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Message from the Board

Dear vtTA Members & Supporters,

We were pleased to see a large turnout of members and friends for our annual Lake Champlain dinner cruise this month. Special thanks go to our sponsors for making the cruise possible: Tech Valley Communications, Windstream Communications, Competitive Computing (C2), Physician's Computer Company (PCC), PAR Springer-Miller Systems, and the Vermont BioSciences Alliance.

The [Tech Jam](#) is ahead on October 18 and 19, and as part of our involvement the vtTA is once again presenting the Tech Jam Awards. Please [submit your nominations](#) for the 2013 "Jammies," which will recognize a Vermont technology innovation and a Vermont technology ambassador. Last year, Microstrain, a LORD Company, received the Innovation Award for its new wireless communications sensing system. Champlain College's Emergent Media Center won the Ambassador Award for its educational leadership in game development and new media. New applicants as well as those who missed taking home the honors last year, are encouraged to apply. The deadline for entries is Friday, September 20 at 5p.m.

The vtTA welcomes sponsors for the Tech Jam awards and to support vtTA at the Tech Jam. If interested in these opportunities, please contact Jeff Couture at jeffcouture-vtta@comcast.net.

In addition to the Tech Jam, Vermont technology innovation also will be showcased at other events this fall, including the [Champlain Maker Faire](#) on September 28 and 29, and the [HackVT](#), October 11 and 12 a 24-hour hackathon to build a killer app for the State of Vermont.

Jeff Couture

Executive Director, Vermont Technology Alliance

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Upcoming Events

Burlington Chapter of Girl Develop It to hold Introduction to JavaScript/jQuery

[Sept. 14, 2013 - Dealer.com]

JavaScript is the language of interactivity on the web. Ever used Google maps? Clicked on something to make it appear or hide? Seen a slideshow

of images? You have used JavaScript! We'll start from the beginning and by the end of the course you will be able to create interactive websites.

For more information, click [here](#)

HackVT

[Oct. 11 - 12, 2013 - Champlain Mill]

HackVT will be held in Winooski, Vermont at the Champlain Mill. Teams may arrive at 3pm on Friday, October 11 to set up and start coding, and the event will kick off at 6pm for 24 hours of hacking and creative thinking. \$10,000 in cash and prizes up for grabs (and maybe a little extra!) Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams, as well as a special prize for the best student team.

For more information, click [here](#)

Vermont Tech Jam

[Oct. 18 - 19, 2013 - Memorial Auditorium]

2013 Vermont Tech Jam Will Rock Out at Memorial Auditorium. Seven Days and vtTA are organizing this two-day job fair and tech expo, which will gather dozens of Vermont's most innovative companies and organizations all under one roof.

For more information, click [here](#)

Vermont Tech In the News

State Regulators Say Universal Broadband is Within Reach

[Aug. 24, 2013 - Source: VTdigger.com]

Broadband projects for all but 200 places in Vermont have been set in motion, bringing the state much closer to the governor's goal of bringing universal broadband to "every last mile" by the end of this year.

For more information, click [here](#)

Norwich Gets Contract for Cyber War Game

[Aug. 23, 2013 - Source: BurlingtonFreePress.com]

A nonprofit organization controlled by Vermont's Norwich University is getting a \$9.9 million federal contract to continue work on a cyber-warfare gaming system that helps financial institutions and others learn how to respond to attacks on their computer networks, officials said Thursday.

For more information, click [here](#)

Have News?

We're interested in keeping members up to date with all technology related news in Vermont. Have a story or event you would like to share? Have a link you believe would be helpful to members? Click the button below to submit your news or event item.

[SUBMIT NEWS](#)

Google Names South Burlington 'Digital Capital' of Vermont

[Aug. 21, 2013 - Source: BurlingtonFreePress.com]

The tech company recognized one city in each state as an "eCity" for 2013 based on the web savvy of local small businesses. Winning cities had small businesses that use websites, blogs and social networks, sell products online and have mobile-friendly websites.

For more information, click [here](#)

Green Mountain Digital Raises \$3.8 million in Series B Funding

[Aug. 20, 2013 - Source: VTdigger.com]

Green Mountain Digital announced \$3.8 million in Series B funding led by Monster Worldwide (NYSE: MWW), the Vermont Seed Capital Fund and angel investors. The funding will primarily support the scaling of recently launched Yonder, a free photo/video sharing app focused on outdoor recreation, as well as continued investment in the company's nature-oriented NatureShare platform.

For more information, click [here](#)

UVM Takes on Shortage of Programmers with Tarrant Code Camp

[Aug. 15, 2013 - Source: BurlingtonFreePress.com]

At first glance, the 2013 Tarrant Code Camp at the University of Vermont on Aug. 5-9 could have been mistaken for a week of fun and games for young techies. In a sense it was, since we wanted participants to have fun while learning programming and game design.

For more information, click [here](#)

Transforming a Vacant Building Into a High-Speed Haven for Local Businesses with Good Connectivity

[Aug. 15, 2013 - Source: TechJamVT.com]

The Looking for a central Vermont home for your techie start-up? Check out these two vacant office buildings just off Interstate 89 in Royalton. Both are wired for high-speed internet access through ECFiber, a non-profit coalition of 23 Vermont towns that's building a state-of-the-art fiber-optic network in rural Vermont. In fact, the first of these two vacant spaces is located on the same property as ECFiber's HQ.

For more information, click [here](#)

Nominate a Company, Individual or Organization for a Vermont Tech Jam Award!

[Aug. 15, 2013 - Source: TechJamVT.com]

The Vermont Technology Alliance is now accepting nominations for the second annual Vermont Tech Jam awards; the deadline for entries is Friday, September 20, at 5 p.m.

For more information, click [here](#)

Norwich University and Middlebury College Solar Decathlon Teams to Celebrate at the Statehouse

[Aug. 13, 2013 - Source: VermontBiz.com]

The Norwich University and Middlebury College will co-host a send-off event at the Statehouse in Montpelier on Tuesday, September 10, from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm for the student teams competing in the international US Department of Energy Solar Decathlon in Irvine, Calif., October 3-13, 2013.

For more information, click [here](#)

Senator Leahy Pushes for Navy Jet Engine to be Built by GE

[Aug. 13, 2013 - Source: VermontBiz.com]

US Senator Patrick Leahy (D-Vermont) made the following remarks during a visit Tuesday to the GE Aviation facility in North Clarendon, Vermont. Leahy visited the plant to announce his effort to secure language in the federal government's 2014 budget that would call on the US Navy to invest in a new, more cost-effective engine for the Navy's Super Hornet and Growler engines that could lead to new work for GE Aviation's Rutland operations.

For more information, click [here](#)

Digital Tools Bring Increased Access to Quality Healthcare for Rural Vermonters

[Aug. 9, 2013 - Source: VTrrural.com]

Last week, I participated in a Broadband Access Roundtable Discussion for Vermont's healthcare providers co-hosted by the USDA - Rural Development and the Vermont Telecommunication Authority (VTA). The half-day event was attended by almost two dozen healthcare experts, federal and state officials, and various IT experts.

For more information, click [here](#)

Pwnie Express Raises \$5.1 Million Series A Funding

[Jul. 30, 2013 - Source: PRWeb.com]

Leading Cyber Security Venture Capitalists back Vermont Cyber Security Company's innovations in testing wireless devices and networks in remote offices.

For more information, click [here](#)

High Speed Users Skew Vermont's Average Internet Speeds

[Jul. 29, 2013 - Source: VPR.com]

Vermont is again ranked as the state with the highest average internet speed according to the latest Akamai Quarterly State Of The Internet Report.

For more information, click [here](#)

Digital Infrastructure Gets Boost in Flooded Towns

[Jul. 25, 2013 - Source: VPR.net]

The goal of resiliency is to improve the ability of communities to recover from natural disasters. In some cases that involves building bigger culverts and better bridges. But there's also a digital side to resiliency.

For more information, click [here](#)

Featured Member

Windstream Communications



Windstream combines decades of dedication to our customers with a strong commitment to innovation in communications services. Headquartered in Little Rock, Ark., Windstream is a FORTUNE 500 and S&P 500 company and has more than \$6 billion in annual revenues. Windstream is a leading provider of advanced network communications, including cloud computing and managed services, to businesses nationwide. Windstream offers advanced business broadband, high-speed Internet, voice, VoIP, data, network, data center, managed services, and cloud services in cities across Vermont.

For more information, visit www.windstream.com.

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Useful Information & Links

Invitation to Bid: Vermont Elections Administration Platform

The Vermont Office of Purchasing and Contracting has issued an [RFP for the Vermont Elections Administration Platform](#). Proposals for development, implementation and support of Vermont elections IT applications. All notifications, releases and amendments to this RFP will be posted at the [Vermont Office of Purchasing and Contracting - Bid Information](#) web site.

Vermont EPSCoR Offers Grant Writing Workshop

Vermont EPSCoR is offering a Grant Writing Workshop in collaboration with Vermont Genetics Network on September 7, 2013 at the Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center in Burlington.

Graduate Students: A session of graduate research fellowships with a panel of successful applicants for NSF and NIH fellowship awards.

Small Businesses and Faculty and Student Entrepreneurs: A session on funding opportunities presented by a federal agency representative TBN (check back soon for more details!)

Postdocs and Faculty: A session on NIH (R01, R021 and R15) awards followed by a session on NSF RUI and standard grant awards.

This year's keynote presenter is Dr. Robert Porter, Director of Research Development at the University of Tennessee. Read his bio [here](#).

[Draft Agenda](#)

[Additional Details](#) - check back for updates!

[Registration is FREE and sponsored by VGN and VT EPSCoR](#)

Know of any resources that would be helpful to vtTA members? Send us an email at newsletter@vtta.org

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