

Meeting Handout For May 2016

A very good friend of our group, Steven Greenberg, has contacted me about a new TV show that is looking for inventors. Steve, aka "The Gadget Guy" is the author of Gadget Nation and a well known celebrity on day time TV. He is a regular visitor on the Today Show and others. He also had a hit show on PBS called the Invention Hunters

<http://www.foodnetwork.com/shows/invention-hunters.html> below is what he sent me.

A new TV Show is looking for the next great wave of American inventors. If you've got an invention, or even an early stage idea for an invention, we want to hear from you.

Ideas and inventions will be selected by a panel of experts and will appear on a national television show. The show will also help arrange funding for your product to be manufactured and marketed and sold nationally in a well known and highly respected American retail giant.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to realize your dreams of turning your idea into the next big American invention.

If you're interested, send us a brief paragraph telling us a little about your invention and how you came up with the idea. Include pictures if possible. Also tell us a little about yourself, your family, where you live, etc. Make sure you include your contact information.

We hope to hear from you soon and possibly make you a celebrity inventor.

Email: searchforinvention@gmail.com

And Yet Another Show Looking For Inventors and Makers

The maker movement is alive and well and getting some serious notice from the media. Intel is now casting for season 2 of www.americasgreatestmakers.com. There is a flyer available at the meeting.

We are talking some serious money here. Several runner ups will get One Hundred Thousand Dollars each while the winner will walk away with **One Million Dollars!** Now that's worth looking into.

Make 48 Update

We mentioned Make 48 <http://make48.com/> before. It is a competition where teams get a bunch of stuff and have to solve a problem, make a video and give a pitch for the product they develop for the glory, recognition and Cash Prizes, which sounds like incredible fun. This year it is being

held in Washington DC on June 10th through the 12th. There is a great lineup of speakers so even if you don't compete it is well worth the trip.

Rapid 3D Event

One of the professional societies that I belong to is running a trade show here in Orlando May 16th through the 19th. This is purported to be THE 3D rapid prototyping and manufacturing event of the year. There is a charge for Non-Members but it is very reasonable. Here is a link to the show and their pricing page, <http://rapid3devent.com/> <http://rapid3devent.com/event-pricing/>

Product Testing For Fun And Profit

While searching the internet for something else, I ran across an interesting site. These people do in home testing of products for companies both large and small. This may be useful for us as inventors, to get 3rd party validation for a product we want to pitch to a major company. They eat this stuff up!

It may also be an interesting and possibly lucrative side line for an inventor who might need some extra cash until their ship comes in. It may also give you some insight as to where some industries are headed. However, I am sure there are strict confidentiality and non-compete practices in place so beware. You may just sign away your rights to something you have been working on. I have not done much research on the site but here it is anyway.

<https://american-consumer-panels.com/home8529076>

Open Innovation Portal

Now, if only you had a way to present your unbelievably fantastic game changing energy invention to a major company... Well, Here It Is !

Yes, that's right, there are tons of sites where you can present your inventions to major companies but they all have strict requirements and they are Not looking for incremental improvements. Let's face it, they hire the brightest and the best that they can find to invent all sorts of stuff in house. So when they look outside the company they are looking for something their team would never think of. Here is a link to one such site.

<http://www.shell.com/energy-and-innovation/innovating-together/shell-gamechanger.html>

Men Make Women Fat

Yes, now there is scientific proof that the women around us men gain weight just because they are around us. Once this gets out we will never live it down. So to prepare our members who just so happen to be of the male persuasion, I have included a link to the study.

Ok, it was only done with laboratory mice but that is where all good science starts. We must be prepared and possibly find a way to refute their evidence before this gets to the main stream media or gentlemen ... we are doomed.

<http://www.biotechniques.com/news/biotechniquesNews/biotechniques-364322.html>

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