

# Inventors Society of South Florida

## Inventare Maximus

August 2005

Inventors Society of South Florida, PO Box 244306, Boynton Beach, FL 33424-4306

### The Inventor's Showcase

There will be no August meeting of the ISSF at Ligi Tool. Instead, the City of North Miami Beach Public Library and the Inventors Society of South Florida present the Inventor's Showcase on **August 6<sup>th</sup>** where you can:

- See how other inventors are thinking
- Convert your ideas into a reality
- Meet the local inventors and their inventions
- Find out how they did it
- Talk to a Patent Attorney or Patent Agent
- Find out about making a prototype
- Join the Inventors Society of South Florida
- Get your ideas off the ground.

Your ideas may be worth something!! This is an opportunity for you to display your invention(s) and join the nationwide celebration of National Inventor's Month! Take advantage of this event to get feedback on your invention, do a survey or maybe find someone interested in your invention. This could be the lead to your invention success. The Library will provide approximately 20 to 25 spaces which will be available to inventors on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Library will be sponsoring this FREE event and will be publicizing throughout the media. If you have any special requirements for displaying your invention [i.e. dollies to move it, electricity to operate it, etc.], please contact: **John Fulton** at 800-337-7239 or 305-885-8000 or [jfulton@malloylaw.com](mailto:jfulton@malloylaw.com).

This is a publicly funded event, therefore, no price lists, no sales, etc., will be permitted. However, you may provide your contact information in the form of a business card and/or provide sign-up sheets for interested persons.

The library is located at 1601 NE 164 Street, North Miami Beach, FL 33162. Telephone: 305-948-2970. Email: [nmblib@citynmb.com](mailto:nmblib@citynmb.com).

#### Directions:

From I-95 Northbound: Exit at NW 167th St, Exit 17, turn right on NW 167th St (East) and continue past 163rd Street Mall (on left) then make a left on NE 16 Ave. Go to light (very short distance) at NE 164th St. The library is straight ahead through stoplight. Make a quick right and quick left to get to library parking.

From I-95 Southbound: Exit at Miami Gardens Dr (NE 183rd St); straight through stoplight onto NE 6th Ave for about 1/4 mile. Turn left on NE 167th St (East) and continue past 163rd Street Mall (on left) then make a left on NE 16 Ave. Go to light (very short distance) at NE 164th St. The library is straight ahead through stoplight. Make a quick right and quick left to get to library parking.

### Free Advertising to ISSF Members

A new website brings artistically talented individuals together at one central location for the specific purpose of showcasing their respective talents to consumers on a worldwide basis. ATalentSearch.com gives the world the opportunity to find music, books, art, models,



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**September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**1:30 pm**

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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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actors, inventions, videos and other artistic expression they would otherwise never see nor hear. Also, ATalentSearch.com will help members promote, market and sell their product through affiliates.

**Current ISSF members have the opportunity to gain FREE advertising for their inventions** through this website. According to ISSF member **Lydia Woods**, this offer has a limited time of availability. Please visit the website, located for now at [www.ats.cattledriver.com](http://www.ats.cattledriver.com).

Take this opportunity to become a member of ATalentSearch.com. You will need a bio or information paragraph, general facts about yourself or your product, a picture or image of yourself and/or product, and the URL of your web site, if you have one. Be sure to read their Tips & Tricks regarding your information submission.

**Current ISSF members**, please call Lydia at 954-971-6511 to commence becoming a member of this fabulous website before the opportunity passes. Read the President's Corner for more details on ATalentSearch.com. ❖

## Featured Member: Eva Thomas

BEKST, Inc., is a new business that manufactures a patented locking, Postmaster General approved, mailbox, and will establish a network of independent entrepreneurs called MAILBOX EXPERTS™ (ME) who will be trained to sell and install the LADY™ (Locking, Attractive, Durable, Yes-installation included) and accessories. This business will create job opportunities, help deter crime, beautify the community and add value to a home.

**Eva Thomas**, the Mary Kay of Mailboxes, invented and patented the LADY™, a full service locking curbside mailbox that is weather and theft resistant, has a highly visible address display channel, a unique locking rear access door and a post cover assembly for attractive, quick, safe and easy installation that is recommended by the highway department.

Once she patented her idea, Eva wrote the business plan. She collected most of the information required for the business plan while researching her idea. She identified the competition, costs, pricing, marketing options and so on. With business plan in hand, she approached manufacturers to generate interest. Eva toured facilities and learned about their processes.

Eva saved \$8000 on an intermediary prototype that she put toward the production mold. While injection molding offered greater volume per day, the cost was prohibitive. (Eva lacked appropriate background, a track record and a team...to obtain funding from Venture Capitalists or Angels.)

Recently, Eva found a manufacturer in Kent, Ohio, who is making her a rotational mold for \$15K, and Eva will own the mold. The manufacturer will package and ship each mailbox. She will sacrifice volume in the short term until she can gain sufficient sales to have an injection mold made. Her next step is marketing...eBay, press releases, and ATalentSearch.com, to name a few.

Americans lose \$650,000 per day in mail theft, excluding loss from identity theft! Eva ([etboca@hotmail.com](mailto:etboca@hotmail.com)) wants to know if the membership sees a need for a locking mailbox. Eva's advice to inventors: save time and energy by researching on the Internet, and center your efforts on writing a business plan to stay focused. ❖

## IP Review

*IP Review* is a publication that contains insights into the various topics of IP while incorporating the author's points of view. The Spring 2005 issue contains:

- *Claim Drafting for Literal Infringement* – a review of claim drafting skills, including the art of structured claim drafting and how to test the claim for appropriate breadth, as well as how Festo has affected patent owners attempts to capture infringers under equivalents.
- *Use of Term Definitions in Patent Applications* – key issues and risks to consider when using claim term definitions in patent applications and potential pitfalls to avoid when presenting definitions.
- *Provisional Patent Applications—Don't Try This at Home* – application importance, advantages and possible difficulties that may be encountered.
- *Use (and Misuse) of Declarations during Prosecution* – a heightened awareness of how and when to submit evidence during patent prosecution, what issues might arise from the use of affidavits and declarations, and how to effectively present evidence to the USPTO.

To view the issue in Adobe Acrobat format visit [www.mwe.com/info/news/ipreview-spring2005.pdf](http://www.mwe.com/info/news/ipreview-spring2005.pdf).

To read *The Use of Exculpatory Opinions in Defending against a Charge of Willful Infringement*, visit [www.mwe.com/info/news/ipreview-spring04.pdf](http://www.mwe.com/info/news/ipreview-spring04.pdf). The spring 2003 edition of IP Review ([www.mwe.com/info/news/ipreview-spring03.pdf](http://www.mwe.com/info/news/ipreview-spring03.pdf)) includes the following articles:

- *Crafting Business Method Patents* – analyses of the types of claiming strategies available to the drafter, consideration of the scope of national patent protection, and an understanding of competitors' business operations.
- *A Less Expensive Alternative to Litigation* – the pros and cons of the inter partes reexamination statute.

Visit [www.mwe.com](http://www.mwe.com) and click Publications to find a list of newsletters including the monthly *IP Update*. The June 27, 2005 issue includes the following topics:

- Patents / FDA - *Supreme Court Broadens the FDA Exemption*
- Patents / Willfulness - *Federal Circuit Affirms District Court Application of Knorr-Bremse Totality-of-Circumstances Rule*
- Patents / Inequitable Conduct - *Federal Circuit Finds Inequitable Conduct Based on a Pattern of Misdirected Statements to the USPTO*
- Patents / Unexpected Results - *No Unexpected Results Where Prior Art Ranges Overlap Claims Ranges*
- Patents / Claim Construction - *Intrinsic Evidence Shows Patentee Intended To Be Own Lexicographer*
- Patents / USPTO - *A Patent Office Printing Error Can Invalidate a Patent*
- Patents / §112(b) Enablement - *Expert Testimony Is No Substitute for Disclosure of Structure Supporting a Means-Plus-Function Claim Element*
- Patents / Obviousness - *"Teaching Away" Requires Clear Discouragement from Claimed Combination*
- Patents / Declaratory Judgments - *Compliance with License Agreement Obviates Any Reasonable Apprehension of Lawsuit*
- Patents / Preemption - *State Law Unjust Enrichment Claim Is Preempted by the Federal Patent Laws*
- Copyright / Term Restoration - *Act Restoring Lapsed Copyright of Foreign Authors Constitutional.* ❖

## Membership

The Inventors Society of South Florida membership application form is available online at [www.inventorssociety.net/appform.pdf](http://www.inventorssociety.net/appform.pdf).

Members are entitled to all that is offered by the ISSF: events, meetings, contests, prizes, awards, nominations, and networking. Members also benefit from a monthly newsletter, full of important information, tips, publications, internet sites and outside expositions.

Membership is the primary source of funds to the ISSF, without which, it is difficult if not impossible to hold meetings, send newsletters, hold special events, and maintain an Internet presence.

During each General Meeting in Deerfield Beach, time permitting, a panel of experts will address questions pertaining to patenting, prototyping, and commercializing. This panel was formed to assist members in taking it to the next step in the inventing process. The panel may include:

**Alvin Blum**, Registered Patent Agent  
**John Fulton**, Patent Attorney  
**Freddy Lee**, Prototyping Expert  
**Bob Levy**, Product Designer  
**Howard and Paula Silken**, Commercialization Experts ❖



## Newsletter Submissions

If you have something you'd like to see in the newsletter, please discuss with or send it to [issf\\_cathy@yahoo.com](mailto:issf_cathy@yahoo.com). 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. ❖

**SPECIAL NOTICE**

There will be no meeting of the ISSF for the month of August.

**ISSF Member Meetings**

The General Meeting of the ISSF is at 1:30 pm on the **first** Saturday of each month (**except August**) at:

**Ligi Tool & Engineering, Inc.**  
3220 SW 15<sup>th</sup> St  
Deerfield Beach, FL 33442  
877-523-6693  
[www.ligitool.com](http://www.ligitool.com)

**From the Florida Turnpike** Exit at Sample Rd, Exit 69; turn right on Sample Rd (East); left on Powerline Rd; and right on SW 15<sup>th</sup> St (pass the first stoplight on Powerline Rd, look for two cement towers and the **Enterprise Center** sign).

**From I-95 Southbound** Exit at SW 10<sup>th</sup> St, Exit 40; turn right on SW 10<sup>th</sup> St (West); left on Powerline Road; left on SW 15<sup>th</sup> St (look for two cement towers and the **Enterprise Center** sign).

**From I-95 Northbound:** Exit at Sample Rd; turn left on Sample Rd (West); right on Powerline Rd; and right on SW 15<sup>th</sup> St (pass the first stoplight on Powerline Rd, look for two cement towers and the **Enterprise Center** sign).

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The next General Meeting at

**Ligi Tool**

happens September 3rd

**President's Corner**



What a great meeting for a holiday weekend! The July 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting brought out many inventors seeking direction, connections and research techniques. One inventor sought guidance in choosing one among several ideas to pursue. Another inventor sought workshops to shortcut the invent-to-market process. A third inventor wanted to connect with reliable professionals to do the work for him, so he could focus on his day job.

**Cathy VerSchneider** produced a comprehensive display of research materials and websites covering the five aspects of the invent-to-market process: developing the idea, identifying process partners, executing legal requirements, creating a business plan and marketing an invention. She linked her work with the ISSF to her book, *Inventors Survival Guide*. Cathy circulated five presentation folders with example research materials for the audience to peruse, including recent ISSF newsletters, eNewsletters, articles, and index pages of organizations. Late in the meeting, she demonstrated her invention which depicts the expertise required of an inventor. Following Cathy's presentation, two copies of the *Inventors Survival Guide* were given away by drawing.

**Maureen Kelly** wowed members with her fantastic advertising offer through ATalentSearch.com, where you can promote, market and sell your product. This is an opportunity to feature your creativity to the general public. You will have your own page at this portal that will include your bio or information paragraph, general facts about you or your product, a picture, a link to an audio or music file, and a link to your own website where you sell your product. ATalentSearch.com is a large marketing network where investors and buyers around the world will see what you offer.

**Tabletop Show and Sale**

The Miami Shores Business and Professional Women's Club presents their TABLETOP SHOW & SALE at the Miami Shores Country Club on Thursday, October 27, 2005 from 6:00-9:00 P.M. Vendor setup starts at 5 PM. The Miami Shores Country Club is located at 10000 Biscayne Blvd, Miami Shores FL 33138. Promote your business, make new contacts and jump-start your selling season. Join upscale business & professional women & their guests for a great evening.

This event is first come, first serve for vendors. Please reserve your table early. No reservations can be accepted without payment. For more information, please call 866-270-3308. Book this event online now: [www.acteva.com/go/MIAMI](http://www.acteva.com/go/MIAMI). ❖

**WIPO Publishes Guide on Patents for Business**

Entrepreneurs, inventors and small and medium-sized businesses can now consult a World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) publication that explains, in practical terms, using concrete examples, how patents can be used to further strategic business goals. The guide, *Inventing the Future: An Introduction to Patents for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises*, is the third in the "Intellectual Property for Business" series and can be found at [www.wipo.int/sme/en/documents/guides\\_manuals.htm](http://www.wipo.int/sme/en/documents/guides_manuals.htm).



## News from Cathy's Desk

Thanks to everyone for taking the time on a long holiday weekend to attend the ISSF meeting. My invention was quite a hit with **Lydia Woods** who wants to show it off at the Miami Library on August 6<sup>th</sup>. For another opportunity to peruse my work, I will be displaying ISSF and research information at the Miami Library on the first Saturday of August. **Eva Thomas** is creating an inventor's tee shirt for several presenters to wear at the library.

For three and one-half years I have researched the newsletter. I have attended many of the meetings to witness inventors struggling with their ideas. The two immutable truths of inventing are: (1) the only shortcut to the invent-to-market process is diligent research, and (2) change is the only constant. Success as an inventor requires passion...the motivation of your being to advance to the goal you set for yourself. You succeed by setting a goal and making a plan to get there. You advance one day at a time and one step at a time. You review your goals, plans, and information, and then make modifications to stay on track with your goal. Keep in mind that all variables are subject to change, including the goal.

An inventor has multiple roles as he or she proceeds along the path to success. It is critical to learn about designing, prototyping, patenting, and the other aspects of inventing, even if you hire those services. Determine what you are good at and find others to do the rest of the work. There is no one company that will do it all for you in a manner that will satisfy you. Invention promotion companies insist that they will help you, but they only help themselves in the end. ❖

## Do Your Ideas Meet Government Regulations?

Rick Matney rick@biprinting.com

As an attendee of a recent juvenile product trade show in Orlando, I had the privilege of attending various government seminars presented by the Consumer Products Safety Council (CPSC), ASTM and Intertek Labtest. I was exposed to testing of items that marveled and astonished me:

- I witnessed a baby high chair pounded with a 50 pound ball repeatedly for 200 times, dropped from 12 inches above the seat. Then and only then, the chair was tested for safety and integrity.
- A stroller was released from an inclined ramp and if it did not stop after the front wheels fell off the edge via the safety stops, it was rejected. You would think after raising 3 children and on our second grandchild, I would have noticed these stops.
- A measuring cone was inserted between crib rails. If it passed through they would be returned to the manufacturer for redesigning.
- A different cylinder would be inserted in the leg holes in a high chair and if it passed through, the holes would have to be made smaller.

You say 'no problem, my product is made overseas.' Surprise!! The CPSC has offices in every port and has the authority to inspect and reject all containers. Thanks to this great country, I am honored that someone is watching over the children of this nation so carefully, when there are so many companies and industries trying to save a dollar.

All the greatest attorneys, patent examiners, designers, prototypes, manufacturers and retailers cannot help you if your product does not comply. Inventors don't realize we cannot market one item if it fails to comply with the appropriate regulations. A patent is not an approval to sell a product!

So before you invest, investigate, do your homework!! It could make or break your invention literally. This newsletter is a treasure of information. May I encourage you to use it to its fullest. ❖

### Homax Products

Homax sells to every major home center, mass merchant, paint chain and hardware co-op in Canada and the USA. Their customers are the largest of the nation's automotive aftermarket supply chains. They supply home improvement products to South America, UK, New Zealand, Australia, Europe and Asia. They have an Inventor Partnership Program. Email [inventors@homaxproducts.com](mailto:inventors@homaxproducts.com) for more information. ❖

### Government Regulations

Visit [www.intertek-labtest.com/](http://www.intertek-labtest.com/) and click News & Bulletins to find back issues of the Sparkle Bulletin covering government regulations on products. Volume 204 discusses the European Union's cosmetics update. Volume 201 covers the Canadian Children's Jewelry Regulations. ❖



### IP Update Newsletter

Visit [www.mwe.com](http://www.mwe.com) and click Publications to find a list of newsletters including IP Update. ❖

### Know Your Service Provider

Ownership of a patent infringement lawsuits website was buried in the Terms & Conditions page. This raised a red flag. Searching keywords (name and title) through Google.com showed that he was an injury attorney! Please check out the people you intend to work with before you engage their services. ❖

### Becoming Newsworthy

Visit [http://www.score.org/m\\_pr\\_18.html](http://www.score.org/m_pr_18.html) and scroll down to a list of 20 ways. Be sure to read the whole article to learn how a release is chosen and what news stories get covered! ❖

**Advance Fee Scam**

The Internet "Advance Fee Fraudsters" have found (i) a new easy target, the inventors, as well as (ii) a rich picking ground, which consists of the websites that list their inventions and which were created by non-profit organizations like IFIA with the specific aim to help inventors find business partners.

Visit [www.1000inventions.com](http://www.1000inventions.com) and click the Alert text box to learn about the scam email from an individual who claims that he represents a Japanese investor with anywhere from \$35 -- \$40 million up to \$150 million to invest in or buy outright inventions. ❖

**A Muddy Invention**

Now you can make your vehicle look like a wilderness adventurer with a new invention: Spray-On Mud from Englishman **Colin Dowse**. It is genuine local dirt -- strained to remove stones and other debris -- mixed with water and a secret ingredient that Dowse says helps it stick to a vehicle's bodywork. ❖

**InventNet Forum**

Visit the **InventNet Forum** at <http://home.ease.lsoft.com/archives/inventors.html> for ongoing discussions, networking worldwide and to search the archives. Your questions are answered by their well known veteran members and experienced professionals, like **Dave Pressman, Tom Mosley,** and **Bob DeMateis**. ❖

**Small Business Resource**

Visit [www.sbaguides.com/en/](http://www.sbaguides.com/en/) for the 2005 online version of the Small Business Resource. Learn about business regulations, entrepreneurial development, business financing, and business development. ❖

**Signing a Recording Artist Agreement**

Visit [www.genereuxlaw.com/recording%20artist%20agreements.htm](http://www.genereuxlaw.com/recording%20artist%20agreements.htm) to learn about exclusivity, territory, royalties, licensing, trademarks, ownership or sharing of music publishing, and other points for the developing artist. ❖

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Determine what customers really want by going to the places where they buy similar items. Then, observe and listen carefully. Engage them in conversation, since you are just another customer checking out the same merchandise. This method is quick but you will have to recall and record the conversation. Prepare beforehand the questions or conversation you want to have. Remember, you only have a minute or two to obtain the information you seek. ❖

**Technology Transfer**

For those engaged in technology transfer, the web site of the US-based Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM) may prove to be a useful source of information on the subject of technology transfer. The site provides a wide range of practical information from samples of technology licensing agreements to results of licensing surveys in the USA and Canada. ❖

**How to Start a Successful Business**

This is a presentation by SCORE at 10AM at 7999 N Federal Hwy., Boca Raton on July 16<sup>th</sup> and at 6PM at the Delray Beach Public Library, 29 SE 4<sup>th</sup> Ave., Delray Beach on July 19<sup>th</sup>. Both presentations are free. Call 561-981-5180 for more information. ❖

## National Presto Industries

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## National Inventor's Month Exhibit throughout August at the Imperial Point Branch of the Broward County Library

Inventors are invited to provide Patented or Patent Pending Inventions for display. Please contact Anita Magnotta at 954-492-1881 for information.

Check future newsletters and [www.inventorssociety.net](http://www.inventorssociety.net) for an upcoming invention exhibit to be held at the Imperial Point Library.

### Trade Publications

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### What Manufacturers Really Want

The Jan/Feb/Mar 2005 issue of *Inventor's Digest* carried an article, *What Manufacturers Are Really Looking For!*, by **Mike Coulton** of Benjamin Obdyke, Inc. The article includes suggestions to help inventors find success. ❖

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### License or Assign Patent

**Philip Mendes** wrote *To License a Patent or to Assign It: Factors Influencing the Choice*. Find it at [www.wipo.int/sme/en/documents/license\\_assign\\_patent.htm](http://www.wipo.int/sme/en/documents/license_assign_patent.htm). The benefits of royalties versus lump sum must be assessed to conclude which is the preferred course. ❖

### Fashion Industry IP

Learn about IP in the fashion industry at [www.wipo.int/sme/en/documents/wipo\\_magazine/5\\_2005.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/sme/en/documents/wipo_magazine/5_2005.pdf). ❖

*A designer is an emerging synthesis of artist, inventor, mechanic, objective economist and evolutionary strategist.*

*-- R. Buckminster Fuller*

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**Next Meeting**

**September 3<sup>rd</sup>  
1:30 PM**

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