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For the past 13 years, NEODBUG has remade itself into a multifaceted organization through a series of changes to better fulfill the needs of that same database community. It is an evolution that many other regional DB2 users groups have experienced over the past several years. Managed change is good and we plan to keep evolving, while not forgetting the main focus of this organization: Database.

Our Agenda committee did a great job on the March Special Training Class. Even with the confusion surrounding the changes in instructor and date, it was a rousing success! The feedback on Sheryl Larsen's presentation was excellent. We'll keep you updated about upcoming classes and try to make sure that you have enough notice to allow your companies to go through their internal processes to get the approvals necessary for the classes.

For May's meeting, **PLEASE NOTE: THE DATE OF THE MEETING IS MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>!** Our agenda committee has arranged for presentations that I'm sure that you will find as informative as usual. Thanks to the diligence of Kirk Bailey of Tenth Floor and Carmen Rosa of Progressive for all of their hard work in putting this agenda together.

We begin the day with two presentations from Tim Fritz, a Senior Systems Consultant for Quest Software. Tim's first presentation is "*Crossing Over/Breaking the DB2 Platform Barrier.*" The popularity of DB2 UDB running on the UNIX/NT platforms is on the rise. IBM is rapidly gaining market share over Oracle. The sudden growth and popularity of DB2 on the open systems platform has resulted in a shortage of experienced DB2 DBA's to support this platform. Many DB2 mainframes DBA's are now responsible for supporting DB2 on these new platforms, resulting in a huge learning curve. It is essential for the DB2 DBA of the new millennium to be well versed on DB2 running on multiple platforms. This presentation is geared towards the DB2 DBA who is responsible for supporting DB2 on multiple platforms. It will cover the differences in basic concepts, terminology, physical architecture, and administrative issues of DB2 across the mainframe and distributed platforms.

He finishes the morning with "*DB2 Stored Procedures and UDF's on the Mainframe.*" This presentation will describe in detail the steps needed to set up the mainframe environment to run DB2 stored procedures and user defined functions (UDFs). The presentation will begin by defining the benefits of stored procedures and UDFs. Next, some key decisions required of the implementation team (systems programmers, DBAs, and application developers) will be discussed; including considerations for the choice of a programming language will be presented.

Before joining Quest, Tim was a DBA on DB2 OS/390, and on DB2 UDB for NT and UNIX. During his twenty-two years in the IT industry, Tim also spent several years as an application developer and project leader with DB2. Tim is an IBM Certified Solutions Expert in DB2 UDB Database Administration for UNIX, Windows, and OS/2.

For the afternoon, we have Charles Lewis, a Certified Technical Sales Specialist with IBM's z/OS and S/390 Database Tools Team. He has broad experience as an application Programmer Analyst and database consultant with more than 24 years of IBM experience.

Prior to his current assignment, Charles spent more than ten years with IBM's Dallas Systems Center supporting DB2 for S/390 and z/OS. He has worked extensively in DB2 application design, capacity planning, performance tuning, planning for DB2 Sysplex implementation, providing web access to DB2 data, and the use of front-end query tools to access DB2 data. Charles currently works with customers evaluating and implementing IBM DB2 Database Tools and Utilities.

Charles' presentation topic: is "*DB2 for z/OS Version 8 Overview.*" This presentation provides an overview of DB2 UDB for z/OS Version 8 or V8. DB2 V8 makes fundamental changes in many areas, reengineering much of DB2 to improve e-Business and to help break through limitations. The key focus points will be on performance, synergy with zSeries and the DB2 Family, continuous availability, applications and business intelligence.

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As we have done in the past, we are co-sponsoring the 9th Annual NEODBUG Tools Fair, called DataNet 2003 on August 7, 2003 at Landerhaven, in Mayfield Heights. The name of the event remains the same to acknowledge the influence and impact that the Internet has had on database and data warehousing, both as a new applications are developed and as an opportunity for data warehouses applications to provide business critical data to managers. **For anyone that is attending IDUG, please contact any vendors that you meet at the conference and encourage him or her to participate in the Cleveland show in August. The vendor support has been weaker than in previous years.**

We would like to see between 15 to 25 vendors and two or three presentation tracks on a variety of subjects and products covering DB2 for OS390, Oracle, Sybase, Informix, DB2/UDB, Microsoft's SQL Server, Data Warehousing, e-business, etc. We are trying to finalize arrangements for a keynote speaker for this event. Stay tuned for more details.

Also in August, we will hold a regular Quarterly Meeting on August 21, 2003 at the Cleveland Hilton South. As the program details become confirmed, we will email you the information.

In November, as we have done for the past several years, we're bringing in another *nationally known Speaker* to give us a 1/2-day to 1-day seminar. We'll also give more information, as it becomes available. As always, this meeting will include a business meeting to elect Trustees for next year.

See you on the 1st of May and don't forget IDUG will be held May 19 - 23 in Las Vegas, NV. Make sure you attend this 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of IDUG as they present "DB2 Insights for Industries in Motion". Finally, I know that May is not too early to play golf or baseball, but it is going to rain anyway so you might as well attend this informative event! Oh yeah, so long Bartolo & Thome and Go Tribe! I look forward to seeing all of you there!

Michael P. James  
Chairman

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### NEODBUG

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"I consider NEODBUG as a requirement to be able to perform my job."

If you have any comments about our programs or anything else, please email the Board of Trustees at [neodbugquestion@sps-solutions.com](mailto:neodbugquestion@sps-solutions.com) to share your thoughts and suggestions. We really read your thoughts. Watch for future NEODBUG newsletters and email blasts. We will keep you informed of events as they unfold.

# TREASURER'S REPORT

The following are the current figures for NEODBUG:

## ASSETS

Checking Account	\$15,262.27
Savings Account	<u>1,952.04</u>
TOTAL	\$17,214.31



## LIABILITIES

Membership Prepayment	\$ 540.00
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**NET WORTH**                      **\$ 16,674.31**

We had another fine turnout for the March 5<sup>th</sup> Sheryl Larsen Special Education meeting with 117 attending from 16 companies.

The following companies/ individuals have sent in their Memberships. Those that prepaid to send members to NEODBUG meetings have the number of remaining coupons next to their names. The coupons expire 12/31/2003:

### Companies/ Individuals that have paid memberships:

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# UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2003

<b><u>Dates</u></b>	<b><u>Organization</u></b>	<b><u>City</u></b>
4/27-5/01/2003	The International Oracle Users Group Americas (IOUG-A) Live!2003	Orlando, FL
05/11-05/16/2003	TDWI World Conference-Spring 2003	San Francisco, CA
05/18-05/22/2003	Information Builders Summit 2003	Chicago, IL
05/19-05/23/2003	IDUG 2002 — North America (DB2)	Las Vegas, NV
06/01-06/06/2003	Microsoft Tech-Ed 2003	Dallas, TX
06/08-06/10/2003	Cognos Technical Forum	Lake Buena Vista, FL
06/09-06/11/2003	IBM Content Management & WebSphere Portal Technical Conference	Orlando, FL
06/09-06/12/2003	Gartner PlanetStorage 2003	
06/16-06/19/2003	TDWI World Conference — London 2003	London, UK
06/23-06/27/2003	DB2 and IMS Technical Conference	Hamburg, Germany
7/10-7/12/2003	C.A.R.E.	Las Vegas, NV
07/10-07/11/2003	MidWest Oracle Users Group	Chicago, IL
7/13-7/17/2003	CA World	Las Vegas, NV
8/7/2003	NEODBUG Tools Fair	Landerhaven
08/17-08/22/2003	TDWI World Conference — Summer 2003	Boston, MA
8/21/2003	NEODBUG Quarterly Meeting	Independence
09/15-09/18/2003	IMS Technical Conference	Las Vegas, NV
09/15-09/18/2003	IDUG 2003 - Technical Symposium	Toronto, Ontario, Canada
10/27-10/30/2003	IBM Data Management Technical Conference Including DB2 & BI Conference, Informix Users Conference	Las Vegas, NV
10/7-10/10/2003	IDUG 2003 — European Conference	Nice, France
11/02-11/07/2003	TDWI World Conference — Fall 2003	San Diego, CA
11/11-11/14/2003	The PASS Community Summit (SQL Server)	Seattle, Washington
TBD	IDUG - Asia Pacific	TBD



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# AGENDA

## May 1, 2003

**8:30 - 9:00**

Registration

**9:00 - 9:15**

Opening Remarks

Michael James

**9:15 - 10:30**

*"Crossing Over/Breaking the DB2 Platform Barrier."*

Quest Software

Tim Fritz

**10:30 - 10:45**

*Break*

**10:45 -12:00**

*"DB2 Stored Procedures and UDF's on the Mainframe"*

Quest Software

Tim Fritz

**12:00 - 1:00**

*Lunch*

**1:00 - 2:30**

*" DB2 for z/OS Version 8 Overview "*

IBM Corporation

Charles Lewis

**2:30 - 2:45**

*Break*

**3:00 - 3:15**

Closing Remarks/Door Prizes

Michael James

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