

Inventors Society of South Florida

Inventors News

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President's Corner

It's EXPO time again and I hope everybody who can, will be exhibiting their products with us. Due to last years success we are getting inquires from various newspapers and even a local TV station. So, you never know who may show up this year. Also, it is an excellent opportunity to do some market research and get some valuable public feedback about your invention.

Tom Fischlschweiger will be giving a presentation on *Government Sites You Should Know*, directly following the EXPO on the 6th floor of the Library, which will be very interesting and informative.

I would like to thank member **Freddy Lee** for his excellent presentation on do-it-yourself prototypes. It was fascinating to see him take ordinary objects then using them as simple shapes and adding some automotive paint, transforming them into professional looking prototypes.

However, the most important point he made in my opinion was how living and working with your prototype alerts you to its defects. It was a very short portion of his presentation but extremely important. Here a very knowledgeable inventor came up with a product to apply medicine to his back with a Q-tip and it took 3 tries to get the product to work satisfactorily.

The lesson to learn is that what you conceive and believe will work in your mind, must be tested in the real world and more than likely will need to be adjusted before it is acceptable.

I would also like to thank **Alvin Blum** for his continuing series on patent issues. He dropped a bomb on the entire industry this time and I only wish more people around the country could have heard it.

There is a common practice sanctioned by many professionals and even the USPTO to group multiple inventions under one provisional patent application to save money. There are many reasons why this is a bad idea. I have heard many arguments pro and con.

Al pointed out that when one of the inventions is published or is granted a patent and it refers to that provisional application, all of the material in that provisional application is now available in public PAIR and therefore ALL OF THE OTHER INVENTIONS are now public record. You basically lost your rights to the other inventions to save a couple hundred bucks.

What a great way to start the New Year! Freddy showed us how to save money and Al showed us how to save our assets.

Don't forget that the EXPO takes the place of our regular meeting and is at the Broward County Main Library at the corner of Broward Blvd. and Andrews Ave. in Fort Lauderdale, FL from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm (set up for exhibitors is at 10:00 am).

See you there!!!

Leo Mazur

News From Cathy's Desk

There are many great newsletters to help inventors. One in particular is *ipFrontline*. I receive it regularly in my email. It keeps me updated with all manner of IP news: Enterprise IP, IP Law, In the Courts, SME (Small-to-Medium Size Enterprise) Inventing, Technology



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Feb 7th at 4:00 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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and Geopolitics. While global news may have no immediate impact on your day-to-day inventive efforts, it is a harbinger. Business people pay attention to world events to adjust their strategic plan. Inventors are wise to pay attention to what is happening in the courts and around the world, since we live and work in a global village.

Here is a partial list of the articles in a recent *ipFrontline* newsletter in my email:

- Enterprise IP: Evaluation of a company's intellectual property is completely ignored and not factored into any bailout decisions or discussions
- IP Law: USPTO Lacks Workflow Solutions; Performance Drops - PatentCafe's New Workflow Software Accelerates Patent Examination, Promotes Faster Enforcement, Can Eliminate PTO Pendency Increase
- In the Courts: New Standard for Willful Infringement and Its Aftermath: Objective Recklessness
- SME Inventing: Failure to comply with the patent marking statute can have serious financial implications for a patent holder seeking infringement damages
- Technology: Patent Application for "Content Distribution System and Method" Allowed
- Geopolitics: Enforcement of IP Rights In Argentina

PatentCafe's intellectual property and technology news is relevant and timely. Every inventor should sign up for this newsletter. Visit www.ipfrontline.com for the magazine of which the newsletter is a subset!

As a socially responsible corporation, Patent Café created and supports a wide array of programs to help schools, inventor organizations, regional economic development organizations, and leading retail companies create tomorrow's great inventions and inventors. Patent Café has provided judging resources, cash prizes, and other awards for national invention competitions, including LaTourneau University (TX); Staples Invention Quest; History Channel Modern Marvels *InventNow!*, and Hammacher Schlemmer's *Search for Invention*. ❖

Tampa Bay Inventors Council Invention EXPO

The Tampa Bay Inventors Council will be hosting their Second Annual Invention EXPO at the St. Petersburg Pier (800 Second Ave. NE, St Petersburg, FL 33701) on February 28th.

Wayne Rastin (president of the council) has extended his personal invitation to ISSF members. Anyone interested in attending or exhibiting can contact him at goodharbinger@yahoo.com 727-376-1334. At this time they did not have the times and fees available but will be posting them on their website or you can contact Wayne.

Be sure to check out the video of last year's event expo on their website www.tbic.us.

The St. Petersburg Pier looks like an experience in itself. Check out their website at www.stpete-pier.com. Their phone number is 727-821-6164.

Here is another opportunity to meet and network with other inventors, see what they are doing and possibly promote your own product. You can never get too much exposure, make too many contacts or gain too much experience in this business. ❖

Next Big Thing Award 2009

INNOVIC is an Australian not for profit organization and a leading provider of services to innovators, inventors, entrepreneurs and small to medium enterprises.

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INNOVIC's International *Next Big Thing Award*TM is a global competition and annual award to find and showcase new inventions and innovations that have the potential to become 'the next big thing'.

The application deadline is March 16th. The *Next Big Thing Award 2009* competition will offer \$60,000 in cash and prizes and over \$100,000 worth of outstanding publicity and promotion. 25 finalists will be selected and exhibited at the Melbourne Museum, Australia. The 2008 exhibition was viewed by over 76,000 people and finalists attended a prestigious Awards ceremony.

INNOVIC offers a wide range of services including grants & finance assistance, business and marketing plans, patent searches, web development and commercialization assistance. Learn more at www.nextbigthingaward.com. ❖

How Stuff Works

HowStuffWorks (www.howstuffworks.com), a wholly owned subsidiary of Discovery Communications, is the award-winning source of credible, unbiased, and easy-to-understand explanations of how the world actually works. Founded by North Carolina State University Professor **Marshall Brain** in 1998, the site is now an online resource for millions of people of all ages including inventors!

From car engines to search engines, from cell phones to stem cells, and thousands of subjects in between, HowStuffWorks has it covered. No topic is too big or too small for their expert editorial staff to unmask. Read *The Top 10 Game-changing Military Technologies* to learn what changed the course of history and why. Find the article at <http://science.howstuffworks.com/10-game-changing-technologies.htm>. ❖

SCORE Podcast Series

Find the SCORE small business podcast series at www.score.org/podcasts.html.

- *Planning in an Economic Downturn*
- *Marketing Your Biz in a Weak Economy*
- *The Importance of Mentoring*
- *Networking Your Way to Success*
- *Get More Done in Less Time*
- *Increasing Search Engine Visibility*
- *Estimating Expenses of Your Startup*
- *Keys to Success: Passion, Creativity and Positive Thinking* ❖

Center for Business Planning

The business planning experts at Business Resource Software, Inc. have written a number of articles addressing aspects of the creation, analysis and documentation of your business and marketing strategies. Find the list at www.businessplans.org/guide.html. Topics include: DuPont chart, mission statement, strategic marketing plan, market segmentation, income statement, cash flow statement, balance sheet or financial ratios.

Click Web Resources on the menu bar to open a library of links to hundreds of sites offering research materials on every area of planning a business including: venture capital, new products, market analysis, competitive analysis, production management, tax problems, legal issues, financial statements, writing a business plan and much more. ❖

Membership

The Inventors Society of South Florida (ISSF) membership application form is available online at www.inventorssociety.net/appform.pdf. Annual individual membership dues are \$60.

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 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. ❖

Newsletter Submissions

If you have something you'd like to see in the newsletter, please discuss with or send it to cever@earthlink.net. 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. ❖

SCORE/ VISA Financial Management Workbook

Download this 55-page workbook from www.score.org/pdf/SCORE_Visa_Workbook.pdf. This will help you manage your business finances better. Sections included are:

- Maximize income
- Minimize expenses
- Be prepared
- Funding options
- Know your numbers
- Putting it together. ❖

ISSF Meetings

Except for February 2009, the ISSF meets at 1:00 pm on the first Saturday of each month at:

Ligi Tool & Engineering, Inc.
 3220 SW 15th St.
 Deerfield Beach, Florida 33442
 877-523-6693
www.ligotool.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 15th St (past the first stoplight on Powerline Rd, look for two cement towers and the ModComp sign).

From I-95 Southbound: Exit at SW 10th St, Exit 40; turn right SW 10th St (West); left on Powerline Rd; left on SW 15th St (look for two cement towers and the ModComp sign).

From I-95 Northbound: Exit at Sample Rd; turn left on Sample Rd (West); right on Powerline Rd; and right on SW 15th St (past the first stoplight on Powerline Rd, look for two cement towers and the ModComp sign).

From I-75: Exit at the Sawgrass Expressway (Route 869); go to the end of the expressway and continue east on SW 10th St; turn right on Powerline Rd and left on SW 15th St (look for two cement towers and the ModComp sign).

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USHCC Annual National Convention

Each year, the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (USHCC) hosts its National Convention and Business Expo from September 16-19 in Denver, CO, featuring hundreds of exhibitors from the United States and abroad. The convention is the country's largest networking venue for Hispanic businesses and Fortune 1000 corporations interested in the Hispanic market. Over four-days, the national convention affords Hispanic vendors and corporate buyers the opportunity to establish partnerships where business opportunities can flourish. In addition, the convention offers various sessions and discussions on business development, chamber training, innovative business trends and solutions, as well as a focus on current issues that impact the Hispanic entrepreneur. Register at www.usbcc.com/_data/n_0001/resources/live/09_Registration_form.pdf. ❖

Matt Yubas, Product Coach

Matthew Yubas is a Certified Professional Marketing Consultant for the Small Business Development and International Trade Center. He has developed products for 24 years as an Engineer, Product Manager, and Consultant for startups, small business, and Fortune 500 companies. He offers an impressive list of resources at www.productcoach.com/invention-resources/resource-home.html to help inventors.

For example, under the heading Company Directories, there are links to inventRight, Houston Inventors, Hoovers and ThomasNet. If you select inventRight and click Product Scout on the next page, then you will find a list of Product Scouts.

Take a few minutes to peruse the resource listing and drill down into them to see the information offered. This is a gold mine for an inventor. Add it to your web browser Favorites! ❖

Houston Inventors Association

Houston Inventors Association (HIA) has a great website at www.inventors.org. Be sure to add it to you web browser Favorites. Why? They much helpful information via sidebar links including:

- *Members' Inventions and Patents For Sale or License*
- *Member Service Providers*
- *Product Scouts - Companies that are Looking for New Inventions*
- *Tradeshaw for Buyers of New Inventions*
- *Helpful Websites for Inventors*
- *Technical References for Inventors, Engineers, Designers*

Additionally, HIA offers a news feed to keep you current on events concerning patents, trademarks and copyrights. They offer an online tradeshow for new inventions, links to other inventor groups and emailed announcements of their activities. Read about the Houston Inventors Association in the March issue of *Inventors Digest*. ❖

Hammacher Schlemmer Product Search 2009

Hammacher Schlemmer is looking for the latest innovation! Edison Nation has partnered with them to match an invention to the needs of the retail community. Visit www.edisonnation.com/opportunities to learn how the Live Product Search works. You must be a member to learn the details of the product search. Submitting an idea costs \$25. ❖

InventBay, Inc. News

InventBay.com, Inc. brings together inventors seeking assistance with capital, along with all of the other resources needs that will help inventors to bring their projects to market. InventBay.com connects inventors with capital resources, and service industry professionals such as patent attorneys, designers, prototype developers, consultants and other inventors with a variety of free services to aid the invention community. Inventors can post descriptions of their projects, status, and needs to a database that is made available to all site visitors. InventBay.com is also a member of the United Inventors Association and the Better Business Bureau.

Kudos to InventBay for gaining national exposure for several of their exhibitors with two different segments on the *Jay Leno Show*. Keep your eyes open for the new *Discovery* series, *Pitchmen*, starring **Billy Mays** filmed at the show where once again several products are featured.

Keith Hammack, President, CEO, InventBay plans to attend the Inventors Society of South Florida expo on February 7th at the Broward County Main Library in Fort Lauderdale.

New IP Rights Guides

A series of five guides have been published by UK Trade & Investment and the UK Intellectual Property Office, to help British companies in major markets around the world where they are likely to face problems in obtaining, protecting and enforcing their intellectual property rights. The guides cover China, Brazil, India, Korea, and Vietnam. Find them on the UK Trade & Investment website.

- China guide https://www.uktradeinvest.gov.uk/ukti/fileDownload/IPR_China.pdf?cid=422400
- Brazil guide https://www.uktradeinvest.gov.uk/ukti/fileDownload/IPR_Brazil.pdf?cid=422405
- India guide https://www.uktradeinvest.gov.uk/ukti/fileDownload/IPR_India.pdf?cid=422402
- Korea guide https://www.uktradeinvest.gov.uk/ukti/fileDownload/IPR_Korea.pdf?cid=422404
- Vietnam guide https://www.uktradeinvest.gov.uk/ukti/fileDownload/IPR_Vietnam.pdf?cid=422403.

These guides provide valuable information for conducting business including IPR laws, protecting your IPR and preventive measures you should take. ❖

Innovate or Stagnate

Small companies with innovative ideas have often found themselves without the capacity to develop or exploit their innovation. now a new partnership between the enterprise hubs and the h-i network is helping hub companies find commercial partners with the resources to bring their ideas to market.

Visit www.h-i.com/news/documents/news_innovationorstagnate.pdf to learn how the h-i network helps organizations to work through the process of open innovation. Also, learn about the UK Innovation Advisory Service South East (IASSE), designed to help ambitious companies in the south east to identify how to best manage and exploit their innovative activity.

IASSE has a team of highly experienced director level advisors who all have both general commercial and specific sectoral technical expertise. IASSE is funded by the South East England Development Agency (SEEDA) and managed by Oxford Innovation along with an experienced partnership of the National Physical Laboratory, and CLIK (the technology transfer arm of the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory). ❖

SCORE Monthly Help

Visit www.score.org/internet_enewsletters_subscribe.html to sign-up for *SCORE eNews* and *SCORE Expert Answers*:

- *SCORE eNews* offers tips, trends, articles & small business news.
- *SCORE Expert Answers* offers Q&A interview with key insights from a leading expert.

Why bother? The January issue of *SCORE Expert Answers* features **Julie Morganstern** with expert insight on organizing and time management. Two minutes of reading benefits your wallet and your efforts. ❖

Small Business E-Newsletter

If you'd like to get the inside scoop on policies and regulations that could help or hurt your bottom line, sign-up for the *uschamber.com Weekly* at www.uschamber.com/publications/weekly/default. ❖

Words to the Wise on Getting a Grant

Visit www.businessownersideacafe.com/business_grants and scroll down the page to *Idea Café's* Tips on Getting a Grant. Then click *Find Out More!* ❖

BBB's New Rating System Draws Fire

Read **Richard Berman's** article, *BBB's New Rating System Draws Fire*, to learn about the new rating system. Use a search engine to find the article by title and author. ❖

Risk Management

The Public Entity Risk Institute (PERI) is a clearinghouse for information on key topics in risk management (e.g., disaster preparedness, planning and recovery). Visit www.riskinstitute.org/peri and click *Resource Library* to view a list of topics and descriptions. ❖

Protect Yourself from Identity Theft

The article at www.aarp.org/money/consumer/articles/identity_theft_3.html tells how to protect yourself. ❖

Attorney-Client Privilege

Michael A. Sands and Dan Ko Obuhanych discuss *Costco Wholesale Corporation v. Superior Court* in the article, *Costco Decision Could Significantly Change Scope of Attorney-Client Privilege*. Find the article at www.fenwick.com/docstore/publications/Litigation/Costco_Decision.pdf. ❖

Small Firm Innovation

Jesper Lindgaard Christensen, Department of Business Studies, Aalborg University in Denmark wrote *The IPR System, Venture Capital and Capital Markets – Contributions and Distortions of Small Firm Innovation?* This study explores how capital markets, exemplified by venture capital, and recent trends in the patent system may influence innovation activity and the financing of small businesses. Costs and distortions of incentives are evaluated. The positive contribution of venture capital in the patenting process is investigated. Find this study at www.business.aau.dk/wp/08-03.pdf. ❖

IP Audit

Timothy Matson wrote *Get a legal physical for intangible assets*. He discusses the three steps of an IP audit: investigate, identify and analyze. Why audit? An IP audit identifies core business assets and sharpens strategies for growth. Also, it looks for hidden corporate assets worthy of greater exploitation. Read the article at www.iln.com/articles/pub_771.pdf. ❖

Identifying Valuable IP in Bankruptcy

Weston Anson provides an overview of how to identify intellectual property and intangible assets and how to group those components into bundles of discrete value. Use a search engine to find his article, *Identifying Valuable Intellectual Property in Bankruptcy*. ❖

International Patent for Maximum Protection

This case study illustrates how a patent application written using the services of an IP attorney maximized the protection of the invention and opened up a multitude of opportunities. Find it at www.wipo.int/sme/en/case_studies/junkk.html. ❖

inventRight On Demand Episodes

Visit www.blogtalkradio.com/inventright and select a radio talk show from a list that includes:

- *How To Invent... Right.* **Stephen Key** and guest host **James Shehan** discuss why most inventors fail. This radio show is based on an article written by **Linda Pollock** in the inventRight resource center. Linda discusses *Finding a market first, then create your product*.
- *Selling your invention.* **Stephen Key** and Guest Host **James Shehan** talk about sell sheets and why they are the most important sales tool you will ever need. Learn more about sell sheets at www.typevisions.com.
- *How to live with an inventor.* inventRight Co-Founders **Stephen Key** and **Andrew Krauss** will talk about how to keep your spouse happy if you're an inventor.
- *Inventor Help - How To Get Started.* **Stephen** and **Andrew** talk about getting started and how you can determine if you have a good idea.
- *Inventors Organizations - Pros And Cons.* **Stephen** and **Andrew** cover the pros and cons of Inventors organizations and how to get the most out of them.
- *Inventors - How To Work With Attorneys.* **Stephen** and **Andrew** talk about how to use attorney services to protect yourself.

Why should you take time to listen to a radio talk show? Knowledge is power. For an inventor it means saving time, money and resources. For example, the *Pros and Cons of Inventor Organizations* offered these pearls of wisdom:

- An inventor with patents and nothing on the market is a poor source of advice for an inventor seeking financial gain.
- Few inventors take the time to speak one-on-one with the guest speaker before or after a meeting.
- Keep going to inventor meetings if you like the people and get bits of information to help you.
- You cannot learn everything you need to know in one meeting. ❖

Bay Area Renaissance Festival

Debra Jackson-Dechert invites you and any of your inventor friends to celebrate the legacy of Leonardo Da Vinci on our *Italian Masters Weekend*, March 20-22. It is your chance to set up a tent and display your most recent invention for all to see and appreciate. She would also like to invite you to bring your battle bots to compete. She hopes that one of the Inventors societies will help her to present the first ever *Battle Bots of the Bay Area Competition*.

There is no charge to be involved, as long as you register with **Debra Jackson-Dechert**. Also, let her know how big a space you will need. She would love to see representation from all of the local inventors groups in Southern Florida. Contact Debra Jackson-Dechert at 800-601-4848 ext. # 106 or debjdmrf@yahoo.com. A registration form is included with this [emailed](#) newsletter.

The Bay Area Renaissance Festival is located in Tampa, FL, off I-75, exit number 265/FL-582, on Fowler Ave & 46th St, next to MOSI. It takes place for seven weekends in 2008: February 23 – April 6, and March 28 for school day. The village gates open at 10 a.m., and close at 6 p.m., rain or shine. ❖

Global Resource Network for Small Business

buzgate.org™ is a leading branded business-to-business resource portal and one of the most demographically targeted communities on the Internet serving the interests and needs of small and medium-sized businesses (SMB). As a consortium of nonprofit public business assistance agencies, buzgate.org provides an easy-to-use robust gateway to information, goods and services targeted at supporting small business start-up, growth and profitability.

Content is developed and managed by Knowledge Institute, **buzgate.org** founder and primary sponsor, and focuses on helping individuals to learn about, connect with, and utilize the resources they require to succeed in small business. As a non-commercial, educationally focused gateway, buzgate.org provides a reliable, trusted network where users can build knowledge and establish productive business-to-business relationships.

Eight (8) primary buzgate.org branches (Free Help, Business Solutions, Start, Grow, Fund, Train, Network and Business Success System) facilitate user awareness, access and use of needed technologies, goods, and services. A ninth network, "Ask BUZ", provides person-to-person user guidance to further facilitate the matching of user needs to available free and low-cost resources.

Discover and connect with free small business help and entrepreneurship education in areas of small business funding, counseling, marketing, technology, insurance and more. Access small business assistance programs by state that are tailored to the interests and needs of women in business, veterans in business, minorities in business, self-employed individuals, business students and all entrepreneurs.

BUZGate, in collaboration with IBM and the **SMEToolkit.org** has developed a video series covering frequently asked questions (FAQs) when starting and growing a small business. ❖

UIA Membership

The UIA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 1990 and dedicated to inventor education and support. Resources and materials are free and open to the public. It benefits inventor groups to become members of the UIA. You receive a packet of information that includes:

- A brochure, describing UIA services and membership benefits
- A fact sheet on the invention promotion industry
- A brochure about inventing as a hobby or serious endeavor
- A list of publications available through the UIA bookstore
- The UIA Innovation Assessment Program
- *Inventor's Master Plan*, a compact guide describing the inventing process
- *The Inventor's Resource Guide*, 6th edition 2004
- *The Inventor's Journal*, a workplace for documenting ideas.

Visit www.uiausa.org for more information. Be sure to check out the free articles at www.uiausa.org/Default.aspx?page=89. Titles include:

- *Packaging Your Product – Five Easy First Steps*
- *Product Development, It Takes More Than a Napkin*
- *Raising Capital to Fund Your Invention*. ❖

Business & IP Centre

The Business & IP Centre, at the British Library in London, has all the business and IP information you need as an innovator and entrepreneur. Learn from the success of others and meet like-minded people. It's free and can save you time and money! Visit www.bl.uk/bipc today. ❖

Directory of Companies Looking for Inventions

inventRight.com has assembled a detailed list of companies seeking your inventions and new product ideas to help you get started. Browse the free community directory at www.inventright.com/links. ❖

2009 National Hardware Show in Las Vegas

The National Hardware Show (May 5-7, 2009, Las Vegas Convention Center) will feature the *Inventors Spotlight*, a dedicated area to showcase inventions to top manufacturers, retailers, wholesalers and distributors. Other opportunities include an Inventors Award, Open-to-Buy opportunities and informational sessions. Sponsors are the UIA and Faultless Inventors / Garden Wease I. Faultless Inventors is seeking the "next big thing" at the show.

For more information on how to exhibit, contact **John Lederer** at (203) 840-5381 or email jlederer@reedexpo.com. ❖

Small Biz Information

Visit USA.gov businesses and non-profits gateway at www.usa.gov/Business/Business_Gateway.shtml.

Also, order small biz pubs from www.pueblo.gsa.gov.

- *Copyright Basics*
- *Advance Fee Business Scams*
- *Guide to Business Credit for Women, Minorities and Small Business*
- *Is Your Business Everybody's Business?*
- *Small Business Resource Guide 2008*
- *Virtual Small Business Tax Workshop*.
- *2008 Consumer Action Handbook* (company and trade association contacts) ❖

GadgetNation
Author, Exhibiting at
ISSF EXPO

Steve Greenberg, author of *Gadget Nation*, will be exhibiting at our EXPO as a board member of the UIA. If you buy his book ahead of time and bring it with you, he will be more than happy to sign it. It is available at Barnes & Noble, Amazon.com and at www.gadgetnation.net. ❖

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See us at:

www.InventorsSociety.net

February Speaker and ISSF Expo

The Inventors Society of South Florida in conjunction with the Broward County Library will be hosting their Annual Invention Expo on Saturday February 7th from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM on the 1st floor of the Broward County Main Library (100 S. Andrews Ave., Fort Lauderdale, FL; 954-357-7439).

Following the expo, **Tom Fischlschweiger** (Government Documents Librarian) will make a presentation on *Government Sites You Should Know* (NTIS, DTIS & NASA government sources of prior art and technical information for the inventor) at approximately 4:00 PM on the 6th floor.

As usual there is no charge to attend the event. However, this year as a special incentive to service providers and inventors who are not members of the Society, exhibiting is FREE, as well. Among our attendees in the past were investors, other inventors, industry professionals, the curious and the media. We have already had a number of inquires from the media.

Please check out our website www.inventorssociety.net to see pictures from our past EXPOs and download a registration form. Awards will be given to the top 3 exhibitors as voted on by the attendees.

This is your chance to see and be seen by people interested in what you have to offer and to gather valuable feedback about your product or service. BEST OF ALL IT'S FREE ! For more meeting details and directions, visit www.inventorssociety.net or contact **Leo Mazur** at 973-219-9627 or email mazurelectric@earthlink.net. ❖

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 Inventor News

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