

TUG MOM REVIEW

THE MARCH 2007 MEETING OF MEMBERS



By Glenn Gundermann



We enjoyed our March Meeting of Members (MoM) at the Living Arts Centre Mississauga. Our venues have been alternating between the east and west to give everyone a chance at being close. The agenda included a speaker at 5 PM, followed by dinner and networking, and then a second speaker at 7 PM.

Remote Managed Services

Kevin Puloski from Able-One Systems Inc. was our first speaker, giving a presentation on what a lot of companies need, and that is Remote Managed Services. He talked about the need to increase performance,

increase security, increase uptime, increase user satisfaction, and decrease costs.

You may already have IT staff but can you afford to cover all of the critical equipment all of the time?

You want something that is continually monitoring your systems and will know within seconds of any failure, and possibly have it fixed before you know about it.

New IT trends include an increase in spending on IT security, consolidation of servers, reviewing the cost of free applications, and remote managed services.



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The cost of downtime is the #1 expense of companies.

There are various products on the market, including:

- IBM Tivoli Service Management Solutions
- HP OpenView
- NetIQ from NetIQ Corporation
- AbleWatch from Able-One

Able-One is celebrating its 19th anniversary. You can contact Able-One at info@ableone.com or (800) 461-2253 x251 and visit their website www.ableone.com.

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Afternoon speaker Kevin Puloski





Evening speaker Jim Cooper

Intermission

In between the speaker sessions, TUG attendees were treated to a generous buffet of soup and sandwiches and then enjoyed a stroll through the art gallery at the LAC.

IceBreak

Jim Cooper (from System & Method) was our second speaker, giving a presentation on a product called IceBreak. Jim suggested that for many customers, IceBreak is a good alternative to IBM's WebSphere Application Server.

IceBreak is a native application server, running Web applications developed in the programming languages RPG and Cobol on the System i. It helps developers build and deploy Web applications using RPG or COBOL, embedded SQL, and XML.

By adding some code and special tags to an RPG program, you can easily create Web pages. It looks very similar to writing CGI scripts.

You can get a copy of the excellent handouts at the TUG Web site <http://www.tug.ca/Downloads.html>.

For more information, see Part I of Jim Cooper's article in the March 2007 issue of the TUG Magazine. (It has a lot of detail on how to get started with IceBreak.) You can also read the expanded version online at http://www.tug.ca/articles/t_magazine.html.



Then read part II “Using Embedded SQL to Process Multiple Rows” on page 12 in this issue.

In addition, the Web site listed below contains free trials and tutorials for you to check out. You can reach Jim Cooper at jac@system-method.com or (888) 290-3256 and visit their Web sites: www.system-method.com or www.IceBreak4RPG.com.

TUG / Seneca College Student Achievement Award

As discussed and agreed upon at our February 8th Board meeting, TUG President Léo Lefebvre

has continued his discussions with Seneca College in order to solidify our relations and promote each other: TUG – to promote the college to the System i community (should I say the iSociety?) and the college – to make the students aware of the existence of a vibrant System i market outside the college walls and a users group (TUG) who could help them get in touch with the outside world.

Seneca College plans to have a delegation at each of our upcoming MoMs to promote their System i programs. ➔



Stephen Wood, recipient of the first TUG/Seneca College Student Achievement Award



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The 5th Wave

By Rich Tennant

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Between 1999 and 2004 some students were presented with the “iSeries Network” award for their special achievement during their studies in the iSeries. We have decided to revive this type of award and make it a TUG award. In order to expedite the process, we thought it would be imperative to start it as soon as possible. So, to quote Léo, “We have the pleasure to inform you that TUG has awarded its very first student award to **Stephen Wood**, and the official award presentation from the TUG members was done during our March Meeting of Members.

If you want to see the complete list of the award recipients, go to <http://cs.senecac.on.ca/?program=CPA&programinfo=isaward>.

Besides a certificate, TUG will include each recipient student’s photo in this magazine along with some text, provide a free limited time subscription to the magazine and allow the student to attend the TEC conference in April.

*[Watch for the July TUG magazine where we will feature an in-depth article by **Russel Pangborn** from Seneca College on the particulars of this award.]*

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Paul Clemens (Mattel door prize winner) with Wende Boddy and Léo Lefebvre

What's Next for TUG?

TUG's next Meeting of Members (MoM) is on May 30 at the Sheraton Parkway North Hotel in Richmond Hill. The agenda includes **Jackie Jansen** from IBM talking about IBM's new DB2 Web Query product at 5 PM. This new product replaces IBM Query for iSeries and is a web-based query and report writing product. You can view a FAQ at www-03.ibm.com/servers/eserver/iseries/db2/pdf/Web_Query_Product_Preview_FAQ.pdf.

This will be followed by dinner and networking at 6 PM, and speaker **Randall Munson** at 7 PM. 

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