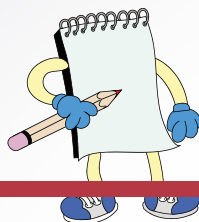


# TUG NOTES



## Door Prize Winners

– at the May 21<sup>st</sup> MoM:

**Debbie Gallagher** (Deloitte & Touche LLP Solutions), **Chris Cook** (Pfizer Canada Inc.), **Edward Ing** (Lansa Inc.) **Margerette Whittaker** (Source Medical Corp.), **Berhane Kidane**, (Source Medical Corp.), **Tony Tran**, (Rogers Publishing), **Terrence Enger**, (iSeries-Guru), **Duane Bateman**, (Dominion Group), **Marly Campbell**, (Equifax), **Jim Lau**, (Gesco Industries Inc.), **Jim Mathie**, (Challenger Motor Freight Inc.), and **Dawn Hayes**, (Kubota Canada Ltd.).

## Why Computers Sometimes Crash!

By “Dr. Seuss?”

If a packet hits a pocket on a socket on a port, and the bus is interrupted at a very last resort, and the access of the memory makes your floppy disk abort, then the socket packet pocket has an error to report. If your cursor finds a menu item followed by a dash, and the double-clicking icon puts your window in the trash, and your data is corrupted 'cause the index doesn't hash, then your situation's hopeless and your system's gonna crash!

If the label on the cable on the table at your house, says the network is connected to the button on your mouse, but your packets want to tunnel to another protocol, that's repeatedly rejected by the printer down the hall. And your screen is all distorted by the side effects of gauss, so your icons in the window are as wavy as a souse; then you may as well reboot and go out with a bang, 'cuz sure as I'm a poet, the sucker's gonna hang.

When the copy on your floppy's getting sloppy in the disk, and the macro code instructions are causing unnecessary risk, then you'll have to flash the memory and you'll want to RAM your ROM, and then quickly turn off the computer and be sure to tell your MoM!

*(Author unknown - fwd from Ed Jowett)*

## SPAM Tacos

(Just the thing to munch on while you're wading through the tons of spam in your inbox...)

### • Ingredients:

- 8 ounces uncooked rotini pasta
- 1 (12 oz) can SPAM
- 1 (1.25 oz) packet taco seasoning
- 1 cup mild salsa
- ½ cup water
- 2 cups shredded Cheddar & Monterey Jack cheese
- 2 cups shredded lettuce
- 1 cup diced tomatoes
- 2 cups crushed cheese flavored tortilla chips
- Salsa and sour cream, for garnish (optional)

### • Cooking Directions:

Prepare pasta as package directs. Meanwhile in a skillet, over medium heat, cook SPAM until lightly browned. Add taco seasoning, salsa and water. Reduce and simmer for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Toss SPAM mixture with pasta and stir in 1 cup shredded cheese. To serve, top each serving with shredded lettuce, remaining shredded cheese, diced tomatoes and tortilla chips. If desired, garnish with additional salsa and sour cream. Serves 4-6.

## Election Results

**Folks:** The election ballots were counted on May 20 in Markham. **Wende** and **Dale** performed the count and I was an idle observer. The votes were recounted, Dale insisted on using a scientific calculator, spoiled ballots thrown away, ballots accidentally dropped picked up and counted. (No “chads” encountered.) Here are the results: We had a total of 7 people running for 6 positions. The membership elected 5 incumbents (**Dan Duffy**, **Eveline Gaede**, **Ed Jowett**, **Bob Lesiw**, and **Alkarim Sachedina**) as well as 1 new Director (**Stephen Bingham**). Thanks also to **Aziz Saleh** for running.

**Congratulations to all! – Richard**



*Stephen Bingham*

**Steve Bingham** has been in the IT industry since 1989. He brings with him over 10 years of operational and technical experience. He was introduced to the AS/400 in 1991 at Canadian Standards Association and was outsourced to CGI Group in 1995. Since then, Steve has held a variety of positions from computer operator to Team Leader and is currently a Technical Analyst for the iSeries platform. Steve's primary area of expertise is automation. Outside of work, Steve is co-captain of his softball team, and enjoys outdoor activities such as hiking, canoeing, and rock climbing.

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