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## **CHAIRMAN'S CORNER**

The March special training class was a rousing success! The feedback on the presentation by Daniel Luksetich of YLA, Inc. was excellent. Thanks to our agenda committee for all of their efforts to arrange this class.

For the past 16 years, NEODBUG has positioned itself as a multifaceted organization through a series of changes that attempt to better fulfill the needs of the core 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. We cannot do this without your input. It helps us to make sure that we are meeting your needs for database education. Keep up the flow of suggestions/comments.

### **MAY MEETING**

For May's meeting, PLEASE NOTE: THE DATE OF THE MEETING IS MAY 18<sup>th</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 Maverick Direct and Jim Budka of Antares Management Solutions for all of their hard work in putting this agenda together.

Our day begins with Bill Jones, a zSeries Enterprise Applications Specialist, giving a presentation on the "*zLandscape/Outlook/Environment.*" This is an overview on what is occurring in the "z" landscape, especially as to how it relates to DB2. Bill has 29 years with IBM, all in the Mainframe/Large Systems area. He

currently is working with the z Headquarters Group, focusing on solutions on the z-platform with particular emphasis on SOA and WebSphere.

Our second presentation is titled: "*zIIP Database Engine*" and will be given by Howard Wong. This talk is a conglomeration of many presentations about zIIP to explain what it is, how it is intended to work and what the potential benefits will be to companies that adopt it.

Howard, an IBM zSeries Enterprise Applications Specialist in the Central Region has 28 years with IBM. His primary focus has been with PeopleSoft using DB2 on z/OS; he has also worked with other enterprise applications on both Unix and Intel platforms during this period. He has helped customers understand what these enterprise applications require from an I/T infrastructure standpoint and has helped them configure, architect, and optimize their environments to run these applications. He has also been a mainframe hardware support person in both Minneapolis and Poughkeepsie, NY and spent about 8 years as a Systems Engineer primarily on one large customer in St. Paul, MN. He worked with MVS, VM, DB2, and Network I/T staff.

Our third presentation of the morning is "*Encryption/Security, is it necessary?*" The presenter is Rich Skinner, CISSP, a zSecurity Solutions Sales Leader with IBM's Central Region. He has made presentations all over the world to IBM clients about security in the zWorld. He was previously with Ernst & Young's Security Advisory Practice.

For the afternoon, we begin with Ken Scott, a 33-year veteran of the industry - mostly with IBM. His various roles have been in technical sales support for CICS and Database. Recently, he was the Midwest Area manager for IBM zProcessors and Storage and is currently a sales person supporting Major zAccounts in Cleveland and Pittsburgh. Ken will be giving us a "*Software Update*".

We finish the afternoon session with Marianne Eggett from Mainline Information Systems talking about "*Linux Success on zSeries - the value proposition*". Marianne is Mainline's Emerging Technologies Practice Manager. Her practice focuses on Linux and server consolidations. Marianne has 25+ years in the IT industry including IBM DB2 Systems Engineering Specialist, Data Warehousing Manager and Application Development Manager for one of the top 10 US banks, and an all-inclusive software background including OS/390, DB2 UDB, Linux, Websphere and others.

Companies are looking for ways to streamline and reduce costs while maintaining quality of service. Infrastructure consolidation is being recognized as a critical part of meeting these goals. Consolidation does more than reduce the number of server footprints - it also simplifies and optimizes existing IT infrastructure. During the last five years, Mainline has helped customers with their Linux implementations on zSeries. Learn what other customers are doing and how you can get started.

### AUGUST MEETING

Our August quarterly meeting will be held on August 17, 2006 at the Cleveland DoubleTree Hotel South, formerly the Hilton South, in Independence, OH. As we have details of the presentations, we will email them to you.

### NOVEMBER MEETING

In November, as we have done for the past several years, we'll look to bring in another *nationally-known speaker* to give us a half-day to full-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.

### IDUG 2006

See you on the 18th of May and don't forget IDUG 2006 - North America will be held May 5-11 in Tampa Bay, FL. Make sure you attend this 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary of IDUG and "Go Further". IDUG 2006 will feature:

- Access to more than 180 hours of technical content on DB2
- Access to more than 50 hours of technical content on Informix
- Complete conference proceedings on CD-ROM
- FREE certification testing (DB2 and Informix)
- FREE subscription to IDUG's technical publication *Solutions Journal*
- Admission to the conference Products and Services Exhibition
- Admission to all official conference meals, receptions and networking events

**NOTE:** An additional fee is required to attend the optional educational seminars on Sunday, May 7.

The conference program includes in-depth technical sessions on:

- DB2 for Linux, Unix, Windows – including the new VIPER release
- DB2 for z/OS – including latest Version 8 information
- DB2 Application Development – Java / .NET / XML / WEBSHERE / SOA

- **DB2 Systems Programming**
- **Informix content, including Informix Dynamic Server 10.0**

Finally, I know that May is not too early to play golf or baseball, but it is going to rain, or snow, anyway so you might as well attend this informative event! Oh yeah, Go Cavaliers! Go Tribe! And draft well, Mr. Savage.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the May meeting!

Michael P. James  
Chairman

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## UPCOMING DATABASE EVENTS

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>City</u>
05/07-11/06	IDUG North America	Tampa Bay, FL
05/14-19/06	Data Warehouse Inst. - Spring	Chicago, IL
<b>05/18/06</b>	<b>NEODBUG quarterly meeting</b>	<b>Independence, OH</b>
06/25-28/06	COGNOS Forum	Las Vegas, NV
08/06-10/06	Sybase TechWave	Las Vegas, NV
<b>08/17/06</b>	<b>NEODBUG quarterly meeting</b>	<b>Independence, OH</b>
08/20-25/06	Data Warehouse Inst. - Summer	San Diego, CA
08/29-09/01/06	BMC UserWorld	San Francisco, CA
10/09-13/06	IDUG Europe	Rome, Italy
10/15-20/06	IBM DB2 Technical Conference	Anaheim, CA
10/15-20/06	IBM IMS Technical Conference	Anaheim, CA
10/16-20/06	IBM Information On Demand	Anaheim, CA
11/05-19/06	Data Warehouse Inst. - Autumn	Orlando, FL

11/16/06      NEODBUG quarterly meeting      Independence, OH

05/06-10/07      IDUG North America 2007      San Jose, CA

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## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The following are the current figures for NEODBUG as of March 31, 2005:

<b>ASSETS</b>	
Checking Account	\$ 7,318.93
Savings Account	<u>2,019.21</u>
Total Cash	\$ 9,338.14
Dell Projector	\$ <u>2,089.10</u>
Total Assets	\$ 11,427.24
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Membership Prepayment	\$ 720.00
Total Liabilities	\$ 720.00
<i>NET WORTH</i>	<i>\$ 10,707.24</i>

We had a fine turnout for our March 23rd special education meeting - 68 attending from 14 companies.

The following companies/individuals have sent in their Corporate or Individual memberships. If you don't see your company name here, you will have to pay the higher, non-membership registration fees at the upcoming quarterly meetings. If your contact person has not yet received your invoice, please call me at 216-689-0139 or email me so I could email you a new one. Those that prepaid to send members to NEODBUG meetings have the number of remaining coupons next to their names. The coupons expire 12/31/2006:

**Companies/ Individuals that have paid memberships:**

**Alltel Information Services**

**Antares Solutions (3 Coupons left)**

**Betz Consulting, LTD (3 Coupons left)**

**Susan Birgeles (3 Coupons left)**

**BMC Software, Inc.**

**Bridgestone/ Firestone**

**Dominion CCS (3 Coupons left)**

**Erie Insurance**

**JoAnn Stores**

**Key Bank**

**Lovell Leverette**

**National City Bank (3 Coupons left)**

**Ohio Mutual Insurance Group**

**Parker Hannifin (3 Coupons left)**

**Progressive**

**Phil Sherman (3 Coupons left)**

**Hy Sockel**

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**Sherwin Williams (3 Coupons left)**

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**NEODBUG Treasurer**

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# AGENDA

## May 18, 2006

- 8:30 - 9:00      Registration
- 9:00 - 9:10      Opening Remarks  
                    -Michael James
- 9:10 - 10:10      *"zLandscape/Outlook/Environment "*  
                    -Bill Jones, IBM Corporation
- 10:10 - 10:25    Break
- 10:25 - 11:10    *"zIIP Database Engine"*  
                    -Howard Wong, IBM Corporation
- 11:10 - 12:00    *"Encryption/Security, is it necessary?"*  
                    -Rich Skinner, CISSP, IBM Corporation
- 12:00 - 1:00    Lunch
- 1:00 - 1:30      *"Software Update"*  
                    -Ken Scott, IBM Corporation



1:30 - 1:40 Break

1:45 - 2:45 *“Linux Success on zSeries - the value proposition - Part 1”*  
- Marianne Eggett, Mainline Information Systems

2:45 - 3:00 Break

3:00 - 4:00 *“Linux Success on zSeries - the value proposition - Part 2”*

- Marianne Eggett, Mainline Information Systems

4:00 - 4:15 Closing Remarks/Door Prizes  
-Michael James

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(Formerly the Hilton South)  
6200 Quarry Lane  
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## **REGISTRATION FORM**

NEODBUG Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, May 18, 2006

DoubleTree Inn Cleveland South (formerly Hilton South)  
6200 Quarry Lane  
Independence, OH

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

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 \_\_\_\_\_

In addition to myself, the following persons will be attending:

NAME	TITLE	PHONE & EMAIL ADDRESS
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Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email this form to [neodbug@sps-solutions.com](mailto:neodbug@sps-solutions.com) to notify us of your intent to attend, then postal mail this form and your check (payable to NEODBUG) no later than May 11, 2006, to:

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## **Letter FROM the Editor**

### **I GOTTA HAVE V8 (EDUCATION)!**

**NEODBUG Board members DO read your responses to our meeting evaluations, and one common thread that has been consistent over the past year: you want presentations and education that will help you make the transition from V7 to V8 of IBM's DB2 for z/OS.**

**And NEODBUG has delivered: our November, 2005 meeting presented Susan Lawson of YL&A on the topic "DB2 for z/OS V8 Impacts on Applications and SQL"; our August, 2005 meeting discussed the DB2 Catalog and indexes in light of the V8 changes; our May, 2005 meeting presented Gary Crupi of IBM, who gave us detailed migration and project plans for a V8 upgrade.**

**But you've asked for more: we receive regular requests for "V8 experiences" - you want to hear how well other companies' V8 upgrades went, and what you can learn from them.**

**So, we are sending out the call - if your company has V8 installed (even in test), we would like someone to spend a few moments discussing the experience, at a future NEODBUG quarterly meeting.**

**We know that everyone's busy, so we are not asking you to put together an extended formal presentation. Our agenda committee would like to convince you or someone from your company to partake in a "birds of a feather" roundtable discussion.**

**We will talk about this more at the May quarterly meeting, and may contact you offline. Or, contact us at [neodbug@sps-solutions.com](mailto:neodbug@sps-solutions.com) .**

**Most companies have targeted 2006 as their year for their V8 upgrade - if you are on the (b)leading edge and have converted already, help your fellow IT professionals and share your experiences!**

### **STAYING PUT**

**Your evaluation responses also tell us that you are very happy with the Independence location of NEODBUG meetings. The NEODBUG Board, concerned about rising costs at our current meeting site, has considered moving our meetings to another location. Your responses guide the Board to give extra weight to other sites in the Independence area. Thanks for your feedback!**