



Next Meeting

Date: Thursday, November 17, 2005

Time: 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM - Networking
6:30 PM to 9:00 PM - Main Meeting

Location: Microsoft Rocky Mountain Office
4643 South Ulster Street Suite 700
Denver, CO 80237

Directions: [Microsoft Offices](#)

This Month's Presentations

As we have done on occasion, in the past, this month there will be two “main” presentations and no Thirty Minute Topic. And the presentations are:

“The Access Sub-way”

Presenter: Jim Pilcher

Sub forms in Microsoft Access are possibly the most effective way to represent one-to-many relationships to your users. DAAUG President, Jim Pilcher, will show you some of the standard practices and hidden surprises that are part of using Access sub forms.

Our first presenter, James Pilcher, is a prominent Microsoft Access developer in the Colorado–Wyoming region, having worked with Access professionally since its inception in the early 1990s. Jim’s company, DataOne, Inc., maintains a broad clientele base providing database solutions for local enterprises and large international companies. A frequent presenter at DAAUG, Jim is currently serving his sixth term as President of your Denver Area Access Users Group.

See Jim’s company profile on our DAAUG web site in the Consultant list and on his web site at www.DataOneDenver.com.

“DAO Transactions”

Presenter: M.L. “Sco” Scofield

An "all or nothing" presentation! Be prepared for some VBA!

Our second presenter, Sco Scofield is a Microsoft Access trainer and consultant in Denver, Colorado. He is an active member and Vice President of our group. Sco is also a frequent speaker at our group. He has been using Access since version 1.0. Sco spends a large amount of his time as an instructor training all levels of Access from the introductory level all the way through advanced programming. When he is not training or consulting, Sco spends time helping other Access users in the Access newsgroups on the Internet. He is a "Microsoft Certified Solution Developer," a "Microsoft Certified Professional," and is A+ certified. Sco was awarded the prestigious "Microsoft MVP" award from 2001 to 2005 in recognition of the time he spends helping Access users.

See Sco's company profile on our DAAUG web site in the Consultant list and on his web site at www.ScoBiz.com.

This Month's Thirty Minute Topic

Due to the change in format there will be no Thirty Minute Topic for this month.

Next Month

Annual Holiday Party

There will be no presentations in December.

In order to make the Holiday Party fun for all we need your help. If you can bring something to the Holiday Party, please let a board member know. One person can bring all of a single item or, to reduce the cost to any one person, more than one person can bring smaller amounts of the same item. Please make a commitment at this month's meeting to bring one of the following:

- Chips/Veggies/Cookies
- Punch
- Plates/Utensils/Cups
- Holiday Decorations and Table Coverings
- Someone to be Santa and hand out goodies
- Someone to help organize the main course

A Message from the Prez

“What is a User Group?”

According to <http://whatis.techtarget.com>, the definition of a User Group is:

“In personal or business computing, a user group is a set of people who have similar interests, goals, or concerns. The members have regular meetings where they can share their ideas.”

How does DAAUG stack up to this definition? Well, we *do* have similar interests. We *do* have regular meetings. So far, so good, you say? Now comes the bad news. What DAAUG does *not* do so well is

share ideas. A select few individuals over the past few years have been willing to step up and share, by way of presentation, with the rest of the membership. In recent months, that select group has grown smaller, thus making topic scheduling even more difficult. To put it plainly, it's time for undiscovered talent to come forward and show the membership what Access can do for everyone and what we all can do for each other. DAAUG, *your* user group, wants, needs, and expects your help.

A user group is for everyone. And everyone should be an active part of his/her user group. Send Sco (vicepresident@daaug.org) or me (president@daaug.org) your ideas for presentations or your candidacy for office in our January elections. We will all be the better for it.

January Elections

Your DAAUG Board elections will take place on January 19th. Any member in good standing can run for one of these offices: President, Vice President, Communications Director, Librarian, Secretary/Treasurer, Lab Director, Webmaster. Visit <http://www.daaug.org/officers.asp> for a listing of individual board member responsibilities. Your candidacy must be declared by January 12th so I can get your name on the ballot. Everyone on the DAAUG board looks forward to a spirited competition this year.

Your President,

Jim Pilcher

Events Calendar Website

As most of you know, almost two years ago, Microsoft stopped posting user group meetings on their regional websites. (This is when we stopped registering for our meetings.) Now, with their "*new and improved*" regional websites, there is not even a page mentioning user groups, let alone links to any of the user group websites.

Two of our members, Mel Harris and Sco Scofield, created [MS Colorado Events](#) to fill the huge hole left by Microsoft when they stopped putting the user group meetings on their event calendar. [MS Colorado Events](#) is currently contacting all of the user groups and seminar presenters in Colorado to post their meetings. [MS Colorado Events](#) plans to be your one place to look for user group meetings and seminars in Colorado.

If you know of a user group that is not posting their meetings, please let them know about [MS Colorado Events](#) and have them contact the [MS Colorado Events Administrator](#).

Welcome New, Renewing, and Returning Members

Lori Muneta
Jim Hutto
Mark Trevithick
Mychele Aberle

Last Month's Giveaway Winners

Alan Shrater – \$20 Soft Pro Certificate
Kevin Bell – MS Building Access Applications
Dudly Clark – MS Office Access 2003 Step By Step
Mychele Aberle – MS Programming Office Access 2003

Access Tip of the Month

“Sorting Reports on a Date/Time Field”

I ran into an interesting problem the other day. I had a report that the client asked to be sorted by [DateReceived] and [ProductType]. I did as I was asked and ran the report against live data to check it out. WHOA! The dates were sorted correctly, but the product types were all over the map. I looked, and looked, and looked for the source of the problem. Everything in the report’s *Sorting and Grouping* dialog box looked perfect. Or was it? After a couple of minutes the solution occurred to me. Read on...

In an Access report the *Sorting and Grouping* dialog box, there are five items you can specify with each sort/group:

Group Header:	yes or no	(default No)
Group Footer:	yes or no	(default No)
Group On:	select from a list	(default Each Value)
Group Interval:	numeric	(default 1)
Keep Together:	select from a list	(default No)

Consider the *Group On* property. Few people realize that the options are variable in the drop-down list of this property. Here are your choices for some common data types:

Text:	Each Value, Prefix Characters
Numeric:	Each Value, Interval
Date/Time:	Each Value, Year, Qtr, Month, Week, Day, Hour, Minute

With “Each Value” being the default in every case, it’s not immediately obvious that the choices in this list vary by data type. My problem was that my client logs both the day and time a product is received. I had let the default “Each Value” stand, so the only way the product type would enter into the sort was when times of day were identical. For this report the client wanted a grouping by day only. So, the solution was to set the *Group On* property to “Day.” Access conveniently ignored the time values for both sorting and grouping purposes and pulled the product type into the sort.

Problem solved, client happy, and another tip of the month for you folks.

Jim Pilcher, DAAUG President

Do you have a favorite Access tip you'd like to share with others? Send it to the newsletter editor at Communications@DAAUG.org.

Denver Visual Studio User Group

As a service to our sister group...

Date: November 28, 2004
Time: 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Location: Microsoft Rocky Mountain Office

SPECIAL EVENT - "Community Launch" User Group Meeting

Join us to celebrate the launch of Visual Studio 2005, SQL Server 2005 and BizTalk Server 2006!

Microsoft® Visual Studio® 2005 and SQL Server™ 2005 are out of beta and ready to go. To celebrate, the Denver Visual Studio User Group cordially invites you to participate in the launch of these new products. Be a part of the excitement by attending this lively and entertaining event! Join us for:

- Technical presentations based on Microsoft launch content
- Q&As with Technical Presenter
- Networking Opportunities

See these enterprise-class tools in action. SQL Server 2005 and Visual Studio 2005 are deeply integrated to help you deliver mission-critical, process-driven applications to your organization. You can develop and deploy these applications more efficiently, and keep them in production at predictable performance levels.

Also,

★★★★★ *Join us for our Giant Annual Holiday Feast* ★★★★★

For our complete agenda and e-mail, join the Denver Visual Studio Users Group™ at www.DenverVisualStudio.net.

Speaking Opportunity

We are now having a second, mini-presentation, at each meeting known as the "Thirty Minute Topic." Have you been afraid to sign up to be a main presenter because of your limited speaking experience? Haven't had the time to prepare a one and a half hour presentation? Have an idea that won't fill an hour and a half? Some other reason? Or excuse? :-) Then a "Thirty Minute Topic" (TMT) may be the answer for you!

- Short – only 30 minutes! You only need 15 to 20 minutes of content. The rest of the time will be used up in Q & A.
- Informal – We don't expect a polished presentation or speaker
- A trial – See what it's like to present to the group
- Fun – You are not being judged. DAAUG members and guests are courteous and would like to hear what you have to say.
- Designed to be useful - Present your favorite tip or two that others can take with them and use in their Access projects.

If you are interested, see our Vice-president, Sco (VicePresident@daaug.org), or our President, Jim (President@daaug.org), at a meeting or email one of them with "DAAUG TMT" in the subject line.

Special Request

The Access User's Group (AUG) in the Children's Hospital of Denver is still looking for speakers for their "brown-bag" noon hour sessions. They typically have 12 to 20 people in attendance. If you are interested, please contact:

Bob DiLaura
Bioinformatics Manager
Pediatric General Clinical Research Center
The Children's Hospital - Denver
University of Colorado Health Science Center
Email: dilaura.bob@tchden.org
Phone: 303-764-8373
Pager: 303-855-4604

Member to Member

Do you have something that might be of interest to other DAAUG members? Have a service? Something to sell? Looking for something? Then this new section is for you. And no, it doesn't need to be computer or Access related.

This section will be on a space available basis. (This is email! :-)) Postings will be limited to members only. Please send your message as plain or RTF text in the body of an email. Messages with attachments will be deleted without being read. Also, include a contact phone number in case of problems. The editor reserves the right to edit or refuse any message.

Send your listings to Communications@daaug.org with "Member to Member" in the subject line.

Access classes by Microsoft Access MVP Sco Scofield

Check out our online schedule at <http://www.scobiz.com/ClassSchedule.asp>. We offer classes at all levels from beginning to advanced. To find the right class for you, check out our web site, call Sco at 303-757-7768, or send an email to Training@ScoBiz.com.

Be sure to ask for the special DAAUG member discount.

A Message from the Editor

We are always looking for speakers and topic ideas for our monthly meetings. To volunteer to be a speaker or to suggest a topic, see our Vice President, Sco Scofield (VicePresident@daaug.org) or our President, Jim Pilcher (President@daaug.org) at a meeting. You may also email one of them with "DAAUG Speaker" or "DAAUG Topic" in the subject line.

We are always looking for articles for our monthly newsletter. Send your articles to Communications@daaug.org with "DAAUG Article" in the subject line.

As always, for the latest DAAUG news, visit our web site at www.DAAUG.org.

This newsletter is being sent to everyone on the DAAUG mailing list, including members, past members, and people that have been associated with the group. If you are a non-member and wish to be removed from our list, please send an email to Communications@daaug.org with "REMOVE" in the subject line.