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May 2010 Regular Membership Meeting

(Wednesday, May 19, 2010 @
7 PM) Edison-Ford Estates

Main Program: "Get NOW"

Global Environmental Technology

Board of Directors Meeting

(Wednesday, May 12, 2010
@ 7 PM)

Perkins Restaurant
Just S. of Crystal Drive on Hwy. 41
Members welcome to network.

Edison Quote of the Month:

"The value of an idea lies in the using of it"

Newsletter Highlights

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How To:

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Mission Statement

A non profit, educational organization with goals to promote creativity and entrepreneurial success in our schools and community. We are a diversified group of people sharing time, information, experiences and resources to this effect.

Attending a Meeting?

The doors open by 6:15 p.m. The meeting will begin promptly at 7p.m. In respect to our speakers please arrive on time and give them your full attention. There is time before the meeting and at the end of the meeting to network.

The Edison-Ford Winter Estates parking area will only be accessible from the East entrance. The McGregor Blvd gates will be closed for security purposes.

Directions off Hwy 41: At the Edison Ave traffic light, go west onto Cortes Blvd. Go past Euclid Ave. and veer right onto Monte Vista Street. Take Monte Vista to the very end crossing over Harvard Road. You have arrived!

Directions off McGregor Blvd: Proceed to Larchmont Ave. on the north border of the Edison-Ford Estates property. Turn right on to Larchmont and the next right turn on Harvard Rd. Watch closely for the Estate signs on the right side of this road. Private homes border this drive or, go to www.googlemaps.com and type in, Monte Vista Street, Fort Myers, FL

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Message from the President:

Greetings Fellow Inventors, We are really
in a mess aren't we? We need the oil for
fuel, and a thousand other products, but we
do not need to kill the Gulf of Mexico in
the mean time... The Capitalist side of me
says "drill baby drill" the Environmentalist
side of me say's "what are we doing?"
There are no easy answers, but I know
American ingenuity, and engineering will
stop this leak, and we will clean it up, and
hopefully design better blowout preventers,
and failsafe shut off valves, to avoid this
kind of catastrophe from happening again.
Edison Inventors Association is trying to do
our part, by bringing attention to an
invention by one of our members that can
actually adsorb the oil from the surface of
the water, and turn it into little balls that
can then be mechanically picked up. This
product has won several awards worldwide,
and we are working to get it to the attention
of the authorities in the Gulf area, to help in
this epoch event. Carlos Forero is the
inventor, and he, along with his sister, Liz
Cabot, are our main speakers at this months
meeting, with a demonstration of this great
invention. I hope you all enjoyed last
month's program with Pam McGregor, she
is a great source of information and
inspiration on how to get your product into
stores & catalogs. In keeping with my goal
of having very relevant and helpful
programs for inventors, next month's
program is about writing business plans,
and securing investors and financing for
your invention. Keep on Inventing, and
never give up! Joe Gross

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Links to Websites Important to Inventors

www.Inventors.about.com - One of my favorites, check it out, the editor!!!

Inventorseye - www.uspto.gov/inventorseys - The USPTO's bimonthly publication for the independent inventor community

To do a Patent Search, these are very good websites:

www.uspto.gov/

www.freepatentsonline.com/

www.google.com/patents

Links to other inventor groups of interest

Inventor's Society of South Florida, Ft. Lauderdale, FL <http://www.inventorssociety.net/>

Inventors Council of Central Florida, Orlando, FL Website coming soon drdavidflinchbaugh@bellsouth.net

Space Coast Inventors Guild, Melbourne, FL Website coming soon angelsnr@cfl.rr.com

Tampa Bay Inventors Council, Largo, FL www.tbic.us

Other useful Links

FGCU Regional Economic Indicators <http://www.fgcu.edu/cob/reri/indicators/indicators200808.pdf>

[Edison Nation Product Searches www.edisonnation.com](http://www.edisonnation.com)

Edison Nation brings products to market through their network of retailers and manufactures. **If your idea is selected, you'll be paid a \$2,500 advance plus a generous percentage of sales.**

Current Live Product Searches



Inventors Digest 2010 Collegiate Alt-Energy Challenge

Deadline: Saturday, July 31st, 2010 at 11:59PM *Pacific Time (US & Canada)*



Colgate-Palmolive seeks oral care innovations.

Deadline: Monday, May 24th, 2010 at 11:59PM *Pacific Time (US & Canada)*



Rawlings seeks game-changing baseball and softball training products.

Deadline: Monday, May 17th, 2010 at 11:59PM Pacific Time (US & Canada)



Clorox is on the hunt for your great cleaning and disinfecting ideas.

Deadline: Monday, July 5th, 2010 at 11:59PM Pacific Time (US & Canada)



World Kitchen, the maker of Pyrex® products, seeks innovative mixing, measuring and prep products for the home cook.

Deadline: Monday, June 14th, 2010 at 11:59PM Pacific Time (US & Canada)



As Seen on TV Quarterly: The best of the DRTV (infomercial) industry are looking for their next big hits.

Deadline: Monday, June 7th, 2010 at 11:59PM Pacific Time (US & Canada)

Product Searches

National Hardware Show, May 4-6, Las Vegas Convention Center

Invention & Idea Show 2010 - Minnesota Inventors Congress, June 11-12, MN

National Lawn & Garden Show 2010, June 15-June 17 Colorado Springs CO

The 2010 Taipei International Invention Show and Technomart

An excellent venue for people looking to promote their inventions, as well as share valuable knowledge and ideas on innovations, patents, and other important aspects of the inventor's industry. From agricultural products down to consumer electronics and computer parts, from green technology to communications technology, this year's show will showcase the best inventions and new technology from all across the globe.

Inventors Club of Kansas City - www.InventorsClubofKC.org

Inventors and Entrepreneurs are invited to submit their **US Patented** or **Patent Pending** products for a chance to win the opportunity to have their consumer product marketed and sold in retail stores. Only 20 invention spots are available, so please submit now. All product submissions will be reviewed and screened by the ICKC Board of Directors and 20 inventors will be selected to present their products to *Garden Weasel*, *Faultless Starch*, *Bon Ami* and *Trapp Private Gardens*. Please submit information until June 30th on-line at **www.InventorsClubofKC.org**. Click Button [Invention Contest] then [Contest 2010]. Inventions should be consumer products suitable for mass marketing in these categories: Lawn and Garden, Outdoor Living, Home Improvement, Hardware, Garment Care, Cleaning, Gift, Automotive and Pet.

Apps for the Army - <http://armylive.dodlive.mil/index.php/2009/09/apps-for-the-army-competition/>

The U.S. Army is reaching out to increase its technology applications-and they need your help. Lt. Gen. Jeffrey Sorenson, Army Chief Information Officer/G-6, recently announced an "Apps for the Army" competition for the .mil community. Sorenson seeks to harness the untapped potential of the .mil community and reduce the time it takes to develop new technology for the Army.

L Prize US Dept of Energy – <http://www.lightingprize.org/>

The L Prize competition will substantially accelerate America's shift from inefficient, dated lighting products to innovative, high-performance products. Just as Thomas Edison transformed illumination over a century ago, the L Prize will drive innovation and market adoption. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy, the L Prize is the first government-sponsored technology competition designed to spur lighting manufacturers to develop high-quality, high-efficiency solid-state lighting products to replace the common light bulb.



SBDC (Small Business Development Council) at FGCU

Upcoming seminars and workshops in your community www.sbdcseminars.org .

Cape Coral Business Assistance Expo – May 15, 2010, Free

PB&J Brown Bag Lunch - Insurance - Are You Covered? May 19, 2010, Free

Financial Forensics: Clues to Make Your Business Profitable - May 22, 2010, \$79

Understanding Financial Statements; P&L, Balance Sheet, Forecasting & Cash Flow – May 24, Free

Financial Planning for your Business – June 4, 2010, \$20

Bookkeeping for Small Business – June 8, 2010, \$20

Frequently Asked Questions about Starting a Business – June 10, 2010, \$20

Marketing Your Small Business – June 25, 2010, Free

Understanding and Writing a Marketing Plan – June 28, 2010, Free

How To: Get Free Help from Your Fellow Members if You Get Stuck or Stalled on Your Invention

Just ask... Inventors love to talk shop and help one another out. We all get stuck and stalled on our inventions and simply dwell on them for days, weeks or even months. In the May meeting your Newsletter editor is going to see if there is enough interest to form an "in-person" round table discussion to communicate with your fellow EIA members to help you if you get stalled or stuck. This would be in addition to the EIA Blog. I know I would like some "in-person" personal feedback and discussion about my inventions, and I hear that others feel the same way. I envision a few seasoned inventors gathering after the regular meeting or before the Board of Directors meeting and discussing your invention and offering their advice to help you get past some tough spots. Contemplate on this and I'll bring it up for discussion at the May meeting to see if there's enough interest to actually form a small group and latch onto the beginning or end of the regular meeting or before the Board of Directors Meeting the Wednesday before the regular meeting at 6:00pm at Perkins Restaurant, just South of Crystal Drive on US 41 in South Fort Myers.

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