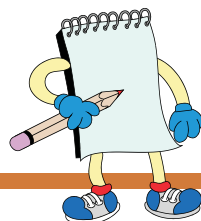




TUG NOTES



Math Humour

A public school teacher was arrested trying to board a flight while in possession of a ruler, a protractor, a setsquare, a slide rule, and a calculator. US Attorney general John Ashcroft said he believes the man (charged with carrying weapons of math instruction) is a member of the notorious Al-Gebra movement.

“Al-Gebra is a fearsome cult,” Ashcroft said. “They desire average solutions by means and extremes, and sometimes go off on tangents in a search of absolute value. They use secret code names like “x” and “y” and refer to themselves as “unknowns.” but we have determined they belong to a common denominator of the axis of medieval with coordinates in every country.

“As the Greek philanderer Isosceles used to say, there are 3 sides to every triangle,” Ashcroft declared. When asked to comment on the arrest, President Bush said, “If God had wanted us to have better weapons of math instruction, He would have given us more fingers and toes. I am gratified that our government has given us a sine that it is intent on protracting us from these math-dogs who are willing to disintegrate us with calculus disregard. Murky statisticians love to inflict plane on every sphere of influence. Under the circumferences, we must differentiate their root, make our point, and draw the line.”

President Bush warned, “These weapons of math instruction have the potential to decimal everything in their math on a scalene never before seen unless we become exponents of a Higher Power and begin to factor-in random facts of vertex.”

Attorney General Ashcroft said, “As our Great Leader would say, read my ellipse. Here is one principle he is uncertainty of: though they continue to multiply, their days are numbered as the hypotenuse tightens around their necks.”

– Submitted by Glenn Gundermann

Door Prize Winners

Here are the lucky winners of the prizes at the November 2003 TUG Meeting of Members...

- Kim Pullman** (Canvil)
- Abdul M Syed** (Ganz)
- Wayne Luo** (Altamira)
- Catherine Malia** (Cancom Tracking)
- Lorraine Hackett** (W5 Resources)
- Miles Jenkins** (ADC Telecom)
- Shahid Jamil** (Cancom Tracking)
- Harold Lucas** (Russel Metals)

Special thanks to **Coca Cola Bottling** for sponsoring the desserts and **Astech Solutions** for providing the projector. We would be grateful to any of our member companies that wish to donate a prize for future meetings. It helps us to keep our costs down, provides our membership with something extra, and keeps us as the “value added users group”. Our member companies consist of manufacturing, distribution, retail, education, finance, marketing, and many other industries, all of which could contribute to the door prizes. We even pick up if necessary.

TUG Calendar of Upcoming Events

-  **January 21, 2004 – MoM**
Speaker: **Paul Conte**
The Case for SOFTWARE MANAGEMENT
▶ 5:00 Session 1
▶ 7:00 Session 2
-  **March 24, 2004 – MoM**
Speaker: **Janet Krueger**
-  **April 20-21, 2004 – TEC**
-  **May 2-6, 2004 – COMMON**
San Antonio, Texas
-  **May 19, 2004 – MoM**
-  **June 18, 2004 – TUG Golf Classic**
(16th Annual) **Nobleton Lakes Golf and Country Club** in Bolton
-  **September 22, 2004 – MoM**
-  **Oct. 17-21, 2004 – COMMON**
Toronto, Ontario
-  **November 17, 2004 – MoM**

Anti-Virus Reward

Microsoft recently placed a **\$250,000 Bounty** on MSBlast worm and Sobig virus authors. These are the first two targets of the new \$5 Million “Fink Fund” created to aid law enforcement’s pursuit of malware authors and perpetrators.

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