

The Regular Quarterly Meeting of the Midwest User Group was called to order at 10:06 a.m. on Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at Pilot Pete's Restaurant located in Schaumburg, Illinois. Calvin Dekker and Mark Olbrantz served as moderator for addressing opening business.

It was noted that the group is now entering its 20<sup>th</sup> year.

Calvin reviewed the important dates coming up for the next three quarters' meetings as well the upcoming Insights Conference:

Insights (Las Vegas); April 26/27 (extended classes) Regular Conference: April 28-30  
Quarter Two; May 16, 2014  
Quarter Three; August 15, 2014  
Quarter Four; November 14, 2014

Mark and Calvin highlighted the weekend classes at Insights. Feedback overall for those session is very positive in terms of knowledge sharing and appropriate time allotments.

Fred Zelhart of CodaBears, Inc. provided the first training session regarding SQL. His presentation included an introduction to SQL. It was pointed out that developing a solid understanding of SQL will be essential as an announcement was made that future versions will be on a SQL database. Highlights of the session included:

- SQL is a backend database. Users can store more than Epicor database, can have multiple databases. i.e. Epicor training, Epicor production – version of pretty much anything (i.e. Quickbooks) that stores on SQL.
- SSAS (SQL server analysis services). Let's user run queries, let's user do cubes (i.e. like Executive management in Epicor). Analysis services lets you combine data (including data from separate databases) – could even combine Progress data, SQL data, etc.
- SSIS (SQL server integration services). Power to work with files and power to work with databases, can write custom code inside.
- SSRS (SQL services report services). Reports are great inside of SQL. A great deal of power in SQL services – it's a web based service (Firefox, Chrome, IE, etc.).
- SQL management studio. Manage schedules for reports, analysis integration, etc. Can write stored procedures, functions, etc..
- Needing to do reports and easily. Two options – both free with SQL. Click once applications usually works better within IE. Other tool is business intelligence development studio. This allows to be working with multiple reports, can test without affecting live – can then deploy.

A copy of the presentation is provided at the end of the minutes.

After the break for lunch and networking, the meeting reconvened with a presentation conducted by Ryan King from Power Solutions International on the DMT (Data Management Tool).

Ryan noted that PSI is an organization that uses DMT a great deal – acquisitions of other companies, etc. He also explained what PSI does: complete drop in power solutions from design to application. They

take engines (wide array of engines) and set them for a greener future. Core is power generation for a variety of applications. Identified a global shift to alternative fuel fleets. For example, market in China is exploding as they look to improve emissions. Also have engine application on-highway. Some of the highlights of his presentation included:

- Quote to live by “don’t mistake activity with achievement.” John Wooden
- Data Management Tool. Highly recommend using the DMT upgrading/migrating systems.
- Noted the actual DMT manual is only 14 pages – indicative of a very simple process. Available on web.
- Great piece of template builder is that it automatically includes all the required fields

Calvin Dekker mentioned that DMT can be used for EDI. As long as data is in the right format DMT can be automated to process. Mark Olbrantz commented that companies with whom he has spoken may have purchased the DMT for a migration but continue to use long after.

Calvin Dekker of CodaBears Inc. gave the final presentation of the day: Inspection Procedure. A copy of the presentation is appended to the minutes and highlights are as follows:

- What’s required: Inspectors and Reasons. Reasons tie into GL, do get finance team involved in setting up reason codes.
- First articles – can be set up as looking at first piece that comes off job. With a BPM can set up so that process can’t continue without that inspection
- Keep reason codes simple – fill out comments if you want to get super detailed

Following the presentation, the floor was opened for general questions and topics. Some requests for next meeting topics included:

- Possible presentation Ivette Camcraft – IQS Quality
- Job Management
- Scheduling (getting to the info you need to make informed schedule)
- Visual Studio
- Corrective Action (through interpretive dance)
- Customizing MES – write BAQ show operations and jobs, passed to the BAQ what department that person logging in – display what they should be working in... color code it
- Latest version of mapping Tie E-vision

The meeting concluded at 2:45 p.m.

The next regular scheduled Epicor Midwest User Group Quarterly Meeting is scheduled Friday, May 14, 2014