

# South Carolina Inventors Forum SCIF



**Issue #1**

**August 2020**

***Welcome to the SCIF!  
Let's make your ideas come to life.***

## **Our Mission**

SCIF assists inventors and creative folk with protecting, developing and commercializing their intellectual property through motivation, education, mentoring and connecting to local service providers and national networking opportunities.

***We inventors create the future and jobs for our town and for America.  
Let's show the world what we do best, what made this country great to start with.  
Pursue your happiness, prosper from your ideas.***

***Proud to be an American Inventor, honored to be of assistance to my fellow inventors, creators and innovators.***

***Adrian Pelkus  
Chairman  
SCIF***

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## **Vision Statement**

SCIF will contribute to South Carolina becoming known as an Innovation Hub here in the southeast. Economic development in the South Carolina region depends heavily on entrepreneurship and entrepreneurship depends heavily on creativity and invention. By assisting creators and inventors in leveraging their intellectual property and becoming more entrepreneurial, SCIF will play an important role in furthering South Carolina's reputation as supporting clean technology creativity, launching quality businesses and creating good paying jobs. SCIF will become a recognized valued partner in South Carolina's economic re-development.

## **About Us**

SCIF is a non-profit member organization whose members comprise of creators & inventors, service providers and sponsors. Experienced entrepreneurs, inventors, service providers and invited guest speakers provide valuable information and insights both at monthly meetings and at one on one mentoring sessions regarding the process of invention and taking ideas to the marketplace. Topics included at these meetings and mentoring sessions include capturing creativity, intellectual property (patent, trademark, copyright and licensing), designing, developing and prototyping ideas, supply chain (domestic and offshore manufacturing), marketing, licensing, distribution and funding.

SCIF provides a networking environment that encourages inventors and creators to learn from one another and to develop the skills necessary to take invention to the entrepreneurship level thus creating successful enterprises. SCIF is associated with Midlands Tech, the South Carolina based globally recognized organization that fosters entrepreneurship by catalyzing, accelerating and supporting the growth of the most promising local businesses.

### **Opening Letter**

*Dear friends, fellow inventors, creators and South Carolina entrepreneurs.*

*Proudly and fortunately for over a decade I was Chairman and organizer of the highly regarded 501c3 San Diego Inventors Forum in which time we witnessed some major economic downturns with many of our citizens facing the need to reinvent their lives. We motivated those that were fearful of starting a new endeavor by sharing our entrepreneurial stories. We educated the uninitiated by having specialists present valued information on the topics most often requested about bringing an idea to market. We networked local service providers with those looking for trusted help. Together we saw partnerships and businesses grow even in the toughest of times. The adage is true as Joseph P. Kennedy said, "when the going gets tough the tough get going".*

*Now in 2020 we are facing a virus that has changed our society in many ways that are forcing us to adapt to new ways of living. Our economy has been upended in multiple industries we took for granted as stable. With all these changes come new needs and opportunities to fill those needs.*

*The American entrepreneurial spirit is coming alive in a new wave of folks some willing, some forced, that are overcoming the fears that prevent most from pursuing their dreams. Our unalienable right to our freedom to pursuits of happiness in the USA combined with tremendous needs and opportunities have historically been the driving force of tremendous accomplishments, of new businesses, products and services. I see our country is facing major new challenges and feel we need to assure the brave that stand to rebuild their lives and our community that we will supply all the support and guidance we can provide.*

*To that end I am happy to introduce you and invite you to the South Carolina Inventors Forum! I am fortunate to be working with some great local leaders and recognized entrepreneurs here in the Midlands that have joined me to form the core of*

*this new nonprofit group. I am attaching their logos at the bottom of this newsletter. We will be launching this month; our **first meeting will be on Zoom August 13<sup>th</sup>**. Here is how to join us:*

Adrian Pelkus and Tom Ledbetter is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting of the SC Inventors Forum.

Topic: South Carolina Inventors Forum

Time: Aug 13, 2020 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every month on the Second Thu, until Jul 8, 2021, 12 occurrence(s)

Aug 13, 2020 06:30 PM

Sep 10, 2020 06:30 PM

Oct 8, 2020 06:30 PM

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Jan 14, 2021 06:30 PM

Feb 11, 2021 06:30 PM

Mar 11, 2021 06:30 PM

Apr 8, 2021 06:30 PM

May 13, 2021 06:30 PM

Jun 10, 2021 06:30 PM

Jul 8, 2021 06:30 PM

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Monthly:

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Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88251334966?pwd=SWVTTmhHNHhZKUXISTW9SRke1UDB3QT09>

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+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

Meeting ID: 882 5133 4966

Passcode: 034973

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kdBWskxhsj>

*Every month the SCIF will act as an entry point, a social club for a wide spectrum of entrepreneurial interests following a set meeting agenda.*

*We will show and share experiences and contacts useful to startups.*

*We will have a 40 to 60-minute main topic Speaker as well as 15 - 20 minute Presenters. People with an update to share will have 5 minutes.*

*"Who needs who" will connect customer to business.*

*Sponsors will be proudly promoted and applauded for their support!*

*Meetings opens for networking at 6;30pm*

*The meeting starts at 7;00pm*

*We end by 9;00pm*

*Meeting room remains open for networking until 9;30pm*

*The aim and purpose for my work here is to help our local business community by motivating and uniting aspiring entrepreneurs, inventors and creators with the resources that best fit their needs. This will help startups form, provides local service providers business and jobs be created.*

*As another Kennedy said "A rising tide lifts all boats"*

*I greatly appreciate your support and encourage you to contact me to learn more how you can become involved, speak at a meeting and or donate to our cause. I look forward to meeting you!*

*Have an inventive day.*

*Kind regards,  
Adrian*

**Adrian Pelkus**

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## SCIF 2020 2021 Schedule

### **Aug. 13** "Harnessing Creativity"

– *Avoid these 17 Mistakes Inventors make*

### **Sept. 10** "New Product Development"

– *Going from idea to presentation ready*

### **Oct. 8** "Patents and IP" - *How to best protect your idea*

### **Nov. 12** "Focus groups"

– *Be sure you have a consumer desired idea*

### **Dec. 10** "3d manufacturing"

– *Additive printing mockups to production items*

### **Jan. 14** "Manufacturing"

– *How things are produced and what is required*

### **Feb. 11** "Marketing"

– *How to commercialize your product/service idea*

### **Mar. 11** "Video for Inventors and Startups"

– *How to show off your idea*

### **Apr. 8** "Helping Inventors" – *National networks and trade shows*

### **May 13** "Preparing presentations"

– *Making the right first impression*

### **June 10** "Networking and Funding"

– *It's all about who you know and how to approach*

### **July 8** "Invention Contest"

– *Let's see your great new product!*

## SCIF August Presenter & Speaker Line-up.

This month's topic is **"Harnessing Creativity"**

Our first Presenter to start things off this year will be:

**Adrian Pelkus**

**"17 Mistakes Inventors Make"**



Adrian Pelkus, South Carolina Inventors Forum founder, serial inventor and entrepreneur shares his insights into the most common mistakes inventors and creators make that can hinder their path to success and how to avoid them.

To learn more about Adrian visit:

[www.inventingwithadrian.com](http://www.inventingwithadrian.com)

To learn more about the Inventors Forum visit:

<http://www.southcarolinainventorsforum.org>

Thanks to Dr. Thaddeus Jones our videographer for the great work!

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This month we welcome our first **Speaker of the Month**, Columbia's creative entrepreneur \ business owner **Nick Yaggie** who will share his entrepreneurial story with us.



*"Yaggie and his business partner began PrivaChef, a service that allows chefs to work from the homes of their clients. Chefs are hired through the PrivaChef website to serve dinner parties of up to eight guests."*

You can read more about Nicks story here: [https://www.coladaily.com/business/personal-chef-service-created-amid-pandemic-to-assist-unemployed-local-chefs/article\\_c747ccb0-ca30-11ea-935b-cfef583a8749.html?fbclid=IwAR0M6333gKGpTqXqKxSSPxLzTNI-d01md4Xiics2F8KwxzKY1V7E-uu-EmQ](https://www.coladaily.com/business/personal-chef-service-created-amid-pandemic-to-assist-unemployed-local-chefs/article_c747ccb0-ca30-11ea-935b-cfef583a8749.html?fbclid=IwAR0M6333gKGpTqXqKxSSPxLzTNI-d01md4Xiics2F8KwxzKY1V7E-uu-EmQ)

## SCIF meetings involve you!

Help for inventors and innovators, creators all!

Tell your creative friends and invite them to attend Thursday's webinar!

Every month we discuss the most important things needed to bring ideas to life and create wealth.

Come to our meetings and learn about inventing, innovating and the process of bringing new products to market.

Prepare your questions about inventing and ask local experts at Thursdays meeting.

Hear and learn about important topics to help you prepare for launching your venture.

Mark your calendar for South Carolina Inventors Forum monthly meetings!

Monthly meeting format allows interactions and Q & A:

- Network
- Welcome & Thanks
- Who is new? What's your passion?
- Subject of the Month Presenter / Speaker
- Stories and new products shared by inventors
- Resources and New Opportunities
- Q&A
- Who Needs Who?
- Thanks & network

See you 6;30pm online next Thursday!

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### **"SCIF - The Place to Be**

*SCIF monthly meetings are the ideal place to get help on all aspects of inventing as well as make new contacts. Unlike other inventors' organizations, we have no costly annual dues or membership requirements. All you need is a desire to learn about the world of inventing and to network with like-minded people. Whether you're an inventor, innovator or a service provider, SCIF is the place to be the second Thursday of each month!" Judy B.*

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## Individual inventors, inventors' groups and clubs across America uniting to fight for their patent rights.

*"United States of today is not the same country where the famed garage inventor can become a business success thanks to hard work and ingenuity. Today, the true beneficiaries of innovation seem to be those well-entrenched interests who can copy without great fear of reprisal, leaving the actual inventors without any true ability to commercialize and profit from their intellectual property."*  
Steve Brachmann on Jan 03, IP WatchDog

To help protect inventor rights, inventors unsuccessfully demonstrated at the Supreme Court on the morning of November 27 2017 to keep patents personal property rights as written in our Constitution Article 1, Section 8, Clause 8

*"To promote the progress of science and useful arts, by securing for limited times to authors and inventors the exclusive **right** to their respective writings and discoveries" .*

**This is the only place in the constitution the word "right" is used.**

**It was decided patents are *public property rights granted by the government.***

**Inventors united and two bills were introduced to help independent inventors:**

[The Stronger patent bill](#)  
[Inventors Rights Act](#)

***And now...***

**A third bill was just introduced!!**

"A third positive bill is H.R. 7366, the Restoring America's Leadership in Innovation Act. RALIA takes the biggest cut at the patent-weakening pitch sitting in the middle of the plate.

Like STRONGER Patents and the Inventor Rights Act, RALIA would redress the anti-patent categorical rule arising from the [Supreme Court](#). It also would undo a lot of the damage the America Invents Act and other court decisions have inflicted.

For example, H.R. 7366 would repeal PTAB and its quasi-judicial proceedings, and return patent validity challenges to federal court.

It would restore the breadth of meaning of section 101 for patent-eligible subject matter.

RALIA would repeal several of the America Invents Act's radical changes that have disrupted how inventors attract investors and strengthen their patent applications.

It would restore confidentiality to disclosures to the Patent & Trademark Office during patent examination and end premature publication, which enables foreign IP thieves to steal our inventions before a patent is granted.

It would strengthen the presumption that an issued patent is valid.

Importantly, H.R. 7366 would repeal the [Supreme Court](#)'s erroneous decision in *Oil States v. Greene's Energy*. The legislation restores the fact that a patent secures "a private property right secured to an inventor." This wrongly decided case dumbed down patent rights to



nothing more than a government-given franchise. That would be jarring news to Thomas Edison or the Wright Brothers.

If Congress were serious about promoting American innovation and correcting the mess it and the courts have made of our patent system, lawmakers would get busy enacting these legislative prescriptions right away"

***Save the American Inventor  
Support American Inventors!***

[https://m.washingtontimes.com/news/2020/jul/26/restoring-the-gold-standard-of-american-innovation/?fbclid=IwAR2cJcQDb8bAR6ca-WuvwalqxHQ\\_Ju6x2GkIS9P176hwIpAWzIFyMWD\\_Ihq](https://m.washingtontimes.com/news/2020/jul/26/restoring-the-gold-standard-of-american-innovation/?fbclid=IwAR2cJcQDb8bAR6ca-WuvwalqxHQ_Ju6x2GkIS9P176hwIpAWzIFyMWD_Ihq)

### Web Admin assistant, Sponsors & Inventor Stories Wanted

**Help!! We need a back up admin for the website. Please contact us asap!!**

#### **SCIF Sponsors wanted!!!**

**Platinum Sponsors** - \$2500-On banner and introduced at contest, Speaker of the Month, post in newsletter, website, and on monthly Agenda

**Gold** - \$1000- Speaker of the Month, post in newsletter, website and monthly agenda

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**Bronze** -\$100 - post in newsletter & website

**SCIF needs stories about and by local inventors! We are calling for volunteers to help gather and write stories or folks to send theirs. Contact Adrian if you're interested.**

Send us yours or Become an "Inventor of the Month"!

Time onstage (10 minutes) to pitch your product and get feedback.

Help motivate other inventors, come tell your story!

[Contact Adrian if you're interested.](#)

We thank you for your support!

### Stay inventive **South Carolina!**

**It is an incredible year ahead for inventors!**

**A new focus on startup entrepreneurs is sweeping the nation.**

**There are more opportunities than ever to make your product known.**

**This could be a great year for you to get your idea out there, we are here to help.**

**From capturing your concept to making it to the market.**

**Inventors help inventors.**

**Welcome to the South Carolina Inventors Forum!**

**Wishing you an inventive day and hoping to see you on Thursday!**

*Adrian*

Adrian Pelkus, Chairman  
South Carolina Inventors Forum



## Quick Links

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[South Carolina Inventors Forum Website...](#)  
(Information on our meetings and directions)

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## Non Profit Resources for Inventors



### The United Inventors Association

Working hard to help inventors reach their goals

**United Inventors Association** is an Inventor Industry national membership foundation dedicated to inventor education and support.

[Learn more...](#)

**SCORE** can help you start a new business or improve your present business. For more information about the SCORE South Carolina free small business counseling and the low-cost workshop series, call 803-765-5131 or visit their [website](#).

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