

THE AGENDA for our next Meeting of Members Wednesday, September 17, 2003



LOCATION: **Woodbine Racetrack**

(at Highway 427 & Rexdale Blvd.) Toronto, Ontario

Session 1 – 5:00 pm **Linux: Ready for Prime Time**

SPEAKER: Richard Dolewski & Garth Tucker


Abstract: You have heard about Linux but are not sure if it's right for your business Today? Tomorrow? How can anything free be any good? Is this a fad or a business solution? Learn how IT is embracing Linux in today's business world. This session will examine the benefits and the numerous applications for Linux. Linux is here and IBM has embraced it. Should you? [See their *Linux article on page 7.*]

Bios: **Richard Dolewski** is a certified systems integration specialist and disaster recovery planner. As a Managing Director of the technical and contingency services provided by Mid-Range Technical Services, he has extensive experience in Disaster Recovery Planning, Backup & Recovery program design, and Server consolidation. Richard has implemented a variety of IBM iSeries solutions for customers in Canada, the US & Mexico. He has supported multiple computer room disasters, and conducted over 120 disaster recovery tests. **Garth Tucker** is an iSeries Technical Specialist. He is IBM Certified in Technical Solutions and Sales for OS/400 versions V4R3 through V5R2. His specialties include Back-Up, Recovery and Media Services, Linux, Operations Navigator/Management Central, Educational Services and Project Management as well as experience with Help Systems Robot products, MIMIX and Disaster Recovery. He has helped write the Technical Overviews of V4R4, V4R5 and V5R1 with IBM/ITSO in Rochester, Minnesota.



Garth Tucker **Richard Dolewski**

Intermission – 6:00 pm **TUG Meeting of Members (MoM)**

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- Limited seating • RACE to REGISTER with the TUG office of your intention to participate, to be guaranteed a seat. • You can call, fax, or use the TUG web-site to register, (stating: name, company, phone number, and number attending). www.tug.ca • Do we have your current e-mail address?



Session 2 – 7:00 pm **iSeries Linux Application: IBM Open Office**

SPEAKER: Dale Perkins



Dale Perkins

Abstract: One of the exiting developments in the IT industry today is the maturation of Linux and the Open Source Community. It is now producing enterprise ready software and along with enterprise level support. But what is the Open Source community and how does it work? Simply put, it is a community of developers who are sharing their work, sharing their source code, and working cooperatively to produce more and better software, faster. All under a general licensing agreement that allows everyone to contribute and everyone to benefit. Within the Open Source community there are many groups each working on their own project. One of these is the Open Office Group. They have produced an office suite that provides most of the function of Microsoft Office. And it is capable of reading and creating documents, spreadsheets, and presentations in the standard Microsoft formats.

So what is the big deal? This software runs in virtually any environment, runs every flavour of Linux, on every type of processor, (and yes ... even on Windows!) This software is available free of charge. All you have to do is download it and use it. The Open Office organization will only request that you register as a user, make use of the software, and exercise the support resources they provide. It would be not fair to claim that Open Office is superior to Microsoft Office, but for the majority of us who do not push the limits of these tools, it is more than adequate. Come and learn more about this set of tools and see how it can fit into your business. [See Dale's article on *Open Office*, page 12.]

What topics would you like to see in future? Drop us a line with your suggestions at: leo@tug.ca

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