

# NEODBUG

E L E C T R O N I C

## Newsletter of the Northeast Ohio Database Users Group

### Chairman's Corner By Michael James

Imagine that it's July (all right, almost August). The Indians have cashed it in and traded away our Cy Young winner. The Cavaliers have made another blockbuster re-signing: Daniel "Boobie" Gibson. (We'll see if they get Delonte West re-signed.) It has been too hot to get out on the golf course yet this year and the grass is green and lovely! At least the expectations for the Browns are not too high. (Yeah, right!)

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And, NEODBUG is holding our next quarterly meeting on **Thursday, August 21, 2008**. It will be held at the Doubletree Cleveland South in Independence. Even though we are in the "lazy days of summer", our agenda committee has not been laying around. They are moving at the speed of light! They did another spectacular job of finding speakers for the August quarterly meeting with some VERY interesting topics.

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We will start the first half of the day with **Paul Wirth**. He is a Senior Data Management Technical Sales Specialist with IBM Corporation located in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Paul has been involved in database administration and storage management for the past twenty years. Over the years, Paul has worked in database administration with IMS, DB2 and Oracle. Paul has also worked extensively with enterprise storage subsystems for both Open Systems and z/OS.

Paul's presentation is titled **"Using DB2 Connect to Make Connections to DB2 z/OS"**. DB2 Connect is a powerful tool when combined with IBM data server clients to make connections to DB2 on System z. This presentation will review IBM data server client setup and DB2 Connect configurations to access DB2 on System z. IBM-provided client tools used to configure, manage and work with DB2 for z/OS will also be reviewed. The presentation is for anyone interested in connecting ODBC, OLE-DB, .Net and Java programs to DB2 on iSeries or System z. This presentation's audience is architects, database administrators, developers or system programmers.

Our second presentation for the day will be given by **Glen Sheffield** of IBM's Toronto Software Lab and is titled **"DB2 9.5 for Linux, Unix, and Windows - What's New and How to Migrate"**. DB2 9.5 for LUW raises the bar on advanced database capabilities. An overview of the new DB2 9.5 features and benefits will be discussed, including enhancements to XML, compression, workload management, security, autonomies, performance, and application development. Guidance for an easy migration from earlier versions of DB2 to DB2 9.5 will also be presented.

Glen Sheffield has over 25 years experience with IBM, and has been part of the

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# NEODBUG Treasurer's Report

## By Alan Solnick

The following are the current figures for NEODBUG as of July 13, 2008.

### ASSETS

Checking Account	\$ 8,243.85
Money Market Account	\$ 12,127.63
Projector	\$ 2,089.10
Total Assets	\$ 22,460.58

### LIABILITIES

Membership Prepayment	\$ 480.00
Total Liabilities	\$ 480.00

**NET WORTH** \$ 21,980.58

We had a good turnout for the May 1st meeting with 52 paid attendees from 16 companies. I'd like to thank BMC Software for sponsoring this meeting's lunch and supporting our non-profit, regional user group.

The following companies/individuals have sent in their corporate or individual memberships. *If you don't see your company name there, you will have to pay the higher, non-membership registration fees at the upcoming quarterly meeting.* Those that prepaid to send members to NEODBUG meetings have the number of remaining coupons next to their names. *The coupons expire 12/31/2008:*

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

Antares Management Solutions	
Bridgestone/ Firestone	
Dominion	(1 Coupon left)
Erie Insurance	
Jane Betz, LTD	(3 Coupons left)
JoAnn Stores	
Key Bank	
National City Bank	(1 Coupon left)
Parker Hannifin	
Phil Sherman	(2 Coupons left)
Progressive Insurance	(3 Coupons left)
Sherwin Williams	(3 Coupons left)
Terri Speck	

Alan Solnick  
NEODBUG Treasurer

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DB2 team in the Toronto lab since 1992. He has held many key technical and management positions over this period, with extensive experience in the data warehouse area. Glen's current role is that of a "DB2 Evangelist" to assist customers in understanding the value and benefits of IBM's DB2 technology.

After lunch, we have two presentations from **Willie Favero**, an IBM Senior Certified IT Software Specialist with IBM's Silicon Valley Lab Data Warehouse on the System z Swat Team. His first presentation is titled "**Structure and Format Enhancements in DB2 for z/OS V9: Universal Table Space & Reordered Row Format**". DB2 9 delivers a brand feature that has generated considerable discussion. It's a new structure type called universal table space. There is also a second enhancement that you may not hear as much about: a new storage format referred to as reordered row format. Both of these will significantly improve your DB2 experience by making a couple aspects of DB2 easier to manage. This presentation will give you the details behind how both of these features are implemented, how to use them and a look at a few things you cannot use them for.

Finally, to wrap up the day, Willie's second presentation of the day is titled "**Should Your Next Warehouse Be On DB2 for z/OS?**". In recent years there has been an increased interest in using DB2 for z/OS as the database of choice for data warehousing. This resurgence is in part due to the introduction of new features and functions in DB2 Version 8 and DB2 9. But it also has a lot to do with the decreasing cost of doing business on System z, introduction of new specialty engines, operating system improvements and other hardware advances. This presentation will explore these advances in technology explaining why they are important to you as you decide to move, create, or maintain your data warehouse on the mainframe.

Willie Favero has over 30 years experience working with databases, with more than 24 years working with DB2. He speaks at major conferences, user groups, publishes articles, and has one of the top technical blogs on the Internet. He has other interests, too ==>



<http://it.toolbox.com/people/wfavero/>

The August quarterly meeting sounds like a full day of information that will prove to be of great use to all of us. I also want to remind you that we are coming up on our annual business meeting in November. This means the election of Trustees to the Board. It's not too early to start thinking about how you can be involved more in the leadership of this organization. We always need some new ideas and assistance with the duties of the Board. Here's how elections work:

- Any member of NEODBUG may nominate him/herself by submitting a letter to the Board of Trustees with a statement of fifty words or less indicating relevant background. We will be accepting nominations at the August quarterly meeting.

You may also nominate someone else by submitting his or her name, company name and phone number (if possible). They will be notified by a Board member of the nomination and asked if they have any interest in joining the Board of Trustees.

- The current Board of Trustees will present to the membership a ballot listing all nominees and will conduct an election for the Board of Trustees for 2009.
- The Board of Trustees will elect officers at the December Board meeting.

Join the NEODBUG Board of Trustees and have input into the kind of programs and events that are sponsored by the organization.

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Wear your summer/casual attire (shorts, golf shirts and sneakers) to the August meeting. Especially if it is in the 90-degree range like it can be in August. There's no need to be uncomfortable. See you there!

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...Now that I'm finally on the practice field with the 2008 Cleveland Browns, I just made an open-field tackle on Braylon Edwards (yeah, right). No, I am the new point guard for the Cavaliers, just beating out Delonte West for the position and I am looking to pass the ball to LeBron or Daniel Gibson... They just got me under the salary cap after the two restricted free agent signings at just over \$25 a game. Oh my! I must be dreaming because they would never pay me THAT much... and I can still walk under my own power...

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See all of you at the meeting on August 21!

Michael P. James  
Chairman

## Letter FROM the Editor By Jim Szabo

### On the Move

NEODBUG's mailing address has changed; our host - S&P Solutions - has moved to a new suite in the same building, so any correspondence should be addressed to:

NEODBUG  
c/o S&P Solutions  
35000 Chardon Rd. Suite 110  
Cleveland, OH 44094

Our email address - [neodbug@sps-solutions.com](mailto:neodbug@sps-solutions.com) - is still the same.

### Not-for-Profit

NEODBUG has recently received the determination that we are a 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt organization in the eyes of the Internal Revenue Service. This will reduce the cost of services we provide you, our membership. In addition, contributions to NEODBUG are tax deductible.

### Next Nashville Star?

NEODBUG Board member Jason Sperko has relocated to Nashville, Tennessee, but is still involved maintaining our website - [www.neodbug.org](http://www.neodbug.org). Ask him to show you his new baby pictures!

## August 21, 2008 Meeting Agenda

- 8:30 - 9:00      Registration
- 9:00 - 9:10      Opening Remarks  
                     - Michael James, NEODBUG Chairman
- 9:10 - 10:30     “Using DB2 Connect to Make Connections To DB2 z/OS”  
                     - Paul Wirth, IBM Corporation
- 10:30 - 10:45    Break
- 10:45 - 12:00    “DB2 9.5 for Linux, Unix, and Windows - What's New and How to Migrate”  
                     - Glen Sheffield, IBM Corporation
- 12:00 - 1:00     Lunch
- 1:00 - 2:30      “Structure and Format Enhancements in DB2 for z/OS V9 - Universal Table Space &  
                     Reordered Row Format”  
                     - Willie Favero, IBM Corporation
- 2:30 - 2:45      Break
- 2:45 - 4:00      “Should Your Next Warehouse Be On DB2 for z/OS?”  
                     - Willie Favero, IBM Corporation
- 4:00 - 4:15      Closing Remarks, Door Prizes  
                     - Michael James, NEODBUG Chairman

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### Upcoming Database Events

Date	Organization	City
08/04-08/2008	Sybase User Training and Solutions Conference	Las Vegas, NV
08/10-15/2008	SHARE United States	San Jose, CA
08/17-22/2008	The Data Warehouse Institute (TDWI) World Conference - Summer	San Diego, CA
08/21/2008	NEODBUG quarterly meeting	Independence, OH
08/21-23/2008	International DB2 Users Group (IDUG) India 2008	Bangalore, India
09/21-25/2008	Oracle OpenWorld	San Francisco, CA
10/12-16/2008	Teradata PARTNERS User Group Conference	Las Vegas, NV
10/13-17/2008	IDUG Europe 2008	Warsaw, Poland
10/13-17/2008	BMC UserWorld North America 2008	Miami, FL
10/26-31/2008	IBM Information on Demand Conference	Las Vegas, NV
11/02-07/2008	TDWI World Conference - Autumn	New Orleans, LA
11/03-05/2008	Adabas Innovation World 2008	Miami Beach, FL
11/06/2008	NEODBUG quarterly meeting	Independence, OH
11/06-11/2008	IDUG Brazil	Sao Paulo, Brazil
11/16-20/2008	Computer Associates (CA) World	Las Vegas, NV
11/18-21/2008	Professional Association for SQL Server (PASS) Community Summit 2008	Seattle, WA

# Registration Form

NEODBUG Quarterly Meeting  
THURSDAY, August 21, 2008 9am - 4:30pm  
DoubleTree Inn Cleveland South  
6200 Quarry Lane, Independence, OH

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

Cost: If your company is a member of NEODBUG: \$40.00 pre-registration or \$50.00 at the door.  
If your company is not a member of NEODBUG: \$50.00 pre-registration or \$60.00 at the door.

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

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_ BRINGING A LAPTOP? \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE & EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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

NAME	BRINGING A LAPTOP?	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 August 18, 2008, to:

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