

CONTROL BITS**AND****AUDIT BYTES**

The Newsletter of the Western Michigan Chapter

INFORMATION SYSTEMS AUDIT AND CONTROL ASSOCIATION

☞ MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT]

INTERNET ISSUES

If there is one thing you can't help but notice, it is the almost omni-present reference to the Internet in practically everything. Even delivery trucks are now being adorned with one or more web page addresses for you to "reach-out" to. It seems like everyone and or thing (including your own Chapter) has a web site. Accessing the Internet has become an engrained task in our daily lives. But for Audit and Security professionals like ourselves, we need to know what determines the appropriateness of Internet usage, and how do we ensure the control over access to and from the Internet.

Tonight we get "back to basics" about the Internet. No glitz, no hype, no expletive deleteds. Straight-forward information about proper policies and procedures for Internet usage, and the security issues you should be watching for when addressing Internet access.

Our speaker is Mr. James T. Carter, Manager of Administrative Information Security at Michigan National Bank in Lansing. Prior to joining Michigan National in March of 1998, Jim was the Systems/Security Administrator at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia. He has been involved with computer security for over 12 years and has worked with Internet for the past 9 years. He has served as an adjunct faculty member at William & Mary teaching computing and Internet courses, and at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland where he was the core instructor for the Internet certificate courses in the School of Continuing Studies. Jim also provides computing and Internet consulting and training services to various public and private organizations.

Topic: **INTERNET ISSUES**
 When: Wednesday, March 10th, 1999
 Where: Hummingbird's Restaurant (Inside the Holiday Inn South Convention Center)
 6820 South Cedar, Lansing (just south of the I-96 overpass)
 Cost: Members, IIA, AITP: **\$ 20.00** Non-members: **\$ 23.00**
 Times: 3:00 – 5:00 — **CHAPTER BOARD MEETING!**
 5:00 – 5:30 — Social Hour / Registration
 5:30 – 6:30 — **Internet Issues – Mr. James T. Carter**
 6:30 – 7:30 — Dinner

RSVP: John Blair, Steelcase, Inc., at **(616) 246-4730 NO LATER THAN Wednesday, March 3rd, 1999.**

REM: **PLEASE** give John your name, phone number, dinner selection AND membership affiliation!



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

A Recap of ISACA events from the *ExpressLine* Newsletter

CISA CONTINUING EDUCATION POLICY — By now, all CISA's should have received their revised CISA Continuing Education Policy document. The Certification Board recently reviewed the CE Policy and updated the qualifying educational activities. Be sure to read through your copy and note where these changes may impact YOU.

CISA CERTIFICATION UPDATE

- The deadline for CISAs to report continuing education hours and remit the annual maintenance fee was January 15th. A reminder invoice was mailed the second week of February for those who did not respond. CISAs are reminded that if they do not comply with the CISA CE Policy, they risk revocation of their CISA certification.
- Early registration for this year's CISA exam is March 1st. You've got less than a week to get it in by then. All registrations for this year's CISA exam **MUST** be submitted to the Certification office ***NO LATER THAN April 1, 1999!!!***
- The Certification office has announced that a free 1999 CISA Review Course will be mailed out to each Chapter's CISA Coordinator. This course will provide updated materials for chapters to provide sessions to prepare candidates for this year's June CISA exam. Contact our Chapter CISA Coordinator, Michael Sekoni, for more information.

NORTH AMERICAN CACS — The final program has been mailed out to all members for this year's North American CACS 99 conference. Scheduled for May 2–6, 1999, at the Omni*Rosen Hotel in sunny Orlando, Florida, this year's conference has been divided into seven different "tracks", from core competencies to ebusiness to advanced information security and audit principles to technology risk management. Each track has been thoughtfully developed to give you the necessary information to meet your IS Audit and Security needs.

NEW PUBLICATIONS — ***Contingency Planning for the Year 2000*** is now available at the ISACA Bookstore. This 63-page book, cobadged between ISACA and CICA is divided into four sections; the importance of Y2K contingency planning, the approach for companies with contingency plans already in place, what companies should do if they do not have a contingency plan in place, and alternatives to a plan. In addition, there are eight detailed appendices which specify resources and processes that require contingency plans, the contingency planning process, contents of a contingency plan, developing a Y2K strategy, and four sample contingency plans.

Copies are available now for \$20.00 (US) for members, and \$30.00 (US) for non-members. For details, contact the ISACA Bookstore.



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1998 – 1999 Chapter Meeting Schedule

- Wednesday, March 10, 1999 Hummingbird’s Restaurant
 Topic: Internet Issues Holiday Inn South Convention Center
 (See map next page)6820 S. Cedar Street, Lansing, MI
- Wednesday, April 21, 1999 Duba’s Restaurant
 Topic: Penetration I-96 & East Beltline, Grand Rapids

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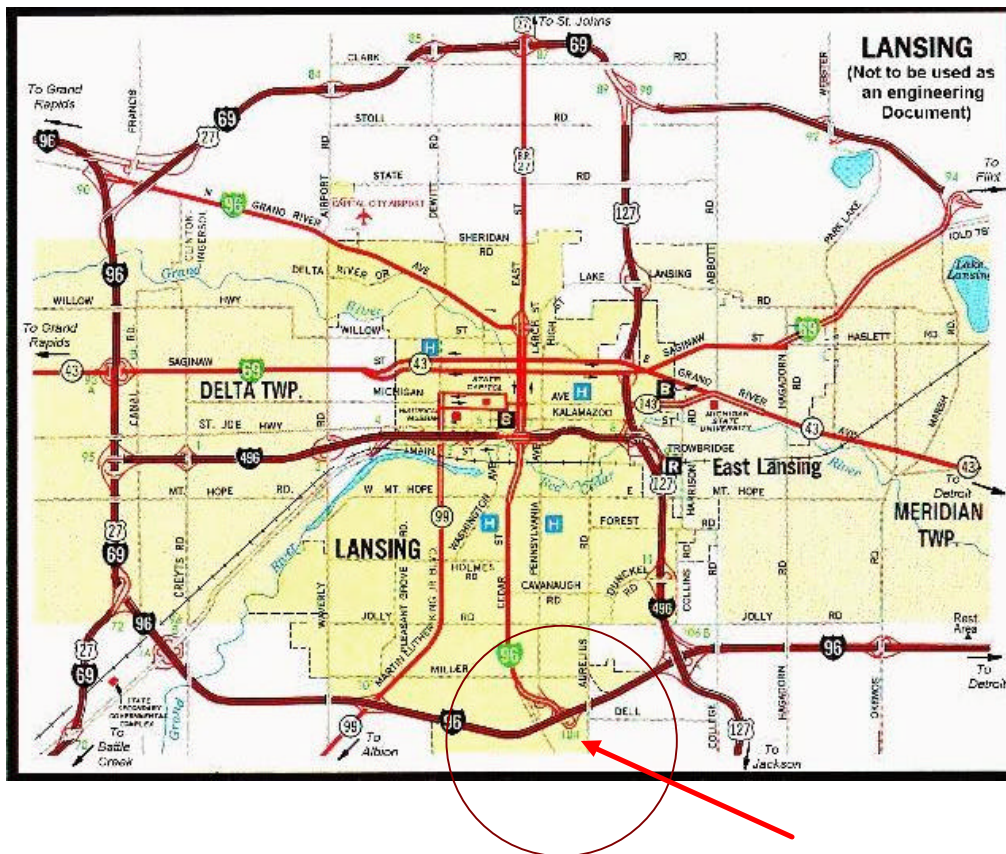
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Materials submitted for publication in *Control Bits and Audit Bytes* must be received by the Newsletter Editor no later than the submission deadline published in the newsletter. If no submission deadline is published, the default deadline is approximately three weeks prior to the next scheduled meeting of the Western Michigan Chapter of the *Information Systems Audit and Control Association*.

The deadline for submissions for the next Newsletter is Friday, March 19th, 1999!

DIRECTIONS TO HUMMINGBIRD'S RESTAURANT

(In the Holiday Inn South / Convention Center)



- ☐ Take I-96 to the south side of Lansing, and take Exit #104 – South Cedar / Pennsylvania Ave.
- ☐ Turn **LEFT** at the first traffic light off the exit (Pennsylvania Ave). Follow that south (about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile) to the traffic light at S. Cedar Street. Pennsylvania “dead-ends” into S. Cedar at that light, and there’s a Rally’s fast food restaurant on your right.
- ☐ Turn **LEFT** onto S. Cedar Street, and immediately merge into the right-hand lane. Continue on South Cedar under the I-96 overpass to the traffic light.
- ☐ The Holiday Inn South / Convention Center will be on the **right** side of S. Cedar, just past the traffic light. Proceed just past the Holiday Inn to the first street on your **RIGHT**.
- ☐ Turn **RIGHT** down “Just a Mere” avenue. Parking is on your left. Follow signs inside building to **Hummingbird’s Restaurant**.