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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

It is fall in Cleveland. The leaves are falling (because the wind is knocking them off of the trees) and snow is beginning to fall, at least on the East Side. The Yankees are in the World Series? At least they lost to the Marlins. We'll have to wait for the Indians to raise themselves off of the floor of the American League. The CAVS have pulled off another coup: drafting LeBron James? Hmm... At least "Z", Ricky Davis and Carlos Boozer are back. Well, the Browns are still here, and they probably won't beat their win record of last year, but they beat Pittsburgh. How about the Force? Maybe we can have one winning team in Cleveland. And NEODBUG is going to hold its November Quarterly meeting.

Annual Elections: Along with the usual highly informative content of our meeting (and this meeting is definitely no exception), the NEODBUG business meeting and board elections will be held at November's meeting as well. This is where you decide if the coaching staff changes. Here's how the board elections will proceed.

The current Board of Trustees will present to the membership a slate of candidates and will conduct an election for the Board of Trustees for 2004.

The Board of Trustees will elect officers at the December Board meeting.

The make up of your Board of Trustees will change in 2004. We are losing Sue Birgiles has resigned from the Board, due to personal demands on her time. We are sad to see her leave. Her efforts to restart SIGs were greatly appreciated. We are fortunate to have the rest of the board returning for the upcoming year. This is a core group of individuals that are dedicated to providing a forum for Database related issues and education.

This organization depends on the Board of Trustees to plan our Quarterly meetings, handle membership, meeting registrations, oversee the finances, and generate this Newsletter. Your input is necessary for NEODBUG to continue to prosper as your source for solutions to relational database technical issues. So be sure to talk to any of the Board Members about your suggestions during the meetings, write your suggestions down on the evaluation form that is distributed during the meeting, call us or email us at neodbugquestions@sps-solutions.com to share your thoughts. We really read them!

Decisions: The Board of Trustees has completed an examination into ways we can keep this organization on a sound financial footing. We have been able to stabilize our income for the past year while our costs have continued to increase. The Board has decided that as of January 1, 2004:

- We will be maintaining Corporate Membership fees at \$125 for early membership registration and \$150 for late membership registration.
- We will again offer a Special Educational Meeting this year in February or March of 2004. This will be in lieu of the regular Quarterly meeting in February. As in the past 2 years, we are arranging for a nationally known trainer to come in for a day of training at what will be a very special price for employees of member companies only.
- We are going to continue supporting the Tools Fair, this year. Attendance was down again this year with about 1/2 from our membership, but vendor participation was up.
- We are planning an August quarterly meeting as well. Watch for more information on these events.
- We will continue to offer the ability to pre-pay for the year's meetings with your annual Corporate Membership payment. These coupons will continue to redeemable for the cost of a meeting.
- For every 5th person attending from a Corporate Member company, there will be a \$30 discount to be used towards the cost of meetings.

e-neodbug: If you have seen a speaker give a full day's training session that you believe the membership of NEODBUG would find valuable, let us know by emailing a response to neodbugquestion@sps-solutions.com.

NEODBUG on the WEB: Watch the website for announcements and copies of handouts for the meetings. You can find it at www.neodbug.org.

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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Quarterly Program: This quarter's program is awesome! The Agenda Committee has developed another incredible program for November.

To start the day, we are very excited to announce that Ed Benoit, a software developer at Recovery Knowledge, will give a presentation titled: "*DB2 Disaster Recovery Automating the Essentials*".

In any recovery situation, Off-site Disaster Recovery or On-site Recovery, TIME is your enemy. Automating the procedures (Job JCL and CNTL cards) is essential. This presentation will list some of DB2 Disaster Recovery Essentials that should be automated and tips on how to automate them using ISPF Dialog Manager Tables and other Features. It will also present some examples of automating On-site failure/recovery situations using ISPF Dialog Manager. The presenter will also ship a STARTER KIT of the examples to the user group members that request it. The STARTER KIT is an executable Dialog Manager application of the On-site examples. The STARTER KIT can be used as a model to automate other DB2 failure/recovery situations.

Ed Benoit is currently a software developer at Recovery Knowledge. He designed, coded and tested the GENDB2 software product that automates the recovery of DB2 resources On-site as well as Off-site Disaster Recovery. Prior to being a software developer, Ed was a DB2 systems programmer and prior to that he was an IMS systems programmer contributing to automating recovery/restart procedures of both DBMS. Ed has also presented a three-day DB2/IMS recovery/restart class in the past.

Our second speaker is Paul Zikopoulos, is an award-winning writer and speaker with the IBM Database Global Sales Support team. He has more than seven years of experience with DB2 UDB and has written numerous magazine articles and books about it. Paul has co-authored the books: *DB2 - The Complete Reference*, *DB2 Fundamentals Certification for Dummies*, *DB2 For Dummies*, *A DBA's Guide to Databases on Linux*, and *DB2 Version 8: The Official Guide*. Paul is a DB2 Certified Advanced Technical Expert (DRDA and Cluster/EEE) and a DB2 Certified Solutions Expert (Business Intelligence and Database Administration).

He is talking about "*DB2/UDB - Visual Studio/.Net integration*". The Microsoft development environment is one of the most utilized approaches to rapid application development (RAD). Learn in this session how DB2 UDB is making application development in the Microsoft world easier than ever with the Development Center, integration into Visual Studio, Visual Studio.Net, and perhaps the most common application development: Office.

This session use the DB2 UDB approach to application development, cover what is available to users today (including live demos) and what is coming down the pipe. If you develop applications for DB2 or SQL Server, or are

responsible for a team that is steeped in .Net development skills, getting to this session should be a priority — what you see will surprise you!

After Lunch, our speaker will be Michael Gonzales. Mike offers clients practical knowledge of the challenges and critical success factors involved in building and managing data warehouses across a variety of industries and business applications. He uses a mentoring approach to data warehousing projects, guiding organization's from the initial development phase of a data warehouse project through to full implementation. Mr. Gonzales' expertise in the areas of data warehouse architecture, planning and design is distinguished by his ability to discover and understand the business needs of the organization.

He is successful author, often on the cover of Intelligent Enterprise and DB2 magazines. He current book is IBM Data Warehousing, published by Wiley Publications. He is a frequent speaker at industry user conferences including being voted one of the top 10 speakers at IDUG. Mike also offers data warehouse courses throughout North America and has 5 days of education offered through the Data Warehouse Institute.

Mike's topic is: "*Enterprise Data Quality Using Data Mining Technology*". The innovative use of data mining technology to address the growing challenges to enterprise scale data quality. Some of the major topics that Mike covers are:

- Demands of Data Quality for Business Intelligence
- Data Quality Challenges
- Traditional Data Quality Architecture
- A Data Quality Middleman
- Data Quality And Data Mining Technology
- Traditional Data Mining Architecture
- The Architecture of Enterprise Data Quality
- Bridging The Data Quality Gap With Leading Data Mining Technology

To wrap up the day, we will have a Round Table discussion with the topic as "*Where were you when the lights went out?*" Bring your best or worst power outage/disaster recovery stories and share them with the group. It should be very informative.

Remember that pre-registration will be accepted through November 17, 2002 **on a first in, first out (FIFO) basis**. You may Pre-register by email to neodbug@sps-solutions.com. Your registration will be confirmed with your payment. Registration at-the-door will only be accepted on a space available basis. We'll see you there.

Michael James
Chairman

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Carmen Rosa	Jason Sperko
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Meeting Fees for 2003 have not changed:

Note: If your company or you are members of NEODBUG:
\$30 pre-registered and \$40 at the door.

If your company or you are NOT members of NEODBUG:
\$40 pre-registered and \$50 at the door.



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2003 & 2004

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>City</u>
10/27-10/30/2003	DB2 Technical Conference	Las Vegas, NV
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
11/14/2003 1:00-4:00pm	Neouug (Oracle Users Group) Oracle Office,	Cleveland, OH
11/20/2003	NEODBUG Quarterly Meeting	Independence
12/08-12/10/2003	Gartner Data Center Conference	Las Vegas, NV
2/15-2/20/2004	TDWI World Conference Winter 2004	Las Vegas, NV
February/March 2004	NEODBUG Special Educational Meeting	Independence
4/18-4/22/2004	The International Oracle Users Group Americas (IOUG-A) Live! 2004	Toronto, Ontario, Canada
05/9-05/13/2004	IDUG 2004 — North America (DB2)	Orlando, FL
05/9-05/14/2004	TDWI World Conference Spring 2004	Boston, MA
5/2004	NEODBUG Quarterly Meeting	Independence
August 2004	NEODBUG Tools Fair	Landerhaven
08/8-08/13/2004	TDWI World Conference Summer 2004	San Diego, CA
8/2004	NEODBUG Quarterly Meeting	Independence
10/310-011/5/2004	TDWI World Conference Fall 2004	Orlando, FL

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following are the current figures for NEODBUG:

ASSETS

Checking Account	\$ 15,686.24
Savings Account	1,952.04
TOTAL	\$ 17,638.28

LIABILITIES

Membership Prepayment	\$ 270.00
NETWORTH	\$ 17,368.28

We had another fine turnout for the August 21st meeting with 57 attending from 17 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:

Allstate Insurance	
Alltel Information Services	
ARCPLAN	
Antares Solutions	
Bendix CVS LLC	(3 Coupons Left)
BMC Software, Inc.	
Bridgestone Americas	
Dominion CCS	
Erie Insurance	
IBM	(1 Coupon Left)
Jo Ann Stores	
Key Bank	
Ohio United Mutual Insurance	(2 Coupons Left)
Parker Hannifin	
Phil Sherman	(1 Coupon Left)
Progressive Insurance	(1 Coupon Left)
S&P Solutions	(1 Coupon Left)
Sherwin Williams	
Timken	
Westfield Insurance	





Are you getting the information you need out of your Data Warehouse? Is your Data Mart really a Data Dinosaur because no one uses it or is it answering the wrong questions?

Whether you need to create a corporate data warehouse or a data mart for a particular functional area, S&P Solutions, Inc. (SPS) can assist in the design, development and implementation of your corporate Data Warehouse, Data Mart or ODS to insure that it can give your users the answers you need from your data in an efficient manner.

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AGENDA

November 20, 2003

8:30 - 9:00

Registration

9:00 - 9:15

Opening Remarks

Michael James

9:15 - 10:45

“DB2 Disaster Recovery Automating the Essential”

Ed Benoit

Recovery Knowledge

10:45 - 11:00

Break

11:00 -12:00

“DB2/UDB - Visual Studio/.Net integration”

Paul Zikopoulos

IBM Corporation

12:00 - 1:00

Lunch

1:00 – 1:15

Board of Trustee Elections

1:15 - 2:45

“Enterprise Data Quality Using Data Mining Technology”

Michael Gonzales

Michael Gonzales

2:45 - 3:00

Break

3:00 - 4:00

“Where were you when the lights went out?”

Round Table

4:00 - 4:15

Closing Remarks/Door Prizes

Michael James

Location:

**Hilton Cleveland South
6200 Quarry Lane
Independence, Ohio 44131
(216) 447-1300**

REGISTRATION FORM

NEODBUG Quarterly Meeting

November 20th 2003

Hilton South Cleveland, 6200 Quarry Lane, Independence, Ohio

R.S.V.P: Checks and registration forms are encouraged to be sent early due to limit seating.

Cost: If your company is a member of NEODBUG: \$30.00 pre-registration or \$40.00 at the door.
If your company is not a member of NEODBUG: \$40.00 pre-registration or \$50.00 at the door.

Yes, I will be attending the quarterly meeting; a check for \$ _____ is enclosed for a total of _____ reservations.

YOUR NAME	TITLE	PHONE & EMAIL ADDRESS
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In addition to myself, the following persons will be attending:

GUEST NAME	TITLE	PHONE & EMAIL ADDRESS
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Company Name: _____

Company Address: _____

Mail this form and your check payable to:

NEODBUG no later than NOVEMBER 17TH 2003 to:

NEODBUG
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Cleveland, OH 44094

NEODBUG CHARTER

STATEMENT

The NEODBUG was formed to promote a public forum for the discussion and awareness of database usage in the Northeast Ohio Data Processing Community.

PURPOSE

- 1) To establish channels for the education and communication of information to and from members in the field of information processing.
- 2) To conduct conferences, meetings, discussion groups, forums, panels, lectures, and other programs concerned with the development and exchange of information among members;
- 3) To encourage and strengthen participation of all qualified users;
- 4) To promote the acceptance of database as the standard database technology for mainframe computers;
- 5) To encourage the development of database compatible products; and
- 6) To provide a forum for the promotion of excellence in information processing through recognition of those individuals who, judged by their peers, put forth the highest effort and succeed in best utilizing the database relations technology within their enterprise.

ORGANIZATION

The NEODBUG consists of an Executive Committee, composed of Officers as follows: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Meeting Facilitator, Special Interest Group (SIG) Coordinator and Advisory Board Members. Companies can enroll a total of five (5) representatives to NEODBUG for the annual corporate fee.