the truth and the boy became an inventor. They both knew that the solution for the preservation of our planet depends on two things tied hand to hand. Education and Innovation

Tapping Federal Resources

Co-sponsored by Enterprise Development Corporation and the Broward Alliance on Thursday, June 12, 2003, 8:30am-5:00pm at Nova Southeastern University, Steele Auditorium Davie, FL.

Seminar Topics:

- How to Access Billions in Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Funding
- FMEP: "Available Grants and Matching Fund Overview"
- Doing Business with NASA
- Technologies Being Sought by the U.S. Army / STRICOM

Seminar Organizers:

- Florida's Technology Research and Development Authority (TRDA)
- Florida Manufacturing Extension Partnership (FMEP)
- Workforce Florida ❖

US Patent Notice of Allowance Awarded

SwXtch, Inc. has been awarded a U.S. Patent Notice of Allowance for its pioneering invention of "Layer 1 Packet Switching." This invention solves the 'Real-Time Internet Problem,' which has plagued the 'Net for years. It guarantees full-motion full-screen TV-quality video, voice, gaming, etc. in real-time over IP networks. For details, visit <http://www.swxtch.com> or email: whowe@swxtch.com ❖

PRT Invention

Personal Rapid Transit [PRT] systems represent a revolution in urban transit. They are the only transit systems which offer many of the advantages of the automobile and thus are the only transit systems that will get large numbers of people to use them instead of their automobiles. Due to this and because of the relatively low cost both to build and to operate PRT systems, transit planners, business and government leaders, and communities around the globe are increasingly coming to realize the advantages of PRT over conventional transit systems.

Having been developed over the last two-and-a-half decades and drawing on an in-depth multi-disciplinary design approach, **Taxi 2000**, developed at and licensed by the University of Minnesota, represents the best balance of design, performance, and cost characteristics among PRT systems.

The invention is a system of automated vehicles that ride a network of elevated mini-monorails. SkyWeb Express passengers are able to travel in privacy and comfort via an automatic, non-stop trip directly to the station of their choice. The system is designed so that cars wait for passengers versus passengers having to wait for the cars. For more information visit <http://www.taxi2000.com/>.



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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:

Coconut Cove Waterpark and Recreation Center

11200 Park Access Road
Boca Raton, Florida 33498
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www.pbcgov.com/parks/ccove/coco.html

From the Florida Turnpike: Exit at Glades West Road (Exit #75), then head west past US 441 to Cain Blvd. Turn right at Cain Blvd., then make first left at Park Access Road. Drive west ½ mile to stop sign and then make left turn. Waterpark is located inside of South County Regional Park and is 3.5 miles from the turnpike exit.

From I-95 South: Exit at Glades Road (Exit #39), then head west past US 441 to Cain Blvd. Turn right at Cain Blvd., then make first left at Park Access Road. Drive west for ½ mile to stop sign and then turn left. Waterpark is located inside of South County Regional Park and is 7.5 miles from the I-95 exit.

From I-95 North: Exit Yamato Road (Exit #40), then head west past US 441 for 3 miles until you see the entrance into South County Regional Park. Turn left into the park, following the brown signs to Coconut Cove Waterpark, which is 9.5 miles from the I-95 exit.

From the Sawgrass Expressway: Exit US 441 North (Exit #12), head north for 5 miles to Glades Road. Turn left at Glades Road and head west to Cain Blvd. Turn right at Cain Blvd., then make first left at Park Access Road. Drive ½ mile to stop sign and then turn left. The Waterpark is inside South County Regional Park and is 6.5 miles from the Sawgrass Expressway.

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President's Corner



Wow! What a great meeting. So much energy, enthusiasm and new faces. It was a thrill to show off our society to Channel 7. **Jose Gutman** proved once again to be an excellent speaker demonstrating the value of a patent. Jose filled in when our scheduled speaker cancelled the day before, and we thank him so much.

I am pleased to see we have three new members and those who are purchasing the **Silkens'** book are reading it and getting realistic. The reality of inventing is that nothing happens overnight. It is a lot of homework and hard work. Sometimes it pays off and sometimes it does not. It depends on, I guess, what one considers a success. I view getting **Bob Fortier's** tie in the largest aviation catalogue a huge success. Because it did not yield huge dollars he has a different view.

I just got hired by an executive networking group to do their logo....its not a huge dollar hit but loaded with prestige. I view it all as a success and building a reputation for quality. Someone once said to me others can't make you feel like a failure. It is how you respond to what they say. I say, keep trying and be optimistic. If you view yourself as a failure, then you will be one.

thank you to those who were complimentary of my leadership skills and meeting quality. On behalf of Pamela Bird, thanks for filling out her survey for her PhD. The results will be very interesting. Our field trip to 3D is scheduled for June 7th.

Stay tuned....be persistent, positive, professional and personable on your way to success. Good selling.

Abby



Interview Opportunity for Inventors

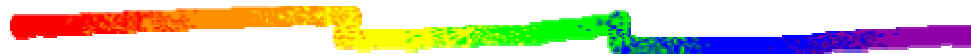
A year ago, **Brian Kavanaugh-Jones** produced a documentary film about inventors and innovation entitled *?Big Idea?* He and his partner crossed the country interviewing successful inventors of simple products. They had a cup of coffee with Jay Sorensen (inventor of the Java Jacket) and toured the heart of Texas with Barbara Pitts and Mary Sarao (inventors of Ghostline). It was an inspiring experience.

The website for the project is: <http://www.bigidea-movie.com/about.html>.

The *?Big Idea?* film spawned interest in a follow-up project, which will be a series of in-depth interviews with inventors whose products have not yet come to market. They want to show the public our country's courageous inventors to inspire more people to invent. Interested parties please contact Brian through the web site.

ISSF Field Trip to 3D on June 7th

The Board has arranged a field trip to **3Dimensional Engineering Inc.**, 2991 N Powerline Rd., Pompano Beach, FL 33069 on the morning of June 7th. Participants will learn about stereolithography. Contact 3de@flinet.com to learn more about 3D or telephone **Richard Loughlin** at 772-287-2224.



National Inventors Day Show

This is the first of a series detailing the plans for the first National Inventors Day Show. The show date is Saturday August 9, 2003. If local inventor associations want more than one day, they can go back to August 8 and 7. To participate, an inventor association would have to have their show on August 9.

The plan is to have each inventor association get meeting space to accommodate display tables and booths for their members plus other local inventors to show their inventions. Presently there are about 58 invention associations in the U.S. The goal is to try to get as many of them as we can to show on that date. Another goal is to form new inventor associations between now and August 9 and get them to participate. We will try to arrange the opening and closing time to have as much common open time across the 4 time zones.

The present plan is to have each local inventor association be responsible for linking a page for each of their participants on the web page of the Houston Inventors Association (inventors.org). This link will be listed by location of the local inventors show and by category of invention. Computers will be available at each show location. These computers will have this information available, so that any person visiting a show can find out all inventions that are being shown at all shows. Each inventor will have their phone numbers listed on their invention description page, with a designation of which number is a cell phone. Inventors would bring their cell phone to the show. This way, any potential buyer or licensee of their invention could contact them directly during the show. They could also be contacted before or after the show. The reason for this set up is to give buyers an incentive to attend a local show. They could attend a local show and get access to all inventions being shown all over the country. By making attendance convenient, it is hoped that we will attract more buyers.

I (Otto Glaser) thought that this use of modern technology (cell phones and computers) would demonstrate how inventive we can be. As best I know, multiple show locations on one day linked together has never been done before. It is fitting that a group of inventors would do something like this first. This is a good way to celebrate National Inventors Month.

We will try to get national and local TV coverage of the shows. President Bush is positive on inventions-we plan to invite him to attend a show of his choice. We ask that you put on your thinking caps and come up with ideas that will make National Inventors Day Shows successful. This is a big undertaking and we will need all the help we can get.

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. ❖

ISSF Web Site Change

Please update your links and favorites to show the Inventors Society of South Florida web site at <http://www.inventorssociety.net>.

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

Inventor's Council News

Electric Vehicle

Products developed and marketed by Hydro-Québec subsidiaries TM4 and AVESTOR, combined with Dassault and Heuliez know-how, will make it possible to develop a primarily electric vehicle that meets market expectations. Hydro-Québec will provide the drive system, including the electric drive train and the lithium-metal-polymer (LMP) battery. Dassault and Heuliez are completing the electric vehicle prototype, which will be presented in a few months. The first markets targeted are commercial and institutional fleets in Europe and North America. ❖

Inventor Support Groups

The UIA website is providing a new service for inventor support groups and inventors alike. Beginning immediately the UIA will publish all new and existing inventor support groups that are looking for new members. This is a great tool for new groups just starting out and existing groups looking to increase their membership. Inventors visiting our site can view the list and if there is a group near to them, it will provide a means to contact that group. You can visit this new addition by accessing through the home page at www.uiausa.org or go directly to <http://www.uiausa.com/uianewsv814.htm>. ❖

Super Aspirin

In the unpredictable arena of patent litigation, the University of Rochester is willing to defend Dr. Donald Young's lab work with an eight-figure legal fund. Hiring a prestigious patent law firm, it has already piled up over \$10 million in costs.

The colossal prize: billions in royalties from a new class of "super aspirin" that alleviates pain and minimizes side effects by blocking an enzyme Young discovered in 1990. Celebrex, the first such drug to hit the market in 1999, generated \$3.1 billion in sales last year. ❖

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Inventors Council's Members on Radio Show

Inventors have already been selected to be interviewed on the WYSO (FM 93.1) Weekend Show, which will air once a month on differing topics. There are several *articles* in each show so you may have to listen for a while. No set time is made during the show for our segments. The April show date is April 6th from 10:30 am to noon EDT. The show date for May is not set.

These same inventors will get featured and interviewed by Heather Martin, Editor for the *Dayton Business Journal*. Those stories will run roughly in the same weeks as WYSO radio shows. The *Dayton Business Journal* is owned by American City Business Journals, Inc. -- they publish in 41 metro areas around the U.S. Dayton Inventors Council members' stories may get picked up by other papers.

For a complete rundown of WYSO weekly show, visit <http://www.wyso.org/wysoops/weekend.html>. Listen to WYSO from anywhere in the world by loading the following URL into your Windows Media Player (free): <http://www.publicbroadcasting.net/wyso/ppr/wyso.asx>. ❖

Television Opportunity

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Judiciary Committee Hears USPTO Strategic Plan

On Thursday, April 3, 2003, the House Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property held a hearing on the Patent and Trademark Office's 21st Century Strategic Plan. The hearing was scheduled for 3:00 p.m. in room 2141 of the Rayburn House Office Bldg. Check for hearing details at: <http://www.house.gov/judiciary/schedule.htm>.

Scheduled to testify were James Rogan (USPTO Director), Mike Kirk (Exec. Director of the American Intellectual Property Law Assn.), John Williamson (President of the Intellectual Property Owners Assn.) and Ralph Stern (President of the Patent Office Professional Assn.).

Review the Plan at <http://www.uspto.gov>. One part calls for raising patent fees. For example, filing fees for corporations would increase to \$1,000 (a 33% increase) while fees for inventors would be \$750 (a 100% increase). The proposed legislation (not yet introduced to Congress) is at <http://www.inventorsdigest.com/current/legislation.html>.

Pay attention to the hearing and to the Plan. Your input to your representatives in Congress will be critically needed as the legislation moves forward. ❖

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Distributed Tag Reader System and Method

The invention enables the wireless readers that receive the signals from the battery-powered cards and tags to be systematically placed around a facility, separate from the transmitters that activate the tags at secure doorways and at hallway control points. Receivers can read signals triggered by multiple transmitters. Traditional systems require the transmitters and receivers to be co-located at each activation point. The invention takes advantage of the extra long-range transmission of the battery-powered cards and tags, making the overall system more pervasive, less costly, and more effective by speeding-up authorized building access, by automatically identifying intruders, and by monitoring and protecting critical enterprise assets such as computers. The patent, entitled *Distributed Tag Reader System and Method* is the third for AXCESS' radio frequency identification (RFID) technology, which is sold under the ActiveTag(TM) label. It is characterized as being an "active" RFID system because of the unique capability to use of embedded batteries in the personnel access cards, and vehicle and property tags. More information is available on the company's web site at <http://www.axsi.com>. ❖

The Math of Using an Invention Marketing Firm

Business 2.0 Magazine, April 2003

Inventors and infomercials have a long history, dating to 1956, when Ron Popeil hawked the Chop-O-Matic on the boob tube and made millions. Invention promoters, who charge inventors a fee to market their creations, have also discovered infomercials. But does it make sense to pay as much as several thousand dollars for their services? These firms are required to disclose their success to potential customers. From 2000 to 2002, only one in 400 inventors who used Invention Submission Corp., one of the largest firms, made any money. If you're smart enough to invent something, you're smart enough to do the math. ❖

Notices

Help for Inventors

Visit <http://www.Norkatech.com> to find money and time saving help patenting your invention. Ben perfected the art of patenting. He drafted and successfully patented his inventions in less than the average 2-yr turn around period.

He has excellent references, and is skilled in software & hardware prototyping. He works with several technologies such as RF, BlueTooth, GPS, Fiber Optics. Email Ben@norkatech.com. ❖

Seek Home Construction Tools

The national manufacturer of home improvement products is Benjamin Obdyke, Inc., and they're looking to license or acquire new products or tools used in exterior construction (primarily residential). They sell through wholesale roofing and siding distributors and lumber yards. Learn more about Benjamin Obdyke and the types of products they seek at: <http://www.BenjaminObdyke.com>. Call Paul Niemann (217) 224-7735. ❖

Little Plug Buddy

Mr. Al Wood does custodial work. The vacuum cleaner plug kept coming out of the wall socket, so he made something to hold it in place. It worked so easy that some friends said he should market it. The Little Plug Buddy works great on extension cords indoors or out, wherever there's a problem with the plug. The cost is 2 buddies \$5 or 5 buddies \$10 (Post-Paid). Contact: Ornate Decors, PO Box 175, Lawrenceville, Pa. 16929 ❖

Survey: Who are Inventors

Much of what people know about inventors is anecdotal ... stories but few facts. Professors at the University of the Pacific and MIT are conducting a study to get the real scoop on who inventors are. The information is vitally important because inventors are not credited by society for the contributions they make both in real products and to our nation's economy. Visit <http://www.surveypro.com/akira/TakeSurvey?id=8010&responseCheck=false> to complete a form. Your answers will be kept in the strictest of confidence. A data summary will appear in *INVENTORS' DIGEST*. ❖

--- NOTICE ---

Take the time to write your house member to take a stand against the drastic fee increase at the USPTO.

<http://www.house.gov/writerep/>

Contact:

**Abby Waters
and/or
Bob Levy**

for upcoming events!!

Board Meeting at 12:15 pm
General Meeting at 1:30pm

We're on the Web!

See us at:

InventorsSociety.net

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2003 Schedule of Events in Boca Raton

05/03	Guest speaker: TBD
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ISSF Monthly Meeting in Boca Raton

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

Coconut Cove Waterpark and Recreation Center
11200 Park Access Road
Boca Raton, Florida 33498

For more information, read the side bar on page 4 for directions, telephone the facility at 561-274-1140 or visit <http://www.pbcgov.com/parks/ccove/coco.html>

The Board is changing its meeting time from noon to 12:15pm. ❖

ISSF Board Encourages Membership Participation

The Board seeks member input in the following areas:

- Any media contacts you have, through whom the Board can promote the society; please contact Bill Seymour at 561-495-5816 or throyo@bellsouth.net.
- Your thoughts and suggestions on a monthly meeting location central to the membership (near I-95 and accommodating 50 persons). Please contact Abby Waters abbysideas@aol.com or Alvin Blum at 954-462-5006.
- Any businesses, government offices and other local attractions that will assist the membership, please notify Abby Waters or Alvin Blum and provide contact information to arrange a field trip.
- Provide contact information for speakers you know and want to have at the monthly ISSF meeting
- Contributions to the newsletter describing your inventing experiences, local events of interest to inventors, and other information to benefit inventors. Please send your information to Cathy VerSchneider; see *Advertiser's Corner* on page 6.
- If you are not receiving the newsletter, please contact John Fulton at 305-858-8000 or jfulton@malloylaw.com. ❖

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