

President's message for September 2008 by John J. Zeman.

I want to thank all those who attended our August meeting at Microsoft. If you weren't there you really missed a wonderful meeting. Shawn Travers always does a great presentation and gets lots of participation. And this time was no different. Shawn was looking for our input on the Vista product and others, and he got it. I was worried at first, by him putting himself in front of a bunch of IT professionals and asking them about what they liked and what were complaints... I was going to run for the Flack Jackets and a Fire Extinguisher but it wasn't called for.. As people presented issues Shawn gave very direct answers to actual issues brought up by the audience. One person brought up an issue and Shawn offered to put him in touch with the MS contact... Then we went through some of the upcoming products and new toolkits, this was very interesting to see new products before released... and the new IE8 will be something to see... Overall a very refreshing conversations and exchange of ideas. We went way over ran our time limit, but no one seemed to want to leave (except for some who had to get home to watch the Democratic Convention).

Our next meeting is at the Crown Plaza in Clayton this is between Bemiston Ave and Hanley Road on Carondelet.

Crowne Plaza Clayton , 7750 Carondelet Avenue, Saint Louis, MO 63105 (314) 726-5400

<http://www.cpclayton.com/> = they have maps and everything at their site...

I want to thank Tom Harrison for taking over our website and getting it in order. The site has become very important since the **Greater St. Louis Works** partnership and the new **Bounce Back** programs have started, the number of inquiries about the chapter and AITP have gone through the roof and the website is our first contact. With Tom's help I feel this is an incredible boost for us. Tom thanks again!

If you have anything you would like to get on the site and or have an advertisement please submit it to Tom and the board for approval first. I want to look into getting back to a digital newsletter and other items in the future... More to come.

Upcoming events:

- September 23rd at 2:00 PM CDT - Chapter Leaders Virtual Water Cooler conference call.
- September 25th – AITP Monthly Meeting – at the Crowne Plaza Clayton
- October 1st & 2nd – ITEC Show at the America's Center – We will be having a booth there. If you are interested in attending or working please let me know..
- October 15th & 16th – Region 5 Meeting - Green Bay, WI
- October 28th - Bounce Back: Updating Your Skills
 - Featuring: "Updating Your Skills: What's Available and How to Pay for It"
 - 6:00 - 8:30 pm
 - Webster University, Emerson Library
 - 101 Edgar Road, Webster Groves
 - ***** There is no charge to attend. For more information, call 314.444.1149 *****
- and more...
 - all these can be found on the www.stlouisaitp.org site.

AITP offers an excellent opportunity to meet others in your industry. Benefit from a program agenda aimed at keeping you current, find other users with similar problems, find other users with similar systems for backup purposes, find prospective employees, find prospective employers, find prospective customers, help assure college curriculum matches industry needs, enjoy socializing with a peer group, keep abreast of the industry, and learn how continued structured education and certification can keep you at the cutting edge of the information industry.

AITP as a whole can't do anything without the support of its members and neither can the chapters. Your help is requested. Any ideas, changes, help of any kind is always welcome, and this is where we look to you. We don't need a membership drive, we have great advertisement, we have our members, some of whom are the best in the business. That's advertisement. Come to the meetings and meet our members.

Hope to see you at the meetings.

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