

15-Sep-08 Meeting Minutes for the Northern Colorado Entrepreneurs Meetup

Opening

Introductions of new members—86 in 25 minutes. Great Job of finding each other!

Round 1 Presenters

Name: Tom McKinnon
Contact: jmckinno@mines.edu
Company: Novare Biofuels, Inc
Product: *Novare is developing a process to make 100% compatible gasoline from non-food biomass feedstocks. Greenhouse gas emissions are reduced at least 80% from a petro-gasoline baseline, and the process can be made carbon-negative. Their all-in cost models show a break-even selling price of \$2.11 per gallon without any tax credits.*

Name: Ian Bernstein
Contact: ian@roadnarrows.com
Company: RoadNarrows Intelligent Systems, LLC
Product: RoboSight™ is a chip for pattern recognition based on Silicon Neural Network Technology using a black and white camera and a push-button control. The push button control eliminates the need for programming and computer controller. The current needs of the project are VC funding for manufacturing and further development and partnerships with companies that could use our technology

Networking

20 minutes of exchanging help and ideas

Appreciation for sponsors:

Venue: Carl Hammerdorfer - Global and Sustainable Enterprises Program – CSU
Burt Dienes – Business School – CSU



Refreshments: Rocky Scott – McWhinney



Round 2 Presenters

Name: Rich Gostenic
Contact: rich@greendiamondtire.com
Company: Green Diamond Tire – www.greendiamondtire.com
Product: *Eco-friendly tire re-use Green Diamond Tires are an Icelandic invention from a region of the world where they know about safe winter driving. Each Green Diamond Tire is an ingenious and technologically sophisticated remolded tire with thousands of diamond-hard silicium carbide granules embedded evenly throughout the tire's tread. Every Green Diamond Tire sold means one less tire is sent to clog a landfill and 3-7 gallons of oil are saved for a typical passenger vehicle sized tire. Green Diamond is looking for help setting up manufacturing facilities in Fort Collins, CO.*

Name: Scott Price
Contact: scott.price@mydials.com
Company: MyDials
Product: *MyDials is an easy-to-use dashboard interface that improves operational performance by providing real-time information about Key Performance Indicators so managers can visually access progress that is quantitatively tracked for diagnostic and decision-support purposes. MyDials is looking for partners and consultants to install MyDials.*

Announcements; Request for Volunteers; Spin-Off Meetings

LinkedIN “Group” for NoCoEntre.Net Members.

Several people have expressed the desire to get to know more about the members’ backgrounds. We have therefore created a private LinkedIN group for our members — see <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=152441> to join. If you aren’t already a LinkedIN member, you should seriously consider it, since it’s one of the best electronic tools for finding people across the country and across the world. Of course, it is no substitute for the face-to-face interactions we have at our Meetups!

Volunteers to help organize this meetup. A questionnaire was circulated, asking for help with logistics, marketing, web/blog, sponsors. Several people responded with medium or high interest. Details of the results will be circulated later. A separate meeting will be held to coordinate these activities. If you weren’t able to attend the meeting, you can see the questionnaire at

<http://files.meetup.com/1110828/Sep.%2015%2C%202008%20QUESTIONNAIRE.doc>

and you are still welcome to respond directly to info@nocoentre.net.

A couple of people expressed a strong interest in helping, but didn’t write down their names! If you think this could have been you, please contact us directly.

Possible regular Entrepreneurs meeting focusing on green tech and sustainability. One average, there was only moderate interest in this, so for now we will continue to keep a diverse mix of presenters. However, as the number of potential presenters increases, we will consider having more frequent meetings (say, every three weeks), and alternate with a more or less “green” emphasis. We believe that one strength of our group is the opportunity for people to contribute across technical and business focus areas. As always, we welcome your feedback on the mix of presenters.

One-time spin-off meetings. Several people volunteered to help organize and/or participate in presenter panels on topics such as sweat-equity, confidential disclosure, angels, and alternative

financing. Again, a separate meeting will be called to bring these people together to work on programs.

Dave O'Brien announced the upcoming Rockies Venture Club Angel Summit and asked for possible presenters (dcobrien@comcast.net)

Close and Networking

Follow-up networking