



HELLO EVERYONE !

Dear Members,

We would like to send our apologies for the lack of communication these past few weeks. The changes that we are going through at TBIC are causing things to be delayed but the new Board members are trying very hard to iron out the wrinkles at TBIC. Please be patient with us and we will do our very best to get things back on track soon.

LAST MEETING RECAP

(The Skipped over meeting!)

Hey, we can't forget about the last meeting! We were not as organized as we would have liked to have been, but considering the way it turned out, I think things worked out well. Cal Kalishman was there to tell us about his Turbo Saver and had us riveted to our seats and wanting to ask when will we be able to have one put on our own car. His gas saving device is a wonderful product and Cal is trying different avenues to market it, but hasn't settled on anything yet. We all hope that he remembers all his fellow members at TBIC first!

We also heard from the group at IBI and their speaker, Mr. Dohrmann. He had some very interesting information for those of us looking for ways to find capital for our projects.

MEETING BEFORE LAST . . .

As you know our last meeting was a very political one. On behalf of all the candidates that ran, I would like to thank those of you who voted. We would like to ask those of you who may have been displeased with some of the candidates efforts to win your vote, to forgive them if they were offensive in any way. Please understand that this is a continual learning process for each of us , we are human and mistakes are bound to be made.

NEXT FOCUS GROUP PRESENTERS

We are trying to get things back on track before we attempt to hold a focus group. We couldn't hold one as of now if we wanted to, because we don't have anyone with a product, who has asked for a focus group.

So, if you have a protected product and you would like to have a focus group held on it, please let Jennifer know by calling the TBIC office at 548-5083.

A PAT ON THE BACK

Once again Gayla Kilbride receiving the Pat on the Back this week for the work she has done and is continuing to do on the new ICTT Website. Please try to go to this site so you might have an understanding of how great this site is and keep in mind that it is being built as another tool for TBIC members to use. For \$150.00 you can get your item put on this site with a link to it. There are items there now and we hope that this site will be used as an avenue of advertisement for our members. Also, go to the affiliate link where you will find links to several direct mail catalogs in which TBIC member inventions can be found. A TBIC member buying from these catalogs through this link can bring their paid receipt for their purchases to ICTT and obtain a 5% rebate on those purchases

When you are at the affiliate sites you may request to receive their monthly catalogs for free. This is just another benefit of TBIC membership.

HEAR YE ! HEAR YE !!

We have yet to name the officers and we hope to have your input once again by sending your nomination to us in the mail here at the TBIC office. If there is someone you would like to see in a certain position, or if you would like to hold a position yourself, let us know. We truly want to give those of you who might be interested in these positions a chance to do so. Within the next seven days, please send us your resume or have the nominee send theirs and let us consider you for the position. After considering the nominees, the Board will select the new officers and reveal them at our next meeting.

We will be holding this next Board Meeting as a closed meeting to elect our officers. After that, we will hold Open Sessions. These meetings will start approximately one hour before the regular meeting on the second and fourth Wednesday's of the month. This is a change that we hope you will welcome and utilize. This is the time and place to express to the Board just what is on your mind and make suggestions.

GET HERE EARLY . . .

Here are a few instances when you need to be here early:

- Bringing a friend
- To have your picture taken for your ID badge
- To attend the open session Board meeting.
- To mingle with and obtain information from your fellow members.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING ???

We want to know what you are doing with your project. Have you found a manufacturer? Have you just finished your patent search and ready to fill out the Provisional Patent Application? We want to know what you have done to further your progress on your project.

Here's what one of our members is doing:

His name is Bobby Lawrence and he is the inventor of the 'Toy Rack'. It is a hauling device used to haul ATV's in the back of a pickup truck. Bobby has had his ad in the *Cycle Trader* for a couple of weeks and it has generated quite a bit of interest from manufacturers and individuals alike. There are no signed contracts as of yet, but you can bet the future of the Toy Rack is looking good!

We have a few other items that are going onto the websites of catalogs during the month of October. They will actually be in the printed catalogs in November. The 'Bowzer Bowl', 'Pets-Talk Collar', 'The Head Bed', the 'SurgAcare Travel Pouch', 'Pet-Scan' and the 'Teaching Tank' are the first of many products that will be put out by ICTT and TBIC inventors. We hope that they will all turn into big success stories.

AVAILABLE DISPLAY SPACE

Do you have a product that is ready to be shown to the world?

Well, the world might not see it in our booth, but a lot of very important people will!

We have a few display booths ready for occupancy.

Your product will need to be protected (patented or patent pending) product.

If it is a large item, we may have floor space for you.

Or, we can work on making a mini prototype that would fit in a display booth.

Contact Jennifer at 727-548-5083



JUST A TIDBIT . . .



From now on, you will be asked to enter through the TBIC door when attending TBIC functions, such as our regular meetings or during the day to contact Jennifer or Russ. Now that Jennifer has moved into those offices and taken "everything TBIC" with her, it will be easier to greet everyone through these doors, and she will have all the necessary paperwork on hand for new members and such. *Again, you will enter through door at Suite 607.*



YOU'VE GOT MAIL !



We could avoid some of the postage costs and add a little convenience for you by sending each issue of Tidbits to you by e-mail. Other important announcements could be sent your way too. Please see that we have your current email address on file with all the rest of your membership information. For all those who have given your email addresses to us, you can look forward to the convenience of having our issues go directly to you. Thanks.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION



In this month's issue of Inventors Magazine, there are many helpful articles and stories. If you do not receive Inventors Magazine and would like to read some of these interesting stories, ask Jennifer at the TBIC office to lend hers to you. To get your own subscription, go to www.inventorsdigest.com.

VOLUNTEERS

We could use some help here!! I am asking that those of you who could spare a little time before the meetings, please come in and help welcome people. Tell them what you know about TBIC. Help them with filling out a new visitor form so that we can all welcome them to the meeting and introduce them to the membership. We could also use help with running the popcorn machine and serving the bags of popcorn.

BY THE WAY . . .

If you have any business to be taken care of on the night of our meetings, please plan to arrive by 6:30 to give us plenty of time to take care of your needs before the meeting starts. We would like to start our meetings promptly at 7:30 as planned. So, if you need to renew or upgrade your membership, or if you have any other inquiries about your membership, newsletter, badges, etc., just plan to come in plenty of time to attend to it before meeting time.

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