



TENNESSEE INVENTORS ASSOCIATION

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Forthcoming Meeting, January 21, 2006

Our forthcoming meeting will have TIA member, **Thomas A. Kulaga** speaking. His presentation and biography are presented below.

Local patent attorney **Tom Kulaga** will be making a presentation at the TIA January meeting. The presentation, titled "Patents: The Why and How," will cover why an inventor would want a patent (including why an inventor would not want a patent) and how to get a patent if one is desired. The presentation will include an overview of the types of patents and the steps required to obtain a patent. Provisional and non-provisional patent applications will be discussed. The presentation concludes with patent strategies based upon the inventor's needs, desires, and budget.

Biographical Information:

Thomas Kulaga is a patent attorney in Knoxville, Tennessee. Tom obtained an electrical engineering degree from Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville, and he worked as a field and construction engineer for 19 years before he decided to become a patent attorney. As an engineer, Tom loved the challenge and excitement of working on new projects. He finds that practicing patent law and working with inventors and helping them protect their ideas and inventions is similarly challenging and exciting.

In 2005, Tom opened his own firm, Knox Patents: Kulaga Law Office, PLLC, to better serve his clients. Tom has experience in preparing and prosecuting patent applications in a variety of technologies. He has worked on patent applications for electrical and electronic systems and equipment, computer hardware and software, optical devices, mechanical systems and equipment, medical equipment, and various other devices. Tom enjoys speaking and has given presentations on provisional patent applications and other patent subjects to various companies and associations. Tom is an active member of the Tennessee Intellectual Property Law Association. Tom may be reached at Ph 865 470 4212, or TKulaga@KnoxPatents.com.

Past Meeting, December 17, 2005

The December 17, 2005 meeting was an outstanding success. We had four outstanding presentations and coffee and cookies. The net result is that we extended our meeting from the normal 2 hours to 3 1/2 hours, and very few people left early. In addition, we had an election for the TIA Officers for 2006. The list of new officers is tabulated below.

The first speaker was **Sandra Webster**, who discussed her patented and marketed, "Right Angle Template", used to teach students how to measure angles and do graphing. The second speaker was **Danny Browning**, who discussed his patented and marketed device, "The Clear Cut", which allows you to cut holes in ceilings without spreading cuttings all over the room. The third speaker was **Terry Carpenter**, who discussed his invention, "The Bible Brain Bookcase", which teaches students electronically the order of the books of the Bible. The fourth speaker was **Martin Skinner**, who described his Koil Kaddy, to store garden hose.

Forthcoming Second Meeting, February 18, 2006

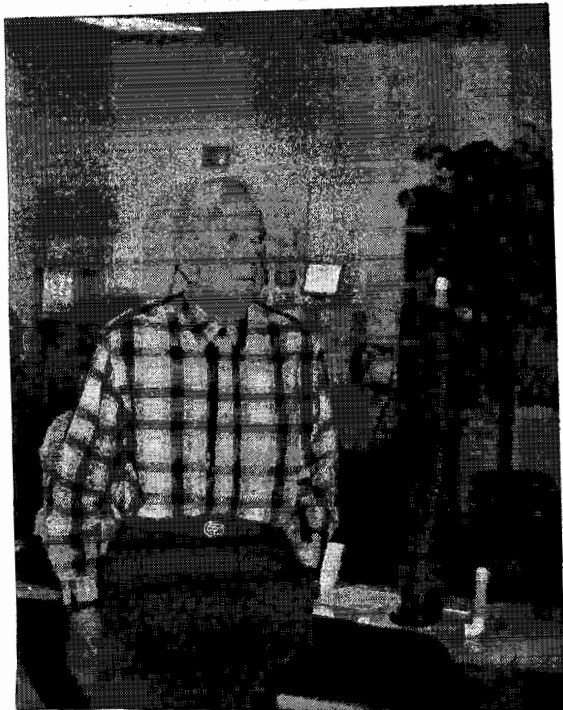
We have been told that the local venture capitalist, **Otto Wheeley**, will speak. He has recovered from his stroke and heart attack of the past November, 2005.

Forthcoming Third Meeting, March 18, 2006

Inventor **Charles Gibbs** will talk on several of his successfully patented and commercialized inventions. These include a device to detect and evaluate gum disease, a device for climbing ropes for cave explorers,



Danny Browning - The Clear Cut



Martin Skinner - Koil Kaddy



Terry Carpenter - Bible Brain Bookcase



Sandra Webster - Right Angle Template



Right Angle Template