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Chapter Newsletter

IT at Tennessee Pride

Our May program is about the Information Technologies at a Nashville area company. The company is Odom's Tennessee Pride Sausage, Inc. and our speaker is Michael L. Hader, Director of Information Technologies. Mike has been with Tennessee Pride for over ten years and is responsible for corporate and plant information and automation technologies.

Odom's Tennessee Pride was started by Douglas Odom, Sr. in 1943 and is now run by the third generation, Larry D. Odom, President. The company has over 700 associates with a key production facility in Little Rock, AR, and corporate offices in Madison, TN. Tennessee Pride is proud to be a good corporate citizen. They have received Pollution Prevention Awards from the City of Little Rock, made food safety a top priority, use only 100% recycled corrugated packaging, and provide community service.

Mike Hader will discuss how technology is used at Tennessee Pride, both IT and plant automation. He will discuss the steps taken to achieve the present automation, the problems he encountered, and what is planned for the future.

Mike has over 30 years experience in IT automation and integration. He has authored and co-authored seven published IT books. He has written 31 various courseware books used in conducting technical seminars ranging from advanced programming techniques

to computer basics for managers.

Prior to Tennessee Pride Mike spent six years as an Independent IT Contractor in the Hendersonville, TN area. Mike was the owner and President of the Atrium Learning Center and Hader & Associates for 12 years. They operated out of Tustin, CA, and Hendersonville, TN. He was the General Manager and Chief Financial Officer of the Electronic Contract Services Corporation of Tustin, CA, for three years. Mike started his IT career as a District Manager for Burroughs Corp. (now Unisys).

Mike has an MBA degree from Pepperdine University, a BBA degree in Finance from the California State University – Fullerton, and an AA degree in Business Administration from Cypress College in California.



Mike and his wife Judy live in the Madison, TN area. They have five adult children. Mike and Judy enjoy traveling and say that the Fiji Islands stand out as a "best" vacation trip. Mike also enjoys photography and reading. When Mike and Judy decided to relocate from Southern California, they analytically researched places to live and came down to Austin, TX and Nashville. The Nashville area won.

This should be an interesting discussion of technology used in a small manufacturing company. Mike Hader is a good speaker, so bring your friends. I am not sure that Mike will bring samples of his company's products.

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Dinner Reservation and Cancellation Policy

AITP members will be notified by electronic mail one week prior to the Chapter meeting. Reservations can be made by responding to the electronic notice or by calling *Mary Simpson at 615/367-8083 fax: 615/367-7775* Dinner reservations can be canceled up to 24-hours prior to the meeting without cost.

Since the Chapter pays for reserved meals, No Shows will be billed at the reservation price of \$20.00 for Members, and \$30.00 for Guests.

Members are responsible for their guests' reservations. *If you are a member and have not been receiving this notification, please contact Mary Simpson at:*

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May Chapter Meeting

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President's Message



We went to Nissan for a field trip for our April Meeting. Due to constraints at Nissan we had to have a lunchtime meeting instead of an evening meeting. Several members enquired why it was done this way, but we had limited options given the cards we were dealt by Nissan. We can thank Chris Curtis of Nissan North America for helping to co-ordinate and make possible our visit. It was a real shame that I personally missed the trip due to an out-of-town commitment at my place of work. I have a keen personal interest to see their operations; I am awaiting delivery of the Nissan Leaf all electric car which I ordered last month. I was therefore disappointed that I was not able to attend.



Nissan have a strong history of innovating and being in the lead with reduced emissions. They took the bold step of converting a large portion of their car fleet from conventional automatics to CVT automatics, increasing the efficiency of the transmission and increasing mileage by 10% or more. This year Nissan are launching an all electric vehicle, the Leaf. With rising gas prices interest in the new vehicle has picked up with a recent sale of a Leaf on eBay motors for \$7,000 over list price. Smyrna TN is scheduled to manufacture/assemble parts for this electric vehicle starting in 2012, bringing world leading technology to the Tennessee.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the employees of Nissan in Japan that suffered the effects of the Earthquake, Tsunami and Nuclear accident earlier this year.



On May 12th we are looking forward to a talk from Mike Hader the IT director of Tennessee Pride. This will be a regular evening meeting back at the Vanderbilt Holiday Inn. Please be sure to reserve a spot on your calendar for this event.

JP White
President, AITP Nashville Chapter
<http://www.aitpnashville.org>

MEETING MANAGEMENT

We all attend too many meetings. Some meetings are more productive than others. The following points on meeting management are not new but should be reviewed every once in a while. Suggestion: Make a copy of this list and attach it to the agenda for your next meeting.

- 1. Explore alternatives to meeting – conference call, FAX, E-mail, correspondence, etc.**
- 2. Limit attendance to only those involved in a project/assignment.**
- 3. Keep the participants to a minimum.**
- 4. Choose an appropriate time. (Late meetings are usually the least productive.)**
- 5. Choose an appropriate place/environment.**
- 6. Define the purpose clearly in your own mind before calling the meeting.**
- 7. Distribute the agenda in advance and give fair notice (2-4 days in advance).**
- 8. Time: limit the meeting and the agenda.**
- 9. Start on time.**
- 10. Assign minutes-taking responsibilities.**
- 11. Hold a stand-up meeting if appropriate.**
- 12. Start and stick to the agenda.**
- 13. Control interruptions – allow only for emergencies.**
- 14. Accomplish your purpose – make assignments or obtain approvals/agreements.**
- 15. Restate conclusions and assignments to be carried forward at the closing of the meeting.**
- 16. End on time.**
- 17. Expedite the preparation and distribution of the minutes.**

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The above “mini” article was submitted by AITP member Paul Saunders. If you have an article appropriate for the AITP Newsletter, please forward it to Robert Wright, Newsletter Editor.

Calendar of Upcoming Events 2011

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Date	Event	Location	Information
May 8	Mother's Day	U.S.A.	Take Her to Lunch
May 12	Chapter Meeting	Holiday Inn Vanderbilt	IT at Tennessee Pride, Mike Hader, Director IT
May 26	Folding Party	Saunders House	Come network with other AITP'ers
June 9	Chapter Meeting	Holiday Inn Vanderbilt	Developing Cloud Apps Jason Moore, Health Data Source

SPEAKERS

We are always interested in good speakers to make presentations at our AITP Chapter Meetings. If you know someone who is interested in making a presentation on a topic, on their company, or company's products, please contact Paul Saunders at (615) 367-1717 or Paul@SaundersSystems.com.



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AITP New Member

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Welcome to our new member!

AITP Unemployed Discount on Membership Dues Extended through May, 2011.

In response to the successful initiative, AITP Membership Services is pleased to announce the extension of membership pricing for unemployed persons through May, 2011.

AITP is offering a reduction to those persons who are unemployed; national dues will be reduced from \$105 to \$35. This equates to savings of \$70 for a total cost of \$65 (\$135 is regular annual membership) for one year membership.

**To enroll as an Unemployed Member, please either email
memberservices@aitp.org**

or call AITP Headquarters at 800-224-9371 to verify eligibility and receive instructions for enrolling. Note: This Program is open to all new or renewing members, but no refunds will be granted for existing members. It is an independent program that is not to be combined with any other AITP promotion or special incentives.



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