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Annual OMNI Golf Outing on July 17



The 10th Annual Omni User Golf Outing is now just a week away! It's going to happen on Tuesday, July 15th, at the Willow Crest Golf Course in Oak Brook. We'll have a great time and hope you'll join us for loads of networking and fun.

This year we've moved the outing a bunch east and north to a more central location, close to where we meet for our monthly Dinner Meetings. It's a beautiful setting, and convenient to most everyone. If you've been to one or more of the 9 previous Omni User Golf Outings, you know what a great networking experience can be had while also having some fun with your Omni friends. Take a break in the lovely, serene rolling hills, lakes and forests of Oak Brook along with many other OMNIites

and guests. Shoot the breeze and have a ball, play serious or take the fall, you'll have it all at this wonderful course and who better to spend the day with on the golf course than those who can feel your pain or appreciate your fame.

Worried about your score? Don't, the scramble format will guarantee fun for all. And the contest holes are arranged as to give the average golfer a good chance at winning. Don't miss this event! Get a foursome together or sign-up yourself, but act now; we have a limited number of openings.

Please head to the Omni site at <http://omniuser.org> to register your foursome or yourself! (it's fine if you're on your own, we'll get you set up with a great foursome!)

Our tee time is set for 9:00 AM, but be there by 8:30 when registration will open. Willow Crest Golf Course is located at 3500 Midwest Road in Oak Brook. The cost of \$85.00 (per person) includes your green fee, cart, goodie bag, chances to win prizes and dinner! We will use a scramble format, each foursome plays as a team. Stick around for a raffle full of great prizes for both avid golfers and those who just come for the fun. Bring a foursome, or register individually. Cancellations will be accepted up to 7 days prior to the event.

You'll love this day of camaraderie, and you'll have the chance to win prizes. Contests include winning foursome (low net score) and most honest (????) foursome. In case of lightning, bring your one-iron.

(Do you know why they call it "golf?" See page 3 for the answer.)



June Dinner Meeting

At the June Pizza Party Dinner Meeting, a large crowd of Omni members enjoyed two informative presentations on ILE and Patterns from Scott Klement, along with a Pizza, Salad and Cookies. Scott's presentations were very well received and showed how ILE can be used to adapt monolithic programs to a new Model / View / Controller architected world. Scott's presentations are available at the Downloads page of the OMNI

User web page, <http://omniuser.org/> A big round of Omni thanks and applause goes to Scott Klement!

Marketing 101

OMNI readers remember the big announcement back in April, when IBM announced the merger of the i and p-series. About rebranding these machines.... "Power Systems Family" just doesn't seem, well, sexy enough. So I offer the following thoughts to IBM; they're free to use them without charge or attribution.

Since they're combining the system i and system p, why not call it the System pi, and if we're willing to go there, how about System π ? And then, when they're bored, they can rebrand it AS/3.14? Like I said, feel free...

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New Museum Opens In Nearby Kenosha

Partly personal, as Paul Harvey would say...



This past month a new Civil War museum opened on the lakefront in beautiful downtown Kenosha, Wisconsin. Yes, Kenosha, and no, no Civil War battles were fought anywhere nearby. The focus of this museum is the impact of the Civil War upon the citizens of the six states of the Upper Midwest, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa, Minnesota, and Indiana. These states sent hundreds of thousands of their young men off to war, and the burdens of everyday life had to be borne by those left behind. Their stories will be told in the primary exhibit, “The Fiery Trial”, which will show scenes of life in the Midwest from the 1850s through the war. Among other activities, you’ll be able to sit next to talking mannequins in a railroad car and hear them talk about going off to

war, and hear them on a steamboat when returning from battle.

The CWM is an easy hour or so drive from the Chicago area, a nice, economical day trip in this day of \$4.25 gasoline. It’s located at 5400 First Avenue, which for you automotive buffs, happens to be the site of the former Nash/AMC/Chrysler assembly plant. As an added bonus, come on the 1st, 3rd, or 5th Sunday of the month between 12:00 and 2:30, and you’ll be greeted by your friendly OMNI editor. Fair warning: “The Fiery Trial” exhibit isn’t open yet – it’s scheduled to be completed in late September, but I suggest you check www.thecivilwarmuseum.org before you come.

From Page 1: Do you know why they call it “golf?” Because s*** was taken.

The Year 1908

This is another one of those things that goes around the 'net all the time, but the comparisons are fascinating. I can't vouch for their accuracy, and believe a few of these are made up, but here are some statistics for the year 1908. Frankly, my dear, I was too lazy to go to snopes and check it out.

- The average life expectancy was 47 years.
- Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub.
- Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.
- There were only 8,000 cars and only 144 miles of paved roads.
- The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.
- The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower!
- The average wage in 1908 was 22 cents per hour.
- The average worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year .
- A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year, a dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.
- More than 95 percent of all births took place at HOME .
- Ninety percent of all doctors had NO COLLEGE EDUCATION! Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press AND the government as 'substandard. '
- Sugar cost four cents a pound.
- Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.
- Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.
- Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.
- Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason.
- Five leading causes of death were:
 1. Pneumonia and influenza
 2. Tuberculosis
 3. Diarrhea
 4. Heart disease
 5. Stroke
- The American flag had 45 stars.
- The population of Las Vegas , Nevada, was only 30!!!!
- Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and ice tea hadn't been invented yet.
- There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.
- Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write.
- Only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.
- Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at the local corner drugstores. Back then pharmacists said, 'Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach and bowels, and is, in fact, a perfect guardian of health.'
- Eighteen percent of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic help.
- There were about 230 reported murders in the ENTIRE ! U.S.A. !

Try to imagine what it may be like in another 100 years.