

Vermont Midrange User Group



VTMUG Newsletter #2 - June 20, 2016

To VTMUG Members,

Plans for our annual Technical Conference have been finalized!

We have an excellent speaker line up, the session grid is complete, and on line registration is open; so save Thursday September 22, 2016 for VTMUG's annual event!

See below for more information and stay tuned for updates!

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Annual Technical Conference Thursday September 22, 2016

The VTMUG Board would like to invite to attend the **12th annual VTMUG IBM i Technical Conference** to be held on **Thursday Sept 22, 2016**, at the **DoubleTree Burlington** just off I-89 Exit 14 on Williston Rd.

And back by popular demand...

Win a Free Registration to the 2017 Spring or Fall RPG & DB2 Summit

VTMUG will be giving away a free registration (\$1500 value) to the Spring or Fall (winner's choice) 2017 RPG and DB2 Summit - Dates to be announced. Detailed information is available on the [Conference Web Site](#).

More Time for Networking and Socializing with Peers and Vendors

The Board has decided the new conference format is a winner and will do it again this year. This means lots of time to network with other conference attendees and speakers, and at the end of the conference there will be the usual fun prize drawings followed by the post conference social. We are also planning to expand the Vendor Showcase so you will have the opportunity to interact with more vendors.

New conference format:

1. The conference sessions will begin at 8:45 am
2. Breaks between sessions will be 30 minutes
3. Lunch will be 1 hr 15 minutes
4. VTMUG will host a Post Conference Social from 4:00 – 6:00 pm
(Most likely unhealthy snacks and munchies will be served)

Special Guest Speakers from Rochester, MN and Toronto, Canada

Tom McKinley - DB2 and SQL Expert from IBM's Rochester, MN IBM i Lab Services

Jon Paris and Susan Gantner – RPG, ILE, and XML experts from System i Developer and Partner400

Win a Free Registration to the 2017 NEUGC

VTMUG will be giving away a free registration (\$550 value) to the 2017 North East User Group Conference to be held at the Sheraton hotel in Framingham, MA April 10-12, 2017. Detailed information is available on the [Conference Web Site](#).

Register early and Double your chances to win the RPG & DB2 Summit or NEUGC registration.

Register for the conference on or before Monday August 29th and you will receive two chances to win the RPG & DB2 Summit or NEUGC registration. Register after August 29th and receive one chance to win.

Exciting Conference Lineup

In addition to Tom McKinley, Jon Paris, and Susan Gantner; home-grown Vermont speakers Ryan Eberly, Brian Garland, and Skip Marchesani will be presenting sessions.

Detailed conference information can be found at the following links:

[Conference Flyer](#)

[Session Grid](#)

[Session Abstracts](#)

[Speaker Bios](#)

[Conference Registration](#)

Note: To register for the conference you will have to login to or join the VTMUG membership database, and if you are receiving this note you are already a member. If you have forgotten your user ID, send an email note to the address listed below and Skip will reply and let you know what it is. If you have forgotten your password, you can request a password reset via the login page.

If you have any questions, send an email note to smarches@warwick.net or call Skip at 802-272-4844.

New VTMUG Board Member

Wendy Ross-Atwood joined the VTMG Board in February. A graduate of the University of Vermont, Wendy is a Senior Database Administrator for SQL Server and DB2 for “i” employed by Vermont Student Assistance Corporation. Her non-traditional entrance into the world of software engineering began as a Quality Assurance Tester, and migrated through Systems Analyst, Project Manager, Database Analyst to Database Administration. Outside of database programming, Wendy has also developed in Java and 2e. When her hands aren't in technology Wendy can be found teaching a fitness class, riding her horse, on a century bike ride or enjoying her family.

Other VTMUG Business

Membership

We do not actively solicit members or charge an annual membership fee. Instead, anyone that registers for a VTMUG event – the annual Joint VTMUG–NHMUG meeting in June or the annual technical conference in September – automatically becomes a VTMUG member. Currently we have just under 200 members in our database.

VTMUG Needs a Conference Photographer

One thing we have tried to do in the past – with varying levels of success because of other conference commitments - is to take pictures at the VTMUG events to post on social media. So this year we're looking for a person who can focus on and will be dedicated to picture taking!

So if you are a reasonably good photographer (or even not so good) and have the equipment – a good digital camera or phone with good picture resolution – and would like to be our conference photographer, please send an email note or call me at the contact info listed at the end of this newsletter.

VTMUG is Looking for Volunteers

VTMUG is always looking for volunteers to help with the conference or serve on our Board of Directors – either as an officer or a Member at Large. If you know of anyone that is interested, please feel free to send an email note or call me to discuss at the contact info is listed below.

Exhibitor Information

VTMUG would like to invite exhibitors to join us for the 12th annual [VTMUG](#) (Vermont Mid-Range User Group) Technical Conference to be held on Thursday, September 22nd, 2016 **at the DoubleTree in South Burlington, Vermont**. The Doubletree is a great venue with a large room that facilities networking, dining and vendors booths.

We've found the open format promotes more vendor interaction. This year we're expecting 50-65 IBM i professionals. Space is limited to six vendors so don't delay and the fee for a six foot table is \$300 and includes power and internet access.

To reserve your space please contact

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See you at the conference!

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