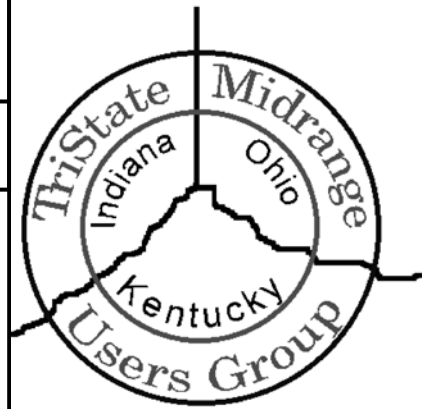


TSM Voice

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About our May Speaker

Carole is a Sr. Software Engineer in the iSeries Client Integration area in the Rochester, Minnesota laboratory. Carole has held a variety of programming, management, and planning roles on Rochester-developed products. Since 1988, Carole has mainly focused on client integration technologies, and frequently writes articles for iSeries technical magazines. She currently provides support for the iSeries Client Access family of products.

Get Ready for a new TSMUG!

By Nancy Chance

I would like to thank everyone that attended our last meeting. After the bountiful meal of salad and pizza, the group got down to discussing how TSMUG can change to better accommodate our community. Below are the highlights of our discussion. We also nominated persons for next year's Board of Directors. Implementing the changes to our group operations will be the main focus of our new Board.

- Meeting Calendar – change to meet 4 times a year plus the annual Vendor Show.
- Membership fee – change to \$25 for individual and \$100 for corporate with unlimited members.
- Meeting format – change to 5:30 – 6:30 Networking, 6:30 – 7:30 Dinner, 7:30 – 9:00 Meeting.
- Meeting Topics – Suggested were: Case studies of member companies, Best practices, Panel discussions, Tips and techniques presented by members and Educational seminars. We will not allow direct vendor sales presentations. Vendors must present an overview of market-leading products or services.
- Meeting place/food – It was suggested that the group vary it's meeting place, perhaps meeting in Northern Kentucky and Ohio.

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May Meeting Info...

Topic: iSeries Navigator
and Operations Navigator

Speaker: Carole Miner,
IBM Rochester

Also: TSMUG Board of Directors
Election

Date: May 9, 2002

Where: Raffel's Banquet Hall
10160 Reading Rd.
Evendale, Ohio 45241

Time: 5:30 – 6:00 Networking
6:00 – 6:45 Dinner
6:45 – 8:30 Meeting

Cost: \$17.00 Members
\$22.00 Non-members
Free to 1st time attendees

Make your reservation before Noon,
Monday, May 6, 2002
by calling 513-357-6173 or send email to
WallmanPJ@aol.com

A 24 hour notice of cancellation is required.

**Door Prize – 4 tickets to Reds
game (great Blue seats)**

Nominees for 2002 – 2003 TSMUG Board of Directors

President – Sissy Starr

Sissy has been involved in IBM Midrange software development for 25 years. After attending college at Duke University, Sissy joined the Marine Corps and attended IBM's technical schools for the "up-to-date" technical applications and techniques in the Midrange field.

After leaving the military, Sissy has worked around the world in the Midrange field and is currently, a Project Lead with General Cable Corp. here in the Cincinnati area. Sissy assisted in getting the OCEAN400 Midrange Users Group started in Cerritos, CA.

Executive Vice President – Lee Van Dyke

Lee has been a supporter of TSMUG this year and in the past. Lee is presently employed at General Revenue Corporation.

Vice President of Education – Clayton Lee

Clay has been involved in IBM midrange software development for 15 years. He has also been involved with Cincinnati State for over 10 years building their AS/400 and I-series offerings.

Over the last three years, Clay has been working with IBM alliance group at Whittman-Hart, marchFIRST, and Meritage Technologies with a focus on application development around WebSphere. He and his family reside in Bridgetown, Ohio.

Vice President of Membership – Open

If you are interested in this position, please contact us at 513-357-6173 or email ncchance@zncinc.com.

Treasurer – Paul Musselman

Paul has served in a number of positions in various organizations: he was newsletter editor for this organization 2 years ago. Several years ago he served for several years on a "Washington [New Jersey] Celebrates America" committee. We ran Washington, New Jersey's Fourth of July celebration—a parade, fair, band concert, and fireworks. He was in charge of recruiting groups for the parade, defacing public property (ie painting unit numbers on a street), and lining up the parade.

Paul's experience on the AS/400 goes back to when the AS/400 was the System/38; back when the text editor didn't work on a copy of your document, it worked on the one and only version. That made one very careful to back up early and often! Paul is currently the only full-time AS/400 tech support person for 4 (soon to be 3) AS/400s.

Paul's free time activities include model railroading and mowing the lawn. As a side note, Paul states his qualifications for office as "My checkbook balances". (Paul also serves as our meeting "Game Master".)

Secretary – Sue Clement

Sue began her career as an IBM Systems Engineer and then Marketing Rep in midrange systems. She then founded Synapse Corporation in 1979. Sue has been a software developer and analyst on all of the IBM midrange systems. She focuses on ERP in the manufacturing industry, and has extensive knowledge of many ERP solutions.

Sue attended Xavier University and still remains a huge basketball fan. Sue and her husband, John, have two grown children, that they love to visit in New York and Europe.

Sue has been a member of the user group for the past three years, and is especially interested in seeing it continue and grow.

Duties of each office

The duties for each office are listed in our group regulations. These can be accessed on our web site, www.tsmug.org.

AS/400 V5R1 Maximum Capacities

By Nancy Chance

While surfing the IBM web site recently, I found an IBM Software Technical Document listing the limits or maximum values corresponding to OS/400 V5R1. Exceeding system limitations can cause havoc on applications or even cause a system outage. Administrators and application developers can potentially avoid these problems by being aware of the system limitations and maximum capacities in advance. Below are a few of the items in the official list.

- Most columns in a table (number of fields in a record) – 8,000.
- Maximum number of parameters in a function – 90.
- Maximum number of parameters in a procedure – 254.
- Maximum size of an index (number of bytes in an access path) – 1 terabyte.
- Most rows in a table (number of records in a database physical file) – 4,294,967,288.
- Longest index key (number of key fields in a database file) – 120.
- Most indexes on a table (number of access paths on a database physical file member) – 4,000.
- Maximum number of members in a physical or logical file – 32,767.
- Maximum number of database objects that can be in use at one time – 500,000.
- Maximum size of a single journal receiver – 1 terabyte.
- Maximum length of a single journal entry (bytes) – 4,000,000,000.
- Maximum number of objects that can be associated with one journal – 250,000.
- Maximum number of objects allowed on a single APYHRNCHG or RMVJRNCHG command – 65,535.
- Maximum number of communications objects that can be varied online at IPL – 32,767.
- Maximum number of interactive devices per subsystem – 25,000
- Recommended maximum number of devices allocated to an interactive or communications subsystem – 250 to 300.
- Maximum number of jobs on the system – 485,000.

- Maximum number of active subsystems – 32,767.
- Maximum number of jobs in a subsystem – 32,767.
- Maximum number of prestart jobs initially started when subsystem started – 9,999.
- Maximum number of active memory storage pools – 64.

More on the new TSMUG

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- Meeting fees - The fee to attend a meeting without dinner will be \$5.00. Dinner with meeting fees will vary based on the total meeting cost (food, speaker, hall, etc.). Non-members will pay a higher fee. Member fees will be honored for members of other user groups. We will no longer offer a 1st time attendee free. Meeting fees will always be published in advance of the meeting.
- Vendor Show – In order to hold the show it will need leadership and a committee (volunteers!).
- Newsletter changes – suggestions were to: eliminate hard copy mailings except to members, provide electronic copy on the web site and by email, may do a monthly post card to everyone on the mailing list (620 folks!).
- Job postings – The group will not allow these.
- Web site hosting & maintenance – Bruce Hobbs, with Netburg Internet Services will continue to provide us with free hosting. We had a few complaints that the site was slow, Bruce has made some changes to improve this. Nancy Chance is currently maintaining the site.
- None of these changes require a change to group Regulations.
- TSMUG will continue to be a member of COMMON.

That sums up the main points of the meeting. Everyone agrees that addressing these items will pave the way for a new TSMUG. Join us for a meeting and share your experiences in working with the latest technologies. Help TSMUG be all it can be.

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