

INVENTOR'S UPDATE

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**Is the Message of Your Invention Really Getting Across to Others?
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July 1st: Kim Sayre and RJ Robinson, UK Center for Manufacturing

JOIN US AT THE CENTRAL KENTUCKY INVENTORS COUNCIL ON TUESDAY, JULY 1st at 6:30p.m.:

Do you ever need a prototype or part made for your invention, but didn't know where to go or how to go about it? Then you won't want to miss our next CKIC meeting, featuring Kim Sayre and RJ Robinson from the UK Center for Manufacturing right here in Lexington.



Kim manages a team of industrial extension specialists and coordinates with engineering faculty to respond to manufacturers and entrepreneurs needs. R.J. has expertise in rapid prototyping (SLA, Vacuum Casting), machining (manual and CNC), injection molding, quality, and reverse engineering for industry clients, entrepreneurs and UK faculty researchers.



Kim Sayre is the Engineering Services Manager & Assistant Director at the University of Kentucky Center for Manufacturing. She is the primary point of contact for access to the services of the center. R.J. Robinson is currently manager of the Technical Services Group and has expertise and years of experience with the technologies in his areas of responsibility, bringing a thorough understanding of day-to-day shop floor realities.

Learn About:

- Rapid Prototyping**
- Machining**
- Injection Molding**
- Reverse Engineering**

When: Tuesday, July 1st, 2008
Where: Bluegrass Area Development Center, 699 Perimeter Drive, Lexington KY
Time: Doors open for networking at 6:30pm, Meeting begins at 7:00pm

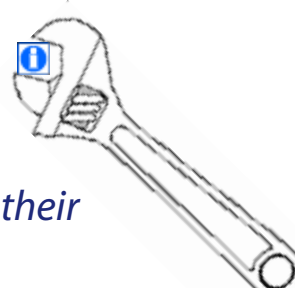
July 8th: Inventor's Workshop (for CKIC Members Only!)

Join Us For Our Monthly, Members-Only - Inventors Workshop



Hosted by CKIC President Emeritus **DON WEST**

- This workshop is designed to help the inventor move from the idea stage through the invention process, by allowing for inventors to discuss and learn from constructive information concerning their ideas in a free and unencumbered, legally binding format.



This Meeting is Open to CKIC Members Only

Not a Member? Come and join us: Membership is only \$40/yr
 Where? Bluegrass Development Center, 699 Perimeter Drive.
 Call 859-201-1311 Or Contact us at info@ckic.org .



Do you have a great idea for an invention? Find out what you can do!

July 15th: Entrepreneurs Roundtable at Bob Evans

Connect at the CKIC Entrepreneurs Roundtable



Is your invention at or nearing the commercialization stage?
 Are you now reaching the "business" phase and want to hear from others that have?
 Are you an entrepreneur looking for new products to add to your line?
 Do you have a valuable product or service that would be beneficial to inventors or entrepreneurs?



The CKIC Entrepreneurs Roundtable is an informal meeting and networking session to provide market-stage inventors, entrepreneurs and others a chance to exchange ideas and benefit from other's experiences. Hosted by Don Skaggs. If you are bringing your invention to this stage, or could provide a valuable service to those who are, please join us at 6:30 on Tuesday, July 15th at the Bob Evans on Richmond Rd near New Circle.

Our Next Entrepreneurs Roundtable is -

When: Tuesday, July 15th, 2008
Where: Bob Evans Restaurant, 2566 Richmond Rd, Lexington KY
Time: 6:30pm



Step Back to Step Forward: Bamboo Bikes

Bamboo Bicycles: An Old Material in a New Idea

According to an article in Fortune Small Business (February, 2008) Craig Calfee's "a-ha moment" was when he realized the strength of bamboo while using a stick of the stuff to lift his 60-pound dog, who had gripped it playfully in his jaws.

That experience led Calfee, a maker of elite carbon-fiber bicycles, to wonder whether bamboo could support human riders. He spent a week cutting, smoking, and gluing the material into a bicycle frame, then rolled the prototype into a trade show. That was in 1996.



Today Calfee Design, based in La Selva Beach, Calif., sells the bamboo bikes, whose frames weigh just four pounds, for \$2,695 each. They account for more than a quarter of its \$1 million in annual sales.

"Serious bikers like them because they're high-performance frames," says Calfee, 45. "Environmentally conscious people like them because making them burns less carbon."

His next step brings his bikes to Ghana, in western Africa, to teach local craftsmen how to utilize their abundant bamboo. The endeavor is philanthropic, but Calfee hopes African framemakers will profit from his design.

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