

Next Public Meeting - Wednesday, Dec 7, 2011

6:30 Networking - 7:00 Meeting - Meetings are at the [Enterprise Center at STCC](#) - Springfield, MA.
Agenda: 6:30 - 7 Networking 7-7:15 Announcements 7:15-8:00+ Speaker,
*Public Meetings are **free** for members and now free for the public (non-members)!

Public Meeting Speaker - Dec. 7 - Engineer Neshan Daglian



Atlas Copco Mine Drilling Rig

Our Dec. speaker will be Neshan Daglian (aka "Dag") an experienced Engineer who spent much of his career at Atlas Copco, a world leader in everything from air compressors to mining equipment. He has served in various capacities from product engineer and test engineer to engineering manager.

The meeting will also feature expanded refreshments - we hear a rumor that even shrimp may be on the menu! We will also allow time for some one to one networking.

C'mon down and hobnob with your fellow innovators!

Door Prizes and Expanded Refreshments!

Not only is the meeting free - but you are likely to walk out with a full stomach AND one of our many door prizes! Yes, once again we celebrate another year of IRN with some good eats and numerous useful items to be given away. Your odds of winning are extremely good, so come on down!

October Public Meeting Recap

We were pleased to have Patent Attorney Michael A. Blake address our Meeting. Michael was able to fill us in on the major changes in the new patent law, commonly called the America Invents Act.

Members who want to learn more should download and listen to the podcast of Michael's talk. In addition, innovators needing patent attorney services can contact Michael directly through his web site at:

<http://www.blake-ip.com/>

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<http://hearth.com/podcast/irn/podcast.xml>

Short Review - Steve Jobs Bio

My daughter presented me with a copy of the new Steve Jobs bio last month, and I finished it within a week. Steve has always been one of my personal heroes and although I had read a lot of material on Apple and him (and Woz), it was nice to find most of it all in one book. In addition to most of the previously written material, the book includes a lot about his parents and his childhood. Additional sections at the end take us right up to his death earlier this year.



The book leaves little doubt that Jobs is one of the ultimate innovators of our time - right up there with Edison, Henry Ford and other such giants. It quickly becomes clear what it takes to achieve such results! This is a man who would not take no for an answer - a person who not only would make the necessary phone call at a critical juncture in his business, but literally took thousands of such actions in order to achieve his ends. Frank Purdue, of chicken fame, once famously said "It takes a tough man to make a tender chicken", a saying which would pertain to Steve Jobs 10X over.

Many might find themselves cringing as Jobs uses his mean streak to belittle inferior products and work. In his eyes, a product was either perfect or "it sucks". His legacy is that he never was satisfied by less than the best and wanted all his products to meet his creed of not just good, not great, but "insanely great".

(written by Craig Issod, IRN Member)

