



N E M U G

New England Midrange Users Group Meeting Announcement

February 18, 2015

Speaker 6:00-7:15 p.m., Dinner to Follow

Place: Ambrosia Tavern, 116 Elm Street, North Attleboro, MA 02760 (directions on last page)
Pedal to the Metal for RDi

Speaker: **Charlie Guarino, Central Park Data Systems**

Maple Glazed Salmon served with roasted potatoes and vegetables; or Chili Chicken served with basmati rice and raita; or Sirloin Tips served with mushrooms, onions, baked potato and vegetables; or Pasta Primavera (Vegetarian with penne). Also included are appetizers, salad, dessert, and coffee/tea.

Cost: NEMUG Members \$30, Guests \$40, Students \$10. Make check payable to: NEMUG. Mail to Aurora Technologies, c/o NEMUG, 5 Old Nasonville Road, Harrisville, RI 02830 or register on the NEMUG web site, www.nemug.com and pay at the door.

R.S.V.P. to Aurora Technologies. Register on the web, www.nemug.com, or e-mail aurora@auroratechedi.com.

We must receive your reply no later than Friday, February 13, 2015.

** No shows will be billed, unless cancellation is received by Tuesday, February 17, 2015. **

Pedal to the Metal for RDi

It was an application developer revolution when IBM first introduced WDSC. However there was a slow adoption rate because of its poor client side performance. Through the years the product evolved and took a giant step forward when it was taken over by the Rational team. Re-introduced as Rational Developer for i (Rdi), it performed significantly better than WDSC. As the product evolution continued with new functionality the case for not using it becomes weaker and weaker. The name changed to keep pace with the platform itself, morphing into Rational Developer for Power Systems Software (RDP) and now once again RDi. The current offering easily outperforms and outmaneuvers the PDM and SEU green screen development environments. Studies have shown time and time again significant gains in development and deployment time when using the graphical workbench. NOW is the time for you to step up.

With an IT career spanning over 30 years, Charles Guarino has been a consultant for most of them. Since 1995 he has been founder and President of Central Park Data Systems, Inc., a New York area based IBM midrange consulting company. In addition to being a professional speaker, he is a frequent contributor of technical and strategic articles and webcasts for the IT community. He is a proud member of COMMON's Speaker Excellence Hall of Fame and also Long Island Software and Technology Network's Twenty Top Techies of 2009. Charles currently serves as a member of COMMON's Strategic Education Team (SET) and is also Immediate Past President and monthly Q&A host of LISUG, a Long Island IBM i User's Group www.lisug.org.

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Message from the President

At our January meeting, Dawn May of IBM came in from NYC and delivered her presentation on "Sky High Performance – Best Practices for IBM I Performance Management". Thanks Dawn, your session was well presented and received and we hope to see you again soon.

For our February meeting Charlie Guarino will be coming in from Long Island to present his session on **A Walk Through RDi Starting at Go!** Charlie is going to show us how to use IBM's Rational Developer for the i. Although Rational has been around awhile, I don't believe that it's used as prolifically as it should be, with learning curves and time constraints. It was an application developer revolution when IBM first introduced WDSC. However there was a slow adoption rate because of its poor client side performance. Through the years the product evolved and took a giant step forward when it was taken over by the Rational team. Re-introduced as Rational Developer for i (Rdi), it performed significantly better than WDSC. As the product evolution continued with new functionality the case for not using it becomes weaker and weaker. The name changed to keep pace with the platform itself, morphing into Rational Developer for Power Systems Software (RDP) and now once again RDi. The current offering easily outperforms and outmaneuvers the PDM and SEU green screen development environments. Studies have shown time and time again significant gains in development and deployment time when using the graphical workbench. NOW is the time for you to step up.

Charlie's been around for a while, and he's been quite successful. His career spans over 30 years, and he's been an enterprise application consultant for most of them. He's been the President of Central Park Data Systems, Inc.; a Long Island based IBM midrange consulting company, since 1995 when he founded it. He has published numerous technical and strategic articles for the IT community and speaks each year at conferences and user groups across the country. He was inducted into COMMON's Speaker Excellence Hall of Fame in 2008 and was also selected as one of LISTnet's Long Island's Twenty Top Techies for 2009. He is currently a COMMON Application Development Subject Matter Expert, and a member of COMMON's Strategic Education Team (SET). He is the immediate past President and monthly Q&A host of LISUG, a Long Island IBM System i Users Group. ERP implementation, deep industry knowledge of distribution and warehousing, electronic data interchange (EDI). Excellent system design, project management and communication skills, *this is Charlie Guarino.....*

Come and meet him.....

Dick Ferrara, President NEMUG

Win a *Free Registration* to the NE User Groups Conference, March 30-April 1!

Come to the February and March meetings so you can enter for a drawing to win a ticket to the User Conference! Each person who attends the February meeting will get the opportunity to fill out an entry. If you attend the March meeting as well you can enter **TWICE!** The drawing will be held at the March meeting. You do not need to be present to win.

E-mail Notification

Many of you receive two newsletters—one through e-mail and the other through snail mail. In an attempt to reduce our mailing costs, we are asking you to notify us if the e-mail one is sufficient (aurora@auroratechedi.com). If you are not on our e-mail list, go to the web site at www.nemug.com and click on the "Subscribe" button to be added to the list.

COMMON 2015, April 26-29

To be held at the Disneyland Resort in Anaheim, CA. with four full days of in-depth IBM i, AIX, and Linux-related education that includes all-day pre-conference workshops, open labs and a wide variety of regular-length sessions. It is the annual meeting of the COMMON membership and the largest gathering of the Power Systems user community. For more information go to www.common.org/annualmeeting. NEMUG is a member of COMMON and members receive a discount on the conference price. If you plan on attending and your company is not a member, contact Faith Lamprey for our COMMON member ID.

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(as of 9/15/14)**

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If your company name is not on this list, go to the website to download the annual invoice for membership (on left side of the home page). Bring a check (payable to NEMUG) and the form with you to get the member prices at the meeting.

Schedule
(Schedule is subject to change)

March 18 — Web Services, Aaron Bartell

March 30-April 1 — NE User Groups Conference, *The Power of i* (www.neugc.org)

May 20 — 3D Printing

June 17 — Jim Mason, Roundtable

Directions to Restaurant

Ambrosia Tavern & Grill 116 Elm Street North Attleboro, MA

For this year we will again be meeting at the Ambrosia Tavern & Grill in North Attleboro. It is easy to get to the restaurant from the major highways. They also serve Indian food so we will have an Indian option every time as well.

Via Route 95 (north or south)

95 to Mass Exit 5 (152) take a right off of the exit.

Follow the road through traffic lights at the highway and the Plaza and another in about .1 mile.

At North Street and stay to right at forks, another light at Mt Hope.

Go up hill stay right at flashing light, now on Elm Street then Restaurant is on right in less than .5 mi.

It is just over 2 miles from 95.

Via 295

295N to Mass Exit 1B (Rte 1).

Follow 1.6 miles (through light at Applebees, light at Showcase).

Road bears right, Rt. 120 joins from left & 1A goes into center.

Stay to right (Still on Rte 1) 1.3 miles (through light at Stop & Shop, light at Red Stone).

Take right at next light (UHaul on left, Fresh Catch & Shell on right).

Restaurant is on the left

From points West Via 495

495 to Exit 14B (Rte 1S)

Follow Rte 1S a bit over 4 miles depending on whether you came from N or S on 495.

You will go through light at 152, light at 106, light at Elmwood, light at Fisher, light at

Orne/Landry(Cinema-Pub on right), then next left.

Left at light onto Elm Street, Restaurant is on left.