

Workshop/Meeting Notice

Dear Members,

July 28, 2011

In conjunction with the Baystate Roads Program, our third Workshop/ Meeting of the 2011 season will be held on Thursday, August 25, 2011 at the Skyline Country Club, in Lanesborough, MA.

The seminar will be presented by Don Rahmlow of TC2 Consulting Services. Don has more than 20 years of experience in information technology, with particular emphasis on the design, development, implementation, and support of software in diverse industries including manufacturing, real estate, asset management, and road network maintenance.

Don became involved with the concept of **Road System Management Software (RSMS)** while serving as IT consultant for a Maine town. In 2008 the town sought to quantify and justify the work required to bring their badly deteriorated road network up to a level that a reasonable annual maintenance budget could sustain. To assist with this project the town acquired an RSMS program from the Maine LTAP. This program was highly successful and widely implemented, but also badly dated and in need of upgrading. Ultimately a variety of "workarounds" were needed, but the RSMS concept led to the development of a credible road plan and approval of a sizable bond to fund it.

Based on this experience, Don approached the Maine Local Roads Center (co-funded by LTAP and the Maine DOT) regarding the need to improve the existing RSMS software. This led to the development of an entirely new program--RSMS 10--that borrowed heavily from the successful aspects of the original program, while adding a variety of powerful new features. RSMS 10 was officially released in the fall of 2010, and has been implemented successfully by numerous towns. A further major release--RSMS 11--has recently completed beta testing and will be released in August 2011.

Don has received computer science degrees from Princeton (BS) and Johns Hopkins (MS) universities.

Agenda as follows:

8:00am-9:00am: Registration, coffee and refreshments

9:00am: Don Rahmlow

10:00am-15 minute break

10:15am: Don Rahmlow

11:00am: Question and Answer period and short business meeting.

12:00 noon Buffet Luncheon

Scholarship winners will be announced at this meeting...

Name: _____ -Town or City_____

Number of Attendees_____ @ \$25.00 each. Amount sent:_____

Registration Deadline August 22, 2011

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