

South Carolina Inventors Forum



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Adversity means opportunities! Big opportunities for inventors are here!

I encourage y'all to unleash your potential by taking advantage of the many new opportunities to make something new in the world. This is an environment to thrive. Time to create a better, smarter working world. Own your own destiny and ride this wave of change that has been so accelerated by the pandemic. Stay focused, shine your light!

This month's SCIF zoom meeting subject is 3d printing. Additive manufacturing is changing the world of food, clothing, shelter, medical and manufacturing and we will show how.

Local 3d printing expert **John Carrington** from **ZVerse** will be our guest presenter!

Save those hard tooling costs, see how ideas come to life, learn about 3d printing.

The South Carolina Inventors Forum, a 501c3, has been formed to assist innovators and inventors and all creative folks with protecting, developing and commercializing their intellectual property through motivation, education, mentoring, and a network of local service providers and national networking opportunities.

Please note these upcoming changes.

1. Our monthly meeting dates will **change next year to** the second **Wednesday**. The first meeting of the SCIF year will be on Wednesday January the 13th. New schedule is posted on our sites and is below.
2. Our mailing list is growing so we are moving SCIF Newsletter mailing to Constant Contact. This month you should be seeing this change.

Thanks for helping spread the word 😊

See you on Zoom this Thursday December 10th!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88251334966?pwd=SWVTTmhHNHZKUXISTW9SRkE1UDB3QT09>

Have an inventive day!

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Adrian Pelkus

"Invention is the most important product of man's creative brain."- Nikola Tesla

Thank you, Lindsey Brooks, for presenting last month!

SCIF Topic for November was "Focus Groups / How to Know You have a Good Idea".

We were delighted to have amazing inventor and entrepreneurial/marketing wizard Lindsey Brooks as our guest presenter of the month who shared a ton of her knowledge on how to be sure you have a customer desired item. Thanks Lindsey!



Lindsey busy rescuing animals from the California fires.

As the creator of the Sham Wow, Slap Chop, Bottle Rocket and many other ultra-successful ASOTV and other market items she knows well of what she speaks! Founder Instapreneur, Global Authority on product distribution, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Instapreneurpublic/>

Thanks to our November Speaker Jeff Siler, Phd!

Following Lindsey, our speaker of the month was **Jeff Siler, Phd**, President of CSRA Multimedia, Inc who discussed how he innovates amazing new interactive glass products to meet his client's needs. Thanks Jeff! www.crsamultimedia.com

Thanks to Dr. Thaddeus Jones our videographer for the great work getting our videos on our SCIF YouTube page!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCN8kK5cOuL0wTqKjPI8TwKA>



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"Creativity is intelligence having fun."- Albert Einstein

SCIF December topic is 3d printing!

We look forward to local 3d printing expert **John Carrington** from **ZVerse** to be our December guest Presenter!

"Bridging the Design Gap for Digital Manufacturing

ZVerse is solving the massive content creation challenge of digital manufacturers. The ZVerse CAD as a Service (CADaaS) platform provides the fastest path from idea to manufacturable files...at SCALE."



John Carrington
Founder & CEO

"In early March, ZVerse leveraged its ecosystem of designers, materials and manufacturers to become one of the largest producers of face shields in the U.S."

SCIF December topic 3d Printing continues...

A photo and video rich presentation on some of the amazing ways 3d printing is changing our world in ways you may not have imagined possible.

"There are no rules here--we're trying to accomplish something."- Thomas Edison.

SCIF 2020 2021 Schedule ** REVISED for 2021

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*

NOTE SHIFT TO WEDNESDAY

Jan. 13 "Manufacturing"

– *How things are produced and what is required*

Feb. 10 "Marketing"

– *How to commercialize your product/service idea*

Mar. 10 "Video for Inventors and Startups"

– *How to show off your idea*

Apr. 7 "Helping Inventors"

– *National networks and trade shows*

May 12 "Preparing presentations"

– *Making the right first impression*

June 9 "Networking and Funding"

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

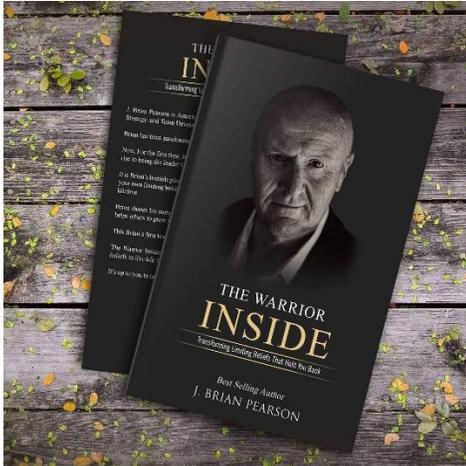
July 7 "Invention Contest"

– *Let's see your great new product idea*
You, the public judges the winner!

"Whether you think you can or think you can't, you're right."- Henry Ford

We want to motivate you in many ways!

Our new friend [Brian Pearson](#), author of **The Warrior Inside: Transforming Limiting Beliefs That Hold You Back**, is a Business Strategist, Executive Coach, Speaker and Trainer.

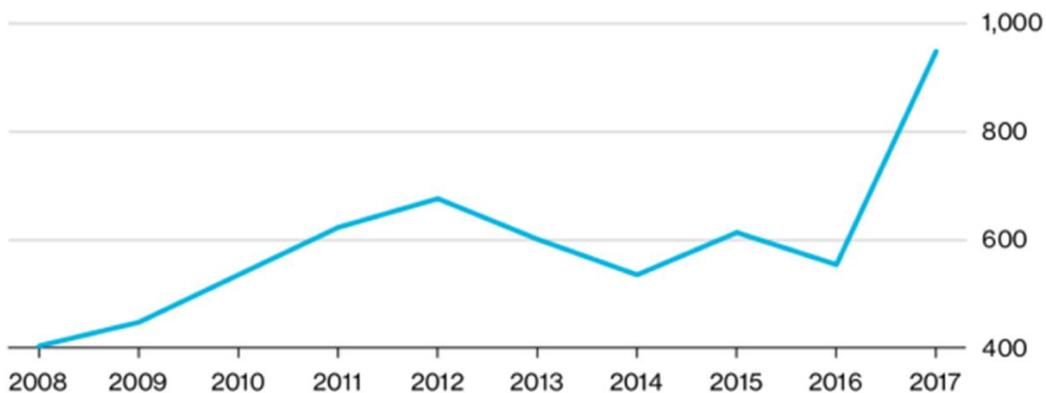


Brian is an **Executive Director with the John Maxwell Team** and is graciously providing us a **Motivational Moment with Brian** to begin our meetings. Thank you, Brian!

This is one of the reasons SCIF is here for you.

Patently Deceptive

Complaints filed with the FTC about invention/idea promotions



U.S. Federal Trade Commission

Bloomberg Law

It is a sad fact thieves thrive in the “invention industry” by taking advantage of y’all’s hopes and dreams. There are schemes and scams to fill you with false hopes your new widget idea is a mega winner so you’ll shell out real hard earned bucks pursuing what you should have been told is a pipe dream to start.

We point out the worst culprits we have seen and show how to approach a new product development step by step to reach milestones that do or don’t prove the idea is worthy of carrying forward and investing any more time & \$. (saving you time & \$!)

An inventor's wish to help mankind comes true.

As an inventor and entrepreneur, I prefer working on projects that help mankind and the environment. I am therefore grateful to be able to introduce my multiple patented and award winning, FDA cleared invention to treat diabetic foot ulcers to my community here in Lexington and surrounding areas. - *Adrian*



November 17 with Donna Milan Sage and Lachin Hatemi at Veritas Health Group

Vaporous Hyperoxia Therapy (VHT) is a new, patented, and FDA-cleared technology that provides low frequency, non-contact, non-thermal ultrasound that atomizes a liquid, with optional anti-microbials, to deliver it continuously to the wound bed, blending with oxygen.

Vaporox

Breakthrough technology for treating diabetic foot ulcers

“The cost of diabetic foot ulcers is greater than that of the five most costly forms of cancer”

“Every 20 seconds, somewhere in the world, a limb is lost as a consequence of diabetes”

“The relative 5-year mortality rate after limb amputation is 68%.”

Meeting with y'all and why we meet at the SCIF

I have returned to meeting and coaching folks usually on Thursday one on one or in small groups at noon at Flight Deck or Lizards Thicket for lunch or the Haven in Lexington for coffee early mornings.

This week I was happy to provide motivation, advice, clarity and connections for over half a dozen folks. Together we discovered what state their idea was at, where they hoped it could go and what ways that may happen.

I've donated this advice for free every week usually on Thursdays, an hour per person (often times more), 3 people average per week for over 15 years.

Some common concerns and questions are:

- How can I get someone to market for me?
- How do I patent something?
- How can I commercialize my idea?
- Who is the customer?
- Which of my ideas are the best?
- Is it really a medical device?
- Is it scientifically/technically possible?
- How can I make a sell sheet?
- How can I get something 3d printed?
- How can I get this thing manufactured?
- What's this going to cost?
- Where can I find funding?
- How do I license this?
- When is my prototype done enough?
- How do I make a video?
- How do I use social media to promote my idea?
- What's my next step?
- Who can help me?

See your question on this list?

Have another??

Whereas I'm glad to schedule a meeting with y'all to discuss possible answers to your project or idea one on one it really behooves y'all to come aboard the SCIF monthly zoom meetings to hear and learn about the common answers, solutions and resources that are available.

This month Ill share resources for finding freelancers, 3d printers & funding that are virtual. And I'll introduce a firm that is one of the biggest in crowd funding and launching new products!!

See you on Zoom Thursday!

Learn how Angel investing works this Thursday morning

Looking to raise startup funds?
Here is how to learn how to pitch to Angels!

"Join the Managing Directors of VentureSouth, one of the largest angel investor groups in North America"

Dec 10 at 10am

Free!

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/how-to-pitch-to-angel-investors-extended-winter-2020-tickets-122078661563?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&aff=esfb&utm-source=fb&utm-term=listing&fbclid=IwAR26pAIFIZhSwe2D3s6lDiAhzOBiNP_j1SesQ4Wq7vxvDqfvp1Bl2R4x3RE



SCIF events now listed on Scribble!

We are pleased and honored to announce our friends at Scribble have agreed to promote our event!

"Scribble is South Carolina's content toolkit for your pursuit of innovation. Launch into inspirational sessions with innovators across the state & beyond."

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South Carolina Innovation Hub

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SCIF involves you!

Thinking of any new products or services that may help in some way, shape or form make life easier? We share new ideas and motivating concepts almost daily on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/448388996120060/>

Help for inventors and innovators, creators all!

Tell your creative friends and invite them to join our group!

We discuss the most important things needed to bring ideas to life and create wealth.

Join our group and come to our meetings to learn about inventing, innovating and the process of bringing new products to market. Meet with others and find friends, mentors and advisors.

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

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
- Motivational Moment with Brian Pearson
- What's new? Stories and new products shared by inventors
- Subject of the Month Presenter / Speaker
- Resources and New Opportunities
- Q&A
- Who Needs Who?
- Thanks & network

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

In 2011, Congress created 3 programs to invalidate patents at the PTAB - CBM, PGR, and IPR. Now only 2 remain. Still, issued patents are being invalidated, property revoked.

To learn more watch Invalidated on Amazon Prime. <https://watchinvalidated.com>

<https://usinventor.org/>

Three positive bills have been introduced to help independent inventors

The first two>

[The Stronger patent bill](#)

[Inventors Rights Act](#)

"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.

***Save the American Inventor
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https://m.washingtontimes.com/news/2020/jul/26/restoring-the-gold-standard-of-american-innovation/?fbclid=IwAR2cJcQDb8bAR6ca-WuvwalqxHQ_Ju6x2GklS9P176hwIpAWzIFyMWD_lhq

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SCIF welcomes 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!

Some other great inventor clubs to check out

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"The value of an idea lies in the using of it."- Thomas Edison

Non Profit Resources for Inventors

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

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