Twin Cities Maker Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2009 at Mike's house (4437 2nd Ave S), Minneapolis, Minnesota

Attendees

Jim (Darus67), Chad (NUNY), Jude (Judeling), Wayne (wammie), Mike (uptownmaker), Brandon (orion), Matt (lewinsky), Michael (metis), Dave (Idris_Arslanian)

Scribe

Mike Hord

Business

- **Old Business**
  - **Dues**- We are collecting dues. Anyone wishing to pay may do so now.
  - **Potluck**
    - Set a date for August 1st (Saturday) at 2 p.m.
    - Publicity will be a mass e-mail, forum announcement, and blog post
    - Location will be either a park or a maker's home, if anyone volunteers
    - Bring your own meat to grill or main dish, and one thing to share
    - RSVP and what you're bringing through the forum
    - Also, the ubiquitous maker show-and-tell is to be expected
  - **Clothesline races**
    - Discussed limits on construction- 2 pounds, must fit in a 1 foot cube. No parts may be discarded during the race.
    - Horizontal races only, but wheels on the wire are allowed
    - At least a couple of lines at once
    - Aircraft cable- heavy steel wire
    - Classes for competetion
      - Fastest down
      - Fastest down and back
      - Also possible: most spectcular, most creative propulsion, most epic failure, showmanship, funniest/silliest, prettiest, most handsome, smallest to finish the race, lightest to finish the race, loudest to finish the race. Some of these will be eliminated; the goal is to have 5-6 or so beyond the speed categories

- **New Business**
  - **Secretary**- Theo resigned as secretary of TCMaker. A new secretary must be found; this will occur within the next few meetings, but not this meeting since not enough people are here.
  - **CONvergence report**- Michael (metis) attended several days of the CONvergence convention last week. There was a panel on "creating a geek space" which sounds like the attendees would mesh well with the TCMaker goals. Michael established contact with the organizing parties of that panel.
  - **Keeping the Smoke In-** Second class is done. Several of the students expressed an interest in TCMaker and Chad came to the meeting to become a member. It also sounds like SB might be very close to making arrangements with St. Paul to move into abandoned park buildings.
  - At the next meeting, and on the forum beforehand, a discussion will be levied regarding cutting down from two business meetings per month to one. Hopefully this will stimulate more attendance to the one business meeting. E-board will likely continue two monthly meetings.
  - Michael and Jude are contacting lawyers for potential pro-bono review of TCMaker issues.

Next Meeting

Will be at Common Roots, Wed July 22, 7 pm.