

Greetings (from India)

No, I am not here to study the phenomenon of outsourcing, but to go back to the source and get back some of that energy needed to continue my regular work when I'm back in Toronto.

Because of the time difference between the time I write this article and the time you are reading it, many weeks will have passed. At the time of writing (i.e., mid-December 2006) Gloria and I are right in the middle of a vacation in India. (You might have noticed that, from the picture that Vaughn—the TUG magazine editor—chose to adorn this column.) We were test driving a vehicle we were planning to acquire. Very fuel efficient vehicle and very environmental friendly. 😊

But, I needed to take a bit of time off from this oasis to talk to you about some TUG businesses...

Seneca Lab day

First thing first — I'd like to thank the three individuals who helped make our October 24, 2006 "Back to College Special" such

a great success. **André Berns** and **Russell Pangborn**, are the two teachers who took some time off from their session rest to prepare and present the two lab sessions which many of you enjoyed so much. The third person I want to recognize is the Chair of the School of Computer Studies at Seneca College of Applied Arts and Technology, **Evan Weaver**. (See their photo on page 7.) Thank you very much, all of you.

January MoM

To start the 2007 year, our January 24 MoM theme will be "Data Recovery" with the DR experts **Richard Dolewski** (Mid-Range) and **Chris Hird** (Blair Technologies). Check out the Agenda page later in this edition to learn more about this meeting. Don't forget, this time the meeting place will be back at the Living Arts Centre Mississauga.

Randall Munson

Something is brewing in the back stage for a very special TUG event in February. Again being a bit off the main-stream for a little while, I do not know exactly where the negotiations are at this point but everything makes me believe, at this point, that **Randall Munson** will pay us a visit for another very entertaining and technical session. Please, stay tuned to TUG for more information.

TUG Election

I may be a little bit early, but I believe that it is never too early to talk about and prepare for the next Board election, especially when the dates are known.



Léo and Gloria test-driving a new vehicle in India. (Notice it comes with a chauffeur!)

Yes, the TUG 2007 election process will really be at full speed only between March and May, but, I encourage you to plan a bit in advance. If you have some time to devote to TUG and your System i fellows, or if you have some ideas where TUG should be in the future—put your name down to become a TUG director. Again this year, six current directors will have to ask the TUG members for their support. If you are willing and able, or know someone who is, please call Wende at the TUG office, for a nomination form. If you want to talk about it a bit more in detail, you can always reach me by email or by phone. I would be glad to talk to you about life as a TUG director.

TUG TEC '007

Of course, last-but-not-least, make sure to mark your calendar for April 17-19, when TUG will present TEC '007. **Glenn Gundermann** and his crew are planning a better than ever TEC this year! See page 15 for more details.

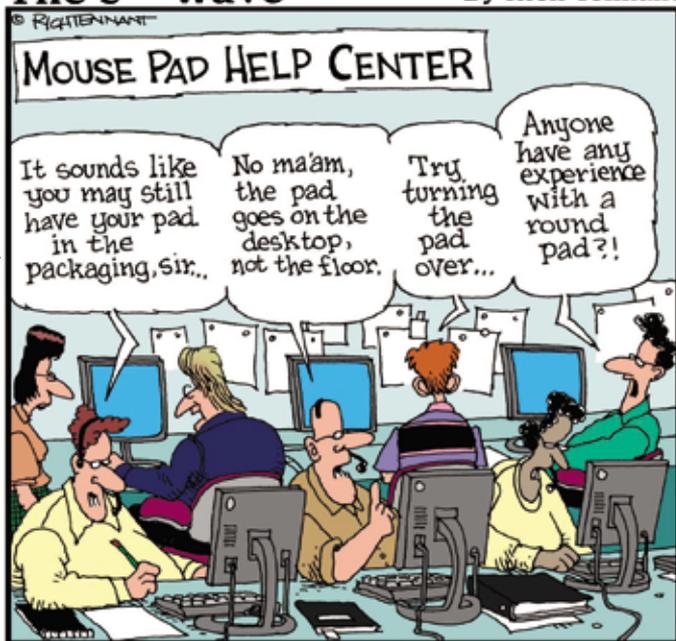
Now that you are a bit more informed about what's going on with TUG, Gloria and I are off to test drive other vehicles. (Perhaps camels in the sand dunes near the village of Lodurva, in the Rajasthan, North-West India.) See you in Toronto on January 24th for our first Mom of 2007.

Happy & Prosperous '007 year!



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