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PDM Location Change

Volvo Corp
Communications
Center, 7900 National
Service Rd,
Greensboro, NC

For more information
including rates, times
and directions go to
www.triadapics.org.

Remember to register
on-line before 7:00 PM
on Wednesday before
the meeting for best
rate.

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December Professional Development Meeting (PDM) Program

Tuesday, December 9th at the Volvo Corp Communications Center in Greensboro

Seven Secrets of Six Sigma

Clyde Parker, President of STARSixSigma, Inc

Add Sizzle & Pizzazz to your next meeting or conference!

Laugh & Learn as we remove the technical *Mumbo-Jumbo*. This light-hearted program keeps audiences laughing and engaged with thought-provoking commentary and humorous anecdotes. This world-renowned speaker, author and Six-Sigma black belt shares humorous experiences and practical application with audiences worldwide. Don't miss the humor and insight of this plain-talk program about the whimsical side of Six-Sigma.

Lean Six-Sigma...It's not just for manufacturing anymore

See how Lean Six-Sigma processes skillfully integrate World-Class wisdom into banking, health care, insurance & logistics industries.

As an accomplished manufacturing executive Clyde Parker is recognized worldwide for success and innovation in Lean Six-Sigma training and implementation. His Sigma skillful applications of Lean Six-Sigma have documented saving in the millions of dollars.

As a long-time consultant to some of America's top corporations, he is frequently invited to Asia and the Middle East for executive consultation and training. He has successfully trained thousands of manufacturing executives worldwide and was recently acknowledged as a "Guiding Star" by the Society of Manufacturing Engineers.

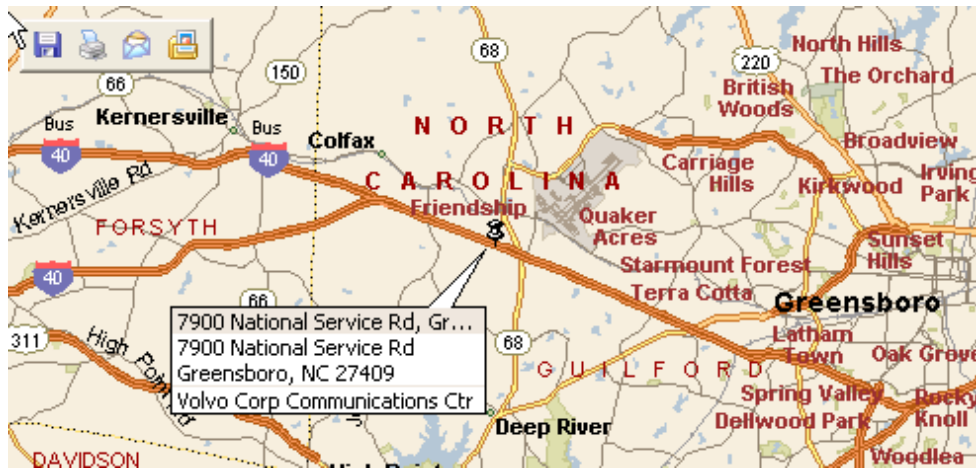
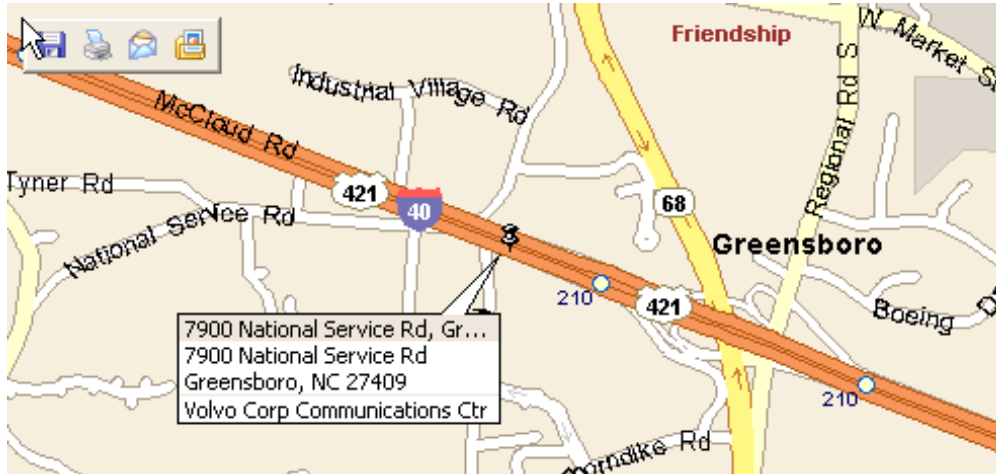
He has authored two books;

Mozart's One-Man-Band & The Paradox of Power

As president of STARSixSigma, Inc., his articles on contemporary leadership are frequently published in professional trade journals.

Map to PDM at Volvo Corp Communications Center

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Best Wishes for the Holiday Season...

As the holiday season approaches and we reflect on the past year, our thoughts turn to those who have made our chapter's progress possible. We wish to express our appreciation for your goodwill—the very foundation of professional development, business and chapter success. In the spirit of friendship, we send you our hope for a continuing professional relationship and best wishes for a caring and giving holiday season.

Your Piedmont Triad Chapter Board of Directors

Certified in Production and Inventory Management

Since 1973, the CPIM program has educated more than 75,000 manufacturing professionals on essential terminology, concepts, and strategies related to demand management, procurement and supplier planning, material requirements planning, capacity requirements planning, sales and operations planning, master scheduling, performance measurements, supplier relationships, quality control, and continuous improvement.

Benefits of CPIM

A CPIM education can help you to:

- Increase your functional knowledge of production and inventory management.
- Improve efficiency across the processes of your organization's supply chain.
- Streamline operations through accurate forecasting.
- Predict outcomes more accurately.
- Maximize customer satisfaction by delivering products and services Just-in-Time.
- Increase profitability by optimizing your organization's inventory investment.
- Enhance your credibility among peers, employers, and customers.

Who should earn the CPIM designation?

A CPIM education is essential for professionals involved in:

- Production and inventory management
- Operations
- Supply chain management
- Procurement
- Materials management
- Purchasing

CPIM Modules

Candidates must pass all exams for the following modules:

- Basics of Supply Chain Management
- Master Planning of Resources
- Detailed Scheduling and Planning
- Execution and Control of Operations
- Strategic Management of Resources

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Once You Earn the CPIM Designation...

- ⇒ Take your CPIM credentials to the next level by earning the CFPIM designation. Learn more at <http://www.apics.org/Certification/CFPIM.htm>.
- ⇒ CPIM designees must maintain their certification every five years through the Certification Maintenance program. Learn more at <http://www.apics.org/Certification/Maintenance/>.
- ⇒ APICS CPIM/CFPIM designees can now obtain the AST&L Certification in Transportation and Logistics through a special waiver. Learn more at http://www.apics.org/Certification/ASTL_CTL.htm. For more information on the AST&L CTL, download the program brochure at http://www.astl.org/files/public/astlcertbrochure10_07.pdf.

APICS Live Learning Center

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Excellent in Leadership

In 1994, The Piedmont Triad Chapter established the “*Excellent in Leadership*” nomination and award program. Since that time the chapter has received and had the opportunity and pleasure of presenting thirty-four “*Excellence in Leadership*” awards. We are counting on our members to help us continue to search and carry on this tradition to those who model “*Excellence in Leadership*”. If you know of someone who exhibits excellent leadership characteristics, you may submit their name for consideration.

Those nominated should be persons who significantly contribute to the successful operation of their company, their division, their department or their work team. They should be individuals who inspire others to excel in what they do.

To nominate someone for recognition in the “*Excellence in Leadership*” program, please consider the following: nominations must be received by March 1st, to be considered. Nominations must be submitted as a single page typed letter suitable for framing – preferably on company letterhead. Leave ¼” margin all around to allow for framing and include 2 blank “second sheets” of matching stationery to use in award preparation. Nominations must state the reasons this person should be considered for the “*Excellence in Leadership*” recognition.

Nominations must be mailed (not faxed) to **The Piedmont Triad Chapter** at PO Box 19432, Greensboro, NC, 27109-9432 and early enough to be received by the deadline, March 1st, 2009. It would be helpful if you would protect the nominating letter and extra sheets so they are not folded or damaged in the mail. If you have questions, you can e-mail them to Barbara Swann at vp_chapterdevelopment@triadapics.org.

The Chapter Board of Directors will present the awards during the chapter meeting held on April 14, 2009 at the Volvo Communications Center in Greensboro.

Leadership Thought

It was a normal day and a routine trip to the city. The first hour was interstate travel - put the car on cruise control, relax, hopefully stay "off the radar," and just enjoy the ride. As I approached the city, the number of lanes increased and traffic picked up, so I took her off cruise; in an environment where there was more going on, I wanted to feel like I had more control.

Time for a lane change. I looked in the side mirror, rear view mirror, side again, and then turned my head to get a glimpse of anything that might be in the blind spot. It looked good - I used my turn signal, looked again, and then started to go.

From nowhere a car appeared in the exact spot I was moving toward. The driver announced dissatisfaction with a long blast of his car horn. It got my attention and I moved fully back to my original lane and let him pass. At that moment I became conscious of those words of wisdom printed in plain view – “Objects in mirror are closer than they appear.” “Duh...” I thought, as I took a moment to be grateful for the safety of everyone on the road.

Even in the best of conditions and with all precautionary action we know to take, sometimes we just don't see things coming. When we are unsure about a situation, it is always an option to move over and let it pass by. We may make better decisions when we can see the whole situation out in front of us than when it approaches us from behind. Give yourself time to regroup, reassess, and begin to move forward again.



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