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**INRUG October Meeting
Cancelled**

by Ron Frenken

The INRUG board regrets to announce that the October meeting that was planned for the 27th has been cancelled. Due to scheduling constraints, we were unable to book a speaker or plant tour.

Instead of trying to get something at the last minute, we have decided to focus our efforts on the next two upcoming meetings. The December "fun" meeting is tentatively planned at Fox and Hound in Indianapolis. The February meeting is tentatively planned for a wireless workshop with Denys Beauchemin, the president of Interex.

Look for additional information on these meetings in future newsletters and our website www.inrug.org.

**Fiorina No Longer "Most
Powerful" Woman in Business**

from Interex's "Inside HP" E-mail service

After six years on top of Fortune Magazine's annual list of the 50 most powerful women in business, HP CEO and Chairman Carly Fiorina has been bumped by eBay CEO Meg Whitman.

Fiorina came in at number two, ahead of Avon Products chairman and CEO Andrea Jung, Xerox chairman and CEO Anne Mulcahy, chairman and CEO of Citigroup's global consumer group Marjorie Magner, TV personality Oprah Winfrey, Citigroup CFO Sallie Krawcheck, Fidelity Management and Research president Abigail Johnson, Chevron Texaco's executive vice-president of global downstream Pat Woertz and Pfizer executive vice-president and president of global pharmaceuticals Karen Katen.

**Two Candidates Vie for Open
Interex Board Position**

from Interex's "HP World News" E-mail service

The Interex Board of Directors Nominating Committee has announced that two candidates will be contending for the one board position that becomes available December 1, 2004. The candidates are Charles "Chuck" Ciesinski and Julie J. Smith.

Learn more about them by visiting www.interex.org/inside/brdcand.html. And go to www.interex.org/inside/brdcmail.html if you have a question or two that you would like them to answer.



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From the President's Keyboard

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Hello everybody! I would like to welcome

Annalea Robeson to the INRUG board of directors. Annalea volunteered to assist the board and will help to make up for the absence of Paul Harbron.

Paul left the board last year because of job commitments, but he stayed on through the first part of this year to assist us with Symposium planning. I would like to send a big "thank you" to Paul for his many years of service on the INRUG board. Annalea works for Best Access Systems, which is now part of Stanley.

As you have probably seen from another article in this newsletter, the October meeting was cancelled. We were working on a few different options, but we ran into problems with scheduling conflicts and time constraints. We are instead focusing on our next three meetings.

Our next meeting will be our fun December meeting. Last year we were at Jillians downtown. This year we are looking at Fox and Hound. The tentative date for this meeting is December 1st in the afternoon.

We are working with Denys Beauchemin, the current president of Interex, to hold a wireless workshop in February. He did this workshop in Houston with the RUG there and it

went over very well. The cost of this workshop will be higher than our normal meetings; probably around \$150 for the day, but it will be worth it.

And the final meeting we are already making plans for is our Symposium next April. We are currently looking for dates and locations in the Indianapolis area. We are hoping that by coming back to our "home base", we will get a much better turnout.

Please give me your feedback on any of these meetings at bod@inrug.org.

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:BYE

Our Last Meeting: What Happened to All the Golfers in Indiana?

by Rick Clark

Another golf outing and another low turnout. What happened to all the golfers in Indiana?

The day started off with another great presentation from HP's own Larry Dunkel. Did you know that HP is an \$80-billion company that leads in storage and printers? According to Dunkel, HP's strategy is Innovation with \$4-billion in R & D, 665 new products were created in fiscal year 2003, and over 4,000 patents applied for in 2003. That's eleven per day!

Dunkel spoke of the Adaptive Enterprise – a stable, efficient and agile environment and the Proliant 32-bit one to eight way and Integrity 64-bit one to 64 way systems.

He also shared with the group the latest in the HP-UX operating system. Version 11iV2 includes more security features due out mid second half of

calendar year 2004. No recompilation of applications is necessary. Version 11iV3 is due end of 2005. TruCluster for HP-UX will be available in 2006.

ICod - instant Capacity on Demand - where they ship the box that contains eight CPUs. You use four of those CPUs, then when you need the rest of the CPUs they can be turned on. If you only need the extra CPUs for a large project, TiCod, Temporary Capacity on Demand, allows you to turn on the extra CPUs for 30 days at a time.

Following the presentation prizes were given away. The grand prize – an HP digital camera, went to Dennis Dunkman. Shirts and golf balls were available for everyone who attended.

Half of the attending group stayed to golf and it was another beautiful golfing day. With all the rain the area has been getting lately it was a relief to see the sun shining bright. Once again Denny Ford and his crew had the golf course in great shape.

We golfed. We hacked. We had a good time. Hey, it sure beats a day in the office!

HP's Boise Office Goes Green

from Interex's "Inside HP" E-mail service

HP's Boise, Idaho, office has become the largest customer in the state's "Green Power" program. The company said it will purchase at least three percent of its electricity from non-polluting sources of power -- equivalent to removing 330 cars from the roads each year, according to the Idaho Power web site. For more info see www.idahopower.com/newsroom/update/20040907_1.htm

Even in the Quietest Moments

by Robert M. Gignac

My apologies to the musical group Supertramp for borrowing the title of perhaps their best album, but there is certainly something to be said for quiet moments of reflection.

Unfortunately for far too many of us, there is zero time for quiet reflection between a ringing cell phone, the vibration of our wireless Blackberry and an in-box filled with 78 new messages that we just haven't had time to deal with. Oh, and I also forgot about the pile of "snail mail" and a computer monitor covered in yellow sticky notes.

In the past several years there have been many studies into what some people are calling the "cult of busyness". We live in a world that worships busyness. Everywhere you go people talk about how busy they are. Not only that, they're busy and they're stressed. The two seem to go hand in hand.

I experienced this first hand last week when I tried to schedule lunch with a friend. Between my PalmPilot and her Blackberry it took us almost 10 minutes to find a compatible date for lunch, and we only ended up with that date once we went 5 weeks into the future. All this to plan a friendly lunch?

Appointments. Clocks. Projects. Deadlines. Schedules. To do lists. Personal obligations. These are just a few of the symbols of "the cult" that we have fallen prey to in our modern culture. We have become hard-driven individuals so intent on achieving

personal value from our work that we seem to have very little time left for our families, friends, or heaven forbid - ourselves.

My point is this: while we are struggling with the lists, schedules and projects we are also trying to juggle serious decisions about our businesses and careers. Decisions that need to be carefully thought out, with some form of analysis done, and then finally reflected upon before the decision actually gets made.

In the absence of "quiet moments", too many of our decisions are being made in a reactionary, almost "crisis mode" mentality. The problem is that when we make decisions in this manner, we end up making what we think is the right decision for the moment, but we often don't anticipate the future consequences that come from that quickly made, inadequately thought out decision. Those consequences sometimes come back to haunt us. Always at a point after we have long forgotten about the snap decision we made under pressure when we didn't have time to think.

There is an old Will Rogers quote that I like - "If you find yourself in a hole the first thing to do is stop digging". In some ways it seems we have lost the ability to value thought over action. Instead we value "doing" over "thinking". Action is important, it moves us forward and accomplishes things, but it is thought that ensures that the correct action gets initiated in the first place.

I polled some friends recently with this question - "When was the last time you took the opportunity to sit quietly with a cup of coffee and actually do nothing but think?" Once they stopped laughing, it hit me. Perhaps we are losing the ability to be introspective? Instead of thinking, we define

ourselves by how "busy" we are. In fact, I recently read an article in which an employee stated: "When I do actually take the time to purely think, I sit with my fingers poised on the keyboard so nobody knows I'm just thinking."

Just thinking? What an interesting concept. How did we get to the point where "thinking" is akin to "daydreaming"? If we aren't actively engaged in action is it the equivalent of doing nothing? I hope not. How many of your best ideas arrived courtesy of quiet, unstructured time: a walk in the woods, sitting by a lake, pattering in the garden. Time not filled with the distractions of pagers, cell phones, and "you have mail!" sound bites.

As we get back into the swing of work (hopefully after taking some needed downtime over the summer...), it would do us all some good to simply spend a little more time without the added stimulation of our technology reminding us how "busy" we are. Ditch the pagers, Blackberries and cell phones, turn off the computer - I'm not suggesting for a whole day, start with something simple - say 30 minutes. Grab a pad of paper and a pencil for doodling and spend some quality time "thinking" instead of simply "doing". I suspect you'll be better for it.

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Board of Directors' Meeting

by Rick Clark

The September 17, 2004 INRUG Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 1:20 pm. Present were Ed Amburgy, Ron Frenken and Annalea Robeson. Rick Clark and Terry Bodine attended by phone. Ed was appointed action item recorder. The board approved the minutes from the last board meeting.

The board discussed the golf outing held in July. Ideas for next year were suggested and possibly dropping the outing altogether.

The board next discussed the October user group meeting and possible topics – wireless networks, Hitachi tour.

Plans for the next user group meeting in December were discussed. Possible locations include Fox and Hound and Jillians. Rick will contact both locations for availability and costs.

The low turnout at the user group meetings was brought up and the discussion of moving the meeting places was discussed. Several ideas were presented including indoor Putt Putt.

The board reviewed the next newsletter and article assignments.

The finances were not available at the time of the meeting. Terry will forward the latest financials to the board at a later date.

The board discussed possible locations for next year's Symposium including Conner Prairie and Wesleyan College.

A review of the action items from the meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

HP Wins Purchasing Award... Again

from Interex's "HP World News" E-mail service

Purchasing Magazine has announced that HP is the winner of the 2004 Medal of Professional Excellence. The company won the award in 1992 and is first to win twice.

The medal was given to HP because the company "leveraged the expertise" in purchasing at both pre-merger HP and Compaq, resulting in "HP saving \$1.2 billion in production materials cost in the merger. The initiatives have also helped HP reduce its supply chain cost as percent of revenue by 22%, cut inventory by 21%, and reduce HP's logistics cost per box by 11% over the last year at a time when logistics costs increased for most companies."

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from Interex's "HP World News" E-mail service

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For more information, please go to www.interex.org/member/mem_insight.html.

Buy and Sell HP Parts and Systems Online

from Interex's "HP World News" E-mail service

Interex members can now get three free months on HP Trader Online, a specialized HP parts and systems database dedicated to buyers and sellers of HP computer equipment, with a primary focus on HP3000, HP9000, related HP Business Class systems, HP peripherals, and even Test and Medical Equipment.

For more information, please go to www.interex.org/member/mem_hptrader.html.

What Do You Want?!?

by Ron Frenken

What topics are important to YOU? Tell the board what topics and presentations you would like to see at our upcoming meetings.

Are you interested in HP e3000 migration or OpenMPE? Are you interested in HP-UX, Linux or NT servers and system administration? What about Compaq issues?

Are you interested in programming languages such as HP Transact, Speedware, C, Perl, JAVA or Visual Basic? Are you interested in storage, backups, printers, remote administration, disaster recovery, wireless or PDAs?

Are you interested in all of these and more? Please let the INRUG Board of Directors know what topics are important to you. E-mail us at bod@inrug.org.

Dave's Ditty

by David Largent

I recently attended my Manchester College 25 year reunion and my son's first college homecoming. It was a good weekend, overall. It did make me feel a little older, though.

Please note that I did *not* say it made me old. If you remember I declared last issue that "I refuse to grow old."

It was good to get back to campus and visit with some of my classmates and the professors I had when I attended college. I observed many of the physical changes that had occurred on campus when we moved my son in a few weeks ago, but did not really have the opportunity to visit with anybody then.

College life seems to still be much the same as I remember it. The sudden freedom to do whatever you wanted whenever you wanted – within reason, of course. ;-) Lots of opportunities to explore social issues and get involved in groups that strive to provide solutions to those issues. Making new friends. Figuring out that you don't have a parent to remind you that you have homework, projects and papers on which you need to be working.

In talking with current faculty and staff that we know, my wife and I were continuously reassured that our son was fitting in well. Some of them even seemed to be impressed with his level of involvement. So now we just have to wait and see if his commitment carries over to his classroom experience – i.e. grades.

I also recently attended a central Indiana Boy Scout Order of the Arrow weekend that required some individuals to perform some "irksome tasks" and take on some "weighty responsibilities". A request went out

Friday evening for volunteers. The result of this request was both satisfying and disappointing. My disappointment was that the individuals in charge had to repeatedly ask for volunteers – no one seemed to want to step forward and do what needed to be done. When volunteers were finally recruited however, it was very satisfying to realize that five of the six needed volunteers were from my local area – well out of proportion based on attendance.

Why do we expect others to do what needs to be done, yet don't seem to realize that we need to take our turn at times? Is it always about us? Or is it sometimes about others? I'll admit it's nice to have somebody do something for me. However, I get a great deal of satisfaction in doing things for others – especially something they're not expecting.

For me, life is a bit of a juggling act with choices. I personally have chosen to juggle family, church, work, personal, volunteer, and Scout lives. That's a lot of balls to keep in the air at the same time. It means that sometimes I drop one. Sometimes it's an accidental drop. Other times I make a conscious choice to drop one ball so I can keep the others in the air. But when I'm able to keep them all in the air moving in the direction they're supposed to be moving it is extremely satisfying.

I just re-read Bob Gignac's great article on page three of this issue. In many respects, I think I fit the "busy" person he's talking about. Am I doing too much – not taking time for myself? Maybe so, but I'm not sure. The time I spend in the out-of-doors as a result of all my Scout involvement is very energizing for me. I do find opportunities on these weekends to spend some quiet time for myself. Sometimes it's when I'm up early before others. Sometimes it's when

I'm the last one to leave the campfire and head to my tent. I especially enjoy watching sunrises and sunsets.

So how about you? Are you taking the time to do what you need in your life? Are you juggling more balls than you can handle? Are there some you don't need? Is there one you need to add?

Take a break and put all the balls from your life down on the ground. Pick up each one and inspect it. Is it really one you need to juggle right now? If not, put it down for another day, or perhaps for someone else to pick up. Now look around to see if there are any you need to add.

Once you have chosen exactly what you need in your life, develop a plan to accomplish it and start juggling!

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Calendar

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November 2004

5 INRUG Board Meeting – Indianapolis, IN

December 2004

1 INRUG General Meeting – Indianapolis, IN



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