

Mid Atlantic Electronic Commerce Users Group May 2006 Newsletter

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A Letter From Our President

Welcome to the first Newsletter for the Mid Atlantic Electronic Commerce Users Group (MAECOM). MAECOM was established in 2004 as a forum for EDI and Electronic Commerce professionals to learn about current topics of interest as well as giving them an opportunity to interact with their peers. In the past couple of years we've heard from speakers covering topics like Data Synchronization, Secure EC over the Internet, Career Trends and Sarbanes Oxley. Elsewhere in this newsletter you'll see details about our next meeting on June 14th.



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plement now and we have been meeting regularly since our January meeting. We are committed to seeing this organization grow and prosper. Besides working on planning meetings, we've also put together a sponsorship package and have been actively recruiting companies as meeting and annual sponsors. We're also discussing ways that we can better market the group and we want to be able to identify other companies that would benefit from sending people to a forum like MAECOM. And last but not least, we're publishing

our first newsletter. In the end though, this is still your group. *(Continued on page 2)*

The first item I wanted to cover was our Board of Directors. We have a full com-

MAECOM Updates Website

www.neecom.org/index.php?page=philly_group



We are proud to announce an exciting update to our website. Past presentations are now available for viewing!

Topics on the website include

*EC/EDI Careers: Tracks & Trends
Overview of the Data Synchronization Process
Secure EDI over the Internet ...and Beyond*
A copy of this newsletter is also available

online along with the past presentations. This is a valuable resource for EC Professionals and we will continue to update the website with additional entries as they become available.

The complete link is:
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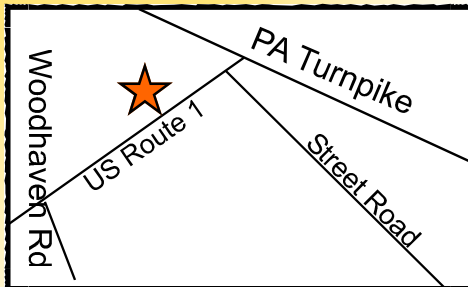
Schedule of Events

- **June 6-8** U Connect Conference Nashville, TN
- **June 14** MAECOM Meeting Trevese, PA



June Conference

Jeff Leach, Senior Product Manager with Sterling Commerce, will be with us in June to give a presentation on "Outsourcing". You or one of your partners are likely to use outsourcing in some way this year. It can be a cost effective way to infuse experienced resources into your EDI/EC program. Explore the options or share your experiences with your fellow EC Professionals.



Radisson Hotel Philadelphia Northeast
2400 Old Lincoln Highway @ US Rt 1
Trevose Pennsylvania 19053



Topic: Outsourcing

Speaker: Jeff Leach
Senior Product Manager
Sterling Commerce

Cost: \$25.00

Payments accepted via cash
or check at the meeting

Date: Wednesday, June 14
Time: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Registration and Coffee @ 8:30 AM

Reservations

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Please include your name and company name

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We need to hear from you with regards to what topics you are interested in hearing about. We would like to see volunteers speak at one of our meetings. We also need assistance in recruiting members and sponsors. The Board is planning in the near future to distribute a couple of surveys. The first will cover meeting topics and the second one will try to capture the different environmental configurations (EDI/EAI software, ERP, Hardware and OS platform) that different companies have implemented.

Thanks for listening and we look forward to seeing everyone next month.

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Sarbanes-Oxley

MAECOM members enjoyed an informative morning in January when **Bryan Larkin of The Kodiak Group** spoke on "Sarbanes-Oxley" (often referred to as SOX). He provided a high level view of what SOX IS and what it is NOT. There are actually different standards and part of the process is determining which would be best for your situation. (Sound familiar EDI folks?) Many companies are even finding that different auditors can examine their environment and recommend different approaches. In such cases, the company evaluates the recommendations and then has to choose which path they would like to take.

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While not all companies are required to comply with SOX regulations, some may find that certain processes can be affected when a customer passes along requirements associated with *their* SOX compliance program. Several in attendance had already been through the rigorous implementation and were able to share some of their experiences with the group. The presentation was greatly enhanced with their real world examples. Thanks to Bryan Larkin and to those in attendance whose contribution to the discussions were invaluable.