

# Meeting Handout 12/9/17

## **Dumb Baby Products**

The author of this slideshow is obviously a season Mom who is fed up with all the products she considers dumb. Some, I'm sure you will agree with like the Poopy Dipper Alarm which she feels you will smell before the alarm goes off. Others maybe not, while others still might give you inspiration or give you second thoughts regarding one of your projects. <http://bit.ly/2BGzens>

## **Holiday Discount**

Yes, even the Florida Venture Capital Conference is in the holiday spirit. They are giving a \$100.00 discount if you register by 12/14/17 for their annual conference that is being held on January 29th and 30th 2018 at the Marriot Harbor Beach Resort in Fort Lauderdale.

I have been to their conferences before and it is an educational experience. Sure we hear all the time not to say certain things like, "...if we only get 10% of that market..." but it makes quite an impression when everyone around you, as if on cue, completely ignores the speaker after that comment. Here is a link to your Holiday Savings <http://bit.ly/2nATHYO>

## **A Marriage Made In Inventor Heaven**

Ahhh, I remember it well when The Grommet first started. It was the dream of 2 determined women who wanted to create a market place for independent inventors. The next thing I knew they were growing by leaps and bounds. They were probably the only commercial listing site that did. Why? They were very particular and only sold products that they would buy.

Now Ace Hardware has bought a huge share of the company and has started promoting the products the Grommet sold in Ace Hardware stores. I did some digging and found out that Ace is quite inventor friendly. Here is an article to get you started. <http://bit.ly/2krFGvx>

## **Simulate Rotational Molding**

Smooth-On is one of my favorite companies. They make all sorts of pourable plastics that you can use to make prototypes. They also have a ton of educational materials to teach you how to use their products. They just came out with a new quick setting product that can be rotated by hand to create strong yet hollow parts.

Let's say you plan to use blow molding or rotational molding to manufacture a part in production but you want to test your idea, now, in your garage. Noooo problem. Here is a link to this great new product. <http://bit.ly/2nyJQ5E>

Oh, I should warn you, Smooth-On is really into theatrical uses for their products. So you are going to see a lot of monsters instead of gears but they work well on anything you can imagine.

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