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Message from the President

We have a great year ahead of us for APICS and I am very excited to again be part of such a great team and to have a professional membership who has shown dedication to events for over five years now.

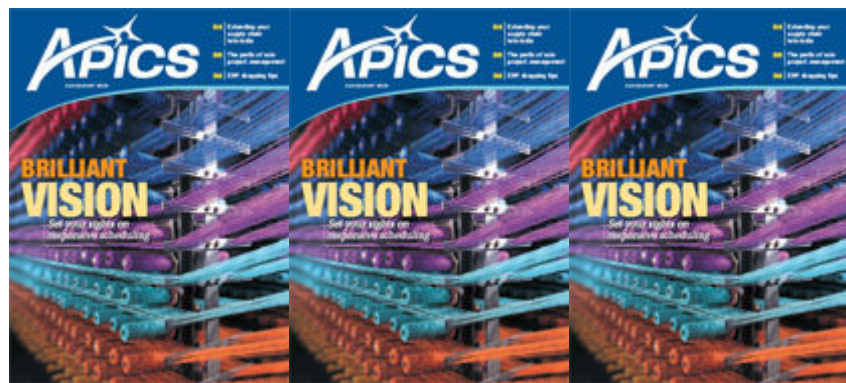
Our first PDM is set for September with Steve Jackson and a topic that has always been close to my heart Theory of Constraints. It has always been a perverse pleasure for me to teach aspects of this just so I can see how the spark ignites in people's minds and they cannot help but look at the world in a different way. In my experience, TOC ruins paradigms. One of the difficult concepts to explain has been: "Sure I know where my constraint is... now what do I do with it?". Steve is going to bridge that gap between theory and reality while showing us the successes and not so successes he has acquired through his experiences. I encourage you to bring your colleagues as nothing shows how APICS can fundamentally change how we do business like TOC.

On the education front we are happy to announce that we have an agreement with our corporate member Freybe to host ALL five CPIM modules over the next year(s). This is the perfect opportunity for those of you who want to go through the whole program from start to finish or needs just one or two to complete the set. Registration is open for our September offerings, so see our Education Update for more information.

Finally in January the APICS Canadian Region meeting shall be hosted in Vancouver with chapter's from all across the country coming together to learn from each other, their successes and what they could use help on. Fraser Valley shall be sharing our web page secrets which have been a wow-factor for some of the other chapters in Canada.

Look forward to seeing you all at the PDM on Wednesday the 24th and catching up on what you our membership have been up to over the summer.

Jason Young
President APICS Fraser Valley



Dinner Meetings and Workshops

We normally hold our meetings on Wednesday evenings, and will be kicking off our events season on September 24th as we welcome Steve Jackson as our Guest Speaker.

Scheduled Upcoming events:

Date	Event	Presentation	Speaker
September 24	Dinner Meeting	TOC – Back to Basics	Steve Jackson (CFPIM)
September to December (Thursday's)	CPIM Course – Hosted at IMW	MRP (Master Planning of Resources)	
September to December (Tuesday's)	CPIM Course – Hosted at Freybe	Basics of Supply Chain Management	

September Dinner Meeting - Theory of Constraints: A Fast Passage from Fundamentals to Results

“aka: 90 days of TOC implementation in 60 minutes, ”

The beauty of the Theory of Constraints is that if you do just a few things mostly right, the competitive edge and bottom line improvement can be spectacular and rather quick.

But in order to do just those few things, and do them mostly right, you have to start with an understanding of the basics; with TOC 101. And that’s what we’re going to do here.

Nothing fancy; just, start at the beginning with the TOC philosophy and principles, and end up 60 minutes later with unavoidable results that typically include a greatly reduced lead time and inventories, increased on-time delivery and plant productivity, accompanied by improved revenues, profits and cash flow. Often recorded in just 90 days or so.

In between we’ll talk about identifying constraints, exploiting them, and subordinating everything else to make the results happen. About the measurements that replace cost accounting for decision support. We’ll highlight management policies that have to be put out of their misery. How a set of high-level principles converts to nitty-gritty day-to-day policies, procedures, behaviors and activities that handle the scheduling of the plant and shop floor execution. And that gain an often universal buy-in from a jaded work force.

While in support, we’ll talk about real examples, real obstacles, some successes and yes, some disappointments.

Come prepared for a fast paced journey where, as always with the TOC, we’ll challenge some old and some new sacred cows.

Speaker Bio

Steve Jackson has been involved with Manufacturing and Manufacturing Systems since ...well, long before disco. He was designing, developing and implementing MRP software in the 70’s first as a user then as a vendor and consultant, and had his own small manufacturing and distribution company in the 80’s. Steve worked with Eli Goldratt, author of The Goal for six years into the 90’s, and again quite recently. Educated and trained to the level of a “Jonah’s Jonah,” he’s been a TOC specialist since 1988, working since 1993 with partner Rod Gelhorn in Synchronix Technologies, a Vancouver-based consulting firm specializing in TOC.

Steve had the privilege of being President of the Vancouver Chapter of APICS in the 80’s; he claims the therapy continues but he’s feeling much better now.

September Dinner Meeting

The meeting will be held at Newlands Golf and Country Club, our usual location. Signs will be posted in the lobby to direct you to the correct room.

Date: September 24th, 2008
 Time: Registration / Cash Bar 5:30
 Salmon Buffet 6:15
 Presentation 6:45

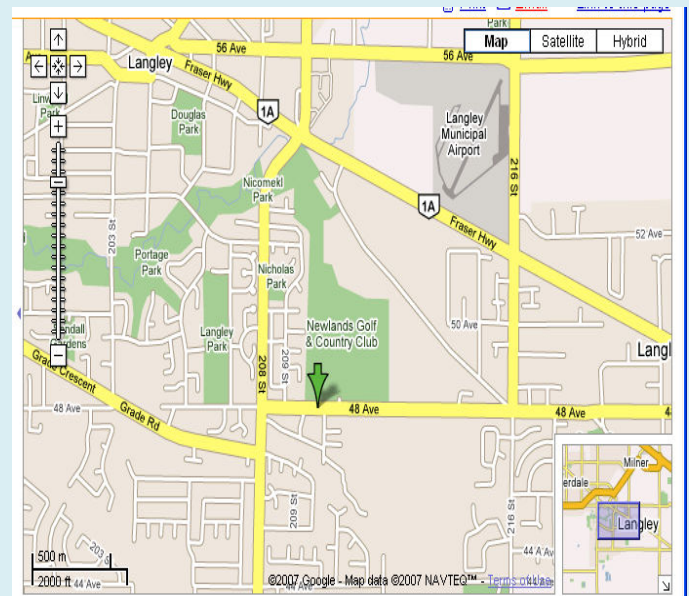
Place: Newlands Golf and Country Club
 21025 48th Avenue, Langley

Cost: Members: \$30
 Non Members \$45
 Students: \$20

Register:
 The website registration will send a pdf file of your registration. (<http://www.apics-fraservalley.org/dinner-meetings/>) If you do not have a default e-mail system installed please contact our Director of Programs at programs@apics-fraservalley.org. Please provide your Name, Company, Phone Number and membership category.

Please register prior to Monday September 22nd to ensure that you have a reserved seat.

How to get there?



Fall 2008 Education

Basics of Supply Chain Management

When: Tuesday Evenings
Where: Freybe Gourmet Foods (Aldergrove)

Explore the basic concepts in managing the flow of materials in a supply chain. In the Basics, you get a complete overview of material flow, from internal and external suppliers to and from your organization.

Topics include:

- Elements of the Supply Chain
- Just-in-Time (JIT)
- Total Quality Management (TQM)
- Manufacturing Resources Planning (MRP II)
- Demand Planning
- Capacity Management

Master Planning of Resources

When: Thursday Evenings

Where: IMW Industries (Chilliwack)

Explore the processes used to develop sales and operations plans and identify and assess internal and external demand and forecasting requirements. The course focuses on the importance of producing achievable master schedules that are consistent with business policies, objectives, and resource constraints. Topics include:

- Demand Management
- Sales and Operations Planning
- Master Scheduling
- Measuring Business Performance
- Detailed Scheduling and Planning

Focus on the various techniques for material and capacity scheduling. Study detailed descriptions of material requirements planning (MRP), capacity requirements planning (CRP), inventory management practices, and procurement and supplier planning. Topics include:

- Recognizing Techniques and Practices of Inventory Management
- Mechanics of the Detailed Material Planning Process
- Planning Operations to Support the Priority Plan
- Planning Procurement and External Sources of Supply.

For more information on these courses please contact the Education Director education@apics-fraservalley.org