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# ELECTRONICS REPRESENTATIVES ASSOCIATION SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

**March 2010 Newsletter** 

**Our March 23 Chapter Event** 

# **5 Sales Tools That Win** with Bryan Shirley, CPMR



One technique Bryan used to keep our attention was to have us change our watches to the opposite wrist and then a while later he asked us about the time.

#### **THE 5 SALES TOOLS**

Bryan taught us how to use these...

- 1. The Call Organizer
- 2. The VIP Package(Visiting Important Principal)3. NBO Tracking
- (New Business Opportunities)
- 4. MAP

(Monthly Action Plan)

5. Year End Principal Letter (An important marketing tool)

He made it clear he didn't invent all of them, just put them into a useful group. They are basic tools to optimize sales efforts and improve relations with customers and principals. Using them, everyone in a rep firm can immediately improve their results.

Following the five tools, he added the equally important 7 THINGS FOR YOUR REP FIRM TO HAVE AND TO DO

- 1- Mission/Vision, Ethics, Philosophy
- 2- For real planning with for real follow up
- 3- Communications/technology tools- the best!
- 4- Operational systems (#'s and \$'s mostly)
- 5- Great sales management (even of you)
- 6- Marketing and branding
- 7- Productive fun!

It was a great session and a lot of fun for everyone.



Chapter Vice President Jay Walters introduced Bryan.



The final screen was a thank you to virtually everyone.



Bryan explained the tools fully by using examples.



Jay Walters presented Bryan with a token of thanks.



At dinner, Joe Vasquez, Chuck Waychoff and Tony Bruno of Adhesive Brokers.



Chapter VP Jay Walters of Signal Enterprises with past presidents Steve Geldman and Jay Ownby.



Shows chairman Doug Johnson, past president George Gibbons with San Diego president Marc Chilcote.



Frances McGillis, Don Pritchard and chapter president Ed Reese of Motion Components.



Ted Wiltse of MFS Marketing, Dick Berger of Pica, Gary Schoenbachler of Schoenbachler EMS, John Riordan.



John Riordan of Sales & Service, Nesh Dholakia of Nujay, Dean Marxer of Marble, Bill Herold of Conquest.



Jerry Robbins of TRC Pacific, Lynn Hummer of Mathews Company, Jerry Leth of MANA.



Jim Hill of Hill & Associates, Mindy Cadiz of Astron Electronics and Joe Morreale of Hill & Associates.

## **Our 2010 Tabletop Shows**



Proud Bird Show, March 3, 2010 More: www.erascal.org/ShowPhotos-10/2010PBShow.pdf



Goleta Show, April 20, 2010 More: www.erascal.org/ShowPhotos-10/2010GoletaShow.pdf



Camarillo Show, April 21, 2010 More: www.erascal.org/ShowPhotos-10/2010CamarilloShow.pdf

### **CPMR CEUs**

ERA Chapter Meetings and Owner's Forums can be used for CEUs. It's one more reason to participate.

# **Owner's Forums**

ERA Owner's Forums cover a wide range of rep business operations issues: leadership, company ownership, management, staffing, compensation, buy-sell agreements, disability, succession, dealing with principals and customers, commission issues, etc. These are lively sessions where some issues are "personalized" by participants and used to solve their own problem.



An Owner's Forum table set for twenty-four.

#### **CHAPTER DIRECTORY**

Is your directory page up to date? Our chapter directory is the way prospective customers and principals can find member firms by product, manufacturer and company. It is always up to date since information is supplied by members directly to their own page at www.erascal.org

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# **2010 Chapter Committees**

Committees are at the heart of chapter activities. Members are involved in every aspect of chapter operations. All chapter business is conducted by the chapter office and board of directors with committee input and support.

#### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Dan Parks, Chairman Bob O'Brien, Vice Chairman Harrison Frank, Treasurer Bob Baxter, Secretary

#### **BOARD ADVISORS** (Past chapter presidents)

Bill Herold, Conquest Technical Sales Gary Smith, G.L. Smith Associates Tom Felts, Techrep Components Steve Geldman, Image Associates

#### **BYLAWS COMMITTEE**

Tom Felts Ed Reese

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Steve Tennessen, Chairman Ed Reese Jay Walters Tim Wolfe

#### PROGRAMS PLANNING COMMITTEE

Jay Walters, Signal Enterprises, Chairman Jim Harper, Harper & Two Tim Wolfe, PMC Technical Sales Bill Herold, Conquest Technical Sales Steve Tennessen, Astron Electronics Bobbie Scobie, O'Donnell South John Riordan, Sales & Service Logan Enright, The Enright Company Tom Scoullar, Bestronics of San Diego

#### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Logan Enright, The Enright Company - Chairman

#### **TABLETOP SHOWS COMMITTEE**

Doug Johnson, O'Donnell South, Chairman Dave Snyder, D&D Engineering

#### **OWNER'S FORUM PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Harrison Frank, Chairman

#### **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Mark Thompson, Chairman

#### **WEBSITE COMMITTEE**

Ed Reese, Board Chairman Jay Walters, Chapter President Tim Wolfe, Vice President Bill Perry, Webmaster

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### **OUR CHAPTER**

Associations have the power to transform society for the better. The Southern California Chapter ERA produces dozens of educational, and social experiences each year plus professional seminars, business and sales training, and regional trade shows. We publish this newsletter and a weekly email newsletter, provide hundreds of web-based tools and resources, and help members connect via meetings, forums, breakfasts and other activities. For more information: 949-551-5200

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#### FRIDAY BREAKFAST

#### It's business, and it's social

A tradition since 1996, Friday Breakfast is a fun way for members to meet casually on a regular basis. The information shared is valuable to all. Venues in Chatsworth and Tustin make it convenient for members to participate.

#### In Tustin

Every Friday at 7:00. Mimi's Cafe, 17th Street at 55 freeway

#### In Chatsworth

Second Fridays at 7:30. Mimi's Cafe 19710 Nordhoff Place, Chatsworth A block north of Nordhoff & Corbin



# 2010 Events

The complete chapter calendar is here: www.erascal.org/calendar.asp

March 3, - Tabletop Show THE PROUD BIRD SHOW

March 23, - Chapter Event SALES TOOLS THAT WIN With Bryan Shirley

April 20, - Tabletop Show THE GOLETA SHOW

April 21, - Tabletop Show THE CAMARILLO SHOW

April 29, - Spring Social Event TIA JUANA'S SPRING SOCIAL

June 24, - Owner's Forum INSIDER SECRETS ABOUT THE REP BUSINESS

Wednesday, July 28, - Chapter Event 65 YEARS OF ERA SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Wednesday August 4, - Summer Social Event SAGEBRUSH SUMMER SOCIAL

Thursday, August 26, - Owner's Forum IMPROVING CASH FLOW & VALUE, NOW AND FOREVER



# **ERA SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

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