



Next Meeting

Date: Thursday, January 19, 2006

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 Presentation

"So You Want to Be An Access Consultant?"

Presenter: Group Panel

We will be holding a panel discussion and question and answer session designed to let you get some insight into the dynamic world of Microsoft Access consulting.

This Month's Thirty Minute Topic

There will be no Thirty Minute Topic this month, as we will be holding officer elections.

Next Month

"The Access Sub-way"

This topic was rescheduled from the November meeting and has been expanded since then.

Presenter: Jim Pilcher

A Message from the Prez

Last Month's Christmas Party

I want to thank everyone who contributed to and attended our annual Christmas party on December 15th. My special thanks go out to Mychele Dassler for arranging the food and to current DAAUG Vice President Sco Scofield for providing an entertaining and informative impromptu presentation. For those of you who did not attend, you missed out on one of the biggest giveaways DAAUG has seen in recent memory. Maybe next year!

January Elections

Your DAAUG Board of Directors elections will take place at this month's meeting. Any member in good standing can run for one of these offices: President, Vice President, Communications Director, Librarian, Secretary/Treasurer, Lab Director, or Webmaster. See www.daaug.org for a listing of individual board member responsibilities. Your candidacy must be declared by January 15th so your name can be placed on the printed ballot. Email me at president@daaug.org if you wish to enter the fray. Everyone on the current DAAUG board looks forward to a spirited competition this year.

Your President,

Jim Pilcher

“DAAUG Officer Ballot Update”

The Denver Area Access Users Group holds its annual officer elections every January.

We encourage you, as a member, to become a DAAUG officer in the position that suits your interests. Currently, the following members have declared their candidacy for 2006:

President

James Pilcher (*Incumbent*)

M.L. Sco Scofield (*Current Vice President*)

Vice-President

Kevin Bell (*Past Vice President*)

Librarian

Mark Evans (*Incumbent*)

Communications Director

Patrick Headley (*Incumbent*)

Secretary/Treasurer

Dean Haze (*Incumbent*)

Lab Director

Open Position

Webmaster

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If you would like to help our group in the capacity of an officer, please consider one of the two open positions. With a few exceptions, neither position requires more than a few hours per month. And, for their own reasons both positions are rewarding and a lot of fun. Remember though, you are welcome to run for any position. We would love to see your name on the ballot.

Event Calendar Website

It's the MS Colorado Events at www.MSColoradoEvents.com.

To find user group meetings and other programmer related events in the Denver metro area and throughout Colorado, be sure to check out www.MSColoradoEvents.com.

If you know of a user group that is not posting their meetings, please let them know about www.MSColoradoEvents.com and have them contact the administrator at administrator@mscoloradoevents.com.

Welcome New, Renewing, and Returning Members

Wendell Bell
Gyorgy Kereszti
J K August
Terrence O'Brien

Last Month's Giveaway Winners

Eric Lommatsch - \$20 Soft Pro Certificate
Robert Scheich - 50% Off Scofield Business Services Class
Carolyn Johnson - 50% Off Scofield Business Services Class
Thomas Brown - Access 2003 for Dummies
Ramon Martin - Access VBA Programming
Mychele Dassler - Mastering VBA
Rayn Stolpart - Beginning Access 2003 VBA
Alan Shrater - Infopath 2003
Mychele Dassler - Sybex Lunch Bag
Patrick Headley - Sybex Lunch Bag
J K August - Sybex Lunch Bag
Mark Trevithick - Sybex Lunch Bag
David Nealey - Sybex Lunch Bag
Mark Evans - Speed Ferret
Dave Maier - FMS Polo Shirt
Patrick Headley - FMS Cap
JK August - FMS Cap
M.L. Sco Scofield - MS Document Designer
Linda Huff - FMS Pocket Took Kit
George Kereszti - FMS Leather Portfolio
Ed Bade - FMS Total Access
Dean Haze - FMS Mini USB Hub
M.L. Sco Scofield - FMS USB Light
Ed Bade - Inside MS SQL Server 2000
Mark Trevithick - Hands On MS Access

Access Tip of the Month

“The Gold Standard”

What do I mean by the “gold standard?” As a professional Access developer, I use a lot of reference materials. Besides the Internet, my bookshelf is full of Access, SQL Server, VBA, T-SQL, and Office reference books. I recently took a tape measure to my database book collection and it measured just over 84 inches. That’s exactly seven feet of books to help me be the best consultant I can be! But there is one publication that I always check first when I’m perplexed or curious. It’s my gold standard if you will allow me that hyperbole. I’m speaking of the *Access Developer’s Handbook*, published by Sybex.

The *Access Developer’s Handbook* has been a staple of professional Access developers since the early days of the Microsoft Access product. My first attempt at serious Access development was during the days of version 1.1. Was that 1993? My team and I recognized the importance and power of this new Windows database product and started to build marketing applications using Access and macros(!) in Windows for Workgroups 3.11. I discovered a copy of the *Access Developer’s Handbook* as we migrated to Access v2.0 and I never looked back. I could not believe the wealth of information in that single volume. I didn’t understand much of it, but that was the beauty of it. Here was a reference that revealed secrets and held promises of knowledge to be gained for the inspired reader. This book has remained at my right hand since the first day I opened it.

Whether you need to know more about tables, queries, forms, reports, collections, SQL, relational design, Jet security, multi-user issues, networked databases, or whatever, the *Access Developer’s Handbook* is the reference for you. It’s currently published in two volumes, Desktop and Enterprise editions. Buy both as a set. Combined, they are the gold standard of Microsoft Access reference materials.

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.

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.

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 DAAUG Member, 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.