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**Poughkeepsie Chapter of the Association For Computing Machinery**

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**Program:** The Evolving Software Development Scene:  
Where Do Old Programmers Go?

**When:** 7:30 pm, Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Where:** Student Center, Room 3105, Marist College **Note New Meeting Location**

**Directions:** Building 30 on the map at <http://www.marist.edu/welcome/map.html>

**Parking:** Please park at black dot #11 on <http://www.marist.edu/welcome/map.html> (the lot North of the Hancock Center #16) or in the lot East of Route 9, S/E of the former Main Entrance.

**Speaker:** Scott Lydiard

**About the Program:** Scott Lydiard taught web design and development at the University of California – San Diego. He was a reference for some of his students and so got to speak with many recruiters and hiring managers (Qualcomm, US Navy, NSA, Amazon, Microsoft, Google, Accenture). What they were looking for, in many cases, were eye openers for him. It wasn't anything he was teaching.

Upon moving to the New York City area, he thought it would be easy getting a developer's job here. It wasn't. He was unemployable! He could not get an entry level job doing what he taught at UC San Diego. This talk explains why.

**About the Speaker:** Scott Lydiard is a software engineer passionate about software development education and technical careers. While the central theme of his career has been software, he has spent 10 years in the oil business (Chief Engineer for Baker Hughes), 10 years in the mapping business (Vice President of Engineering of the world's largest mapping company), 10 years for the government (Navy - NSA Consultant for Satellite Communications), plus Chief Technology Officer for the military (Predicate Logic), and in the entertainment business (Nielsen).

Across these fields, Scott has been responsible for hiring and managing hundreds of software developers. His favorite position was working for NASA at the Goddard Institute for Space Studies in 1973. His most difficult yet exhilarating project was resurrecting a company from scratch by recruiting the best Java and Oracle developers in San Diego. Scott believes that failures are far more compelling and useful learning opportunities than successes. His most notable flop: A remote sensing company he started which used far infra-red imagery to map agricultural blight in Central Valley, California.

Scott recently joined the Bard College Prison Initiative faculty to teach web development to incarcerated men. His favorite hobbies are motorcycle mechanics and studying software engineering.

**Cost:** Our meeting is **Free** and open to the public

**Dinner:** 6:00 pm, Palace Diner, 845.473.1576  
Map and menu: [www.thepalacediner.com](http://www.thepalacediner.com)  
All are welcome to join us for dinner.



**We thank Marist College for hosting the chapter's meetings.**

**Refreshments are served after the meeting.**

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