



### Upcoming Events:

2008 General Meetings:  
July 10  
Let's get you started  
Aug. 14  
Harnessing Creativity  
Sept 11  
Show & Tell - contest  
Oct. 9  
Inventing 101  
Nov. 13  
Patents 101  
Dec. 11  
Marketing 101  
Jan. 8  
Business Plan 101  
Feb. 12  
Funding 101  
Mar. 12  
Manufacturing 101  
Apr. 9  
Success Stories  
May 14  
Team & Network building

### Last month

**Thank you Ed Balian, PhD** for leading the SDIF the past year and for presenting "Focus Groups" last month. Ed is an inventor, musician, teacher & consults Market Research and Management Science [esbalian@gmail.com](mailto:esbalian@gmail.com) [www.q-stat.com](http://www.q-stat.com)

### This month begins our new year

Inventors please introduce yourselves!  
As we start a new year we welcome many new members. By show of hands, what type of inventions - toy, tool, sports, baby, etc. are you working on. If you are looking for help right away, just ask. *Next month we will introduce service providers.*

### Ready to turn that idea into a money making product?

If it is a good idea – do it! Come meet many inventors and startups going thru the new product development process at every stage. Meet our Mentor inventors and talk to professionals in many relative fields. You can ask financing, business, marketing, legal and engineering questions and present your ideas to new contacts and or for group review.

### Procrastination is the road on which opportunities die.

Come see how people like you are making their dreams reality.  
**Get motivated, educated and connected at the SDIF !!!**



### Visit our website

[www.sdinventors.org](http://www.sdinventors.org)  
Scott Sykora is webmaster.  
Post your latest news !

### Other Useful Links

[http://www.legalmarketing.org/images/article\\_files/Patrick%20Henry.pdf](http://www.legalmarketing.org/images/article_files/Patrick%20Henry.pdf)  
<http://www.mindsetresearch.com/resources.html>  
<http://www.venturechoice.com/glossary>  
[www.google.com/patents](http://www.google.com/patents)  
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[www.q-stat.com](http://www.q-stat.com)  
[www.a-squaredtec.com](http://www.a-squaredtec.com)  
[www.PatentsProfiled.com](http://www.PatentsProfiled.com)

### July's meeting topic is "Let's get you started"

We welcome leaders of three outstanding professional regional groups that help inventors become entrepreneurs. This is a rare opportunity to learn in one meeting how these organizations operate and can help you get started:

#### Ken M. Clark, Small Business Services Coordinator

Small Business Development & International Trade Center- Southwestern College  
<http://www.sbditc.org/>

#### Camille Sobrian, COO

CONNECT "Accelerating Innovation in San Diego"  
<http://www.connect.org/>

#### Luis Vasquez, VP of Technology Sector & LaunchPad Director

OCTANE is fueling "innovation development" in Orange County and Southern California.  
<https://www.octaneoc.org/>

### July's Presenting Inventor

#### Brian Collins, President of Ovation & inventor of the Earprompter

"Anyone who entertains, presents information to, or leads groups of people can benefit from using the Ear prompter"  
Brian Collins Ovation Speaker Training [www.ovation.tv](http://www.ovation.tv)

### Member News

SDIF member **Gary Fallowes** invention the **BeaterBlade+** and his company **New Metro Design** made it into the **New York Times!!**

Want to tell us your inventing story?  
Want to speak as a Sponsor?  
Want to present your idea to the group for feedback?  
Please do! Contact us for details.

### SDIF 2008 Invention Contest

This coming September 11.  
**Grand prize \$1000.** Look on the web site for entry rules & form coming soon.

July's "Inventor's Mentor" column by **George Levv** [www.patentsandventures.com](http://www.patentsandventures.com)



(click here)

Each month we focus on a topic relevant to inventors and share knowledge and experience. We network inventors and builders, artists, designers and engineers, legal, business and marketing service providers to discuss all aspects of product development. Success breeds success! You are invited. To pre register for the next meeting contact Scott Sykora @ [scott.sykora@gmail.com](mailto:scott.sykora@gmail.com)

### Adrian Pelkus, 2008- 2009 SDIF President

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