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## CAMUS FLASH - February 2007

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### 1. **CAMUS RUG Meeting - Wednesday, March 7th, 2007**

#### **CAMUS Regional User Groups - Spring Meeting Goes Virtual**

New for 2007

- **Deployed Electronically** - All Regions – All at Once – All ERP's - No Travel\$
- **Keep up with CAMUS** – New Opportunities – July Conference
- **Infor** – New Supplier/Client Relationship
- **Handy Soft** – Streamline your Business Processes – Save \$\*\*
- **Networking** Round Table (actually over networks) – trade tips, questions
- **Who Should Attend?** Forward this to all your departments – Benefits for All
- **When** – Wed March 7<sup>th</sup> 11:00a Central
- **Registration** – online via our website [www.camus.org](http://www.camus.org)
- **Confirmation** notice will provide call-in & web link information
- **Questions** – contact Terri Glendon Lanza 630.212.4314 [askterri@yahoo.com](mailto:askterri@yahoo.com)

#### **Agenda (Central Time) Wed March 7, 2007**

11:00a – 11:15a CAMUS update Mike Anderson president

11:15a – 11:45a Infor update Warren Smith

11:45a – 12:30p HandySoft Garth Knudson

12:30p – 01:00p Talk Soup networking

**Take this opportunity to gather all your folks in one room. It's amazing what new ideas you can come up with to help make work easier + more fun!**

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## **2. CAMUS 2007 Annual Conference - Call for Speakers**

**CALL FOR SPEAKERS**

***Deadline: April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007***

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**How to Get the Most from Your Legacy System**

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**How to Survive in Between**

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You can also apply online now at [www.camus.org](http://www.camus.org), follow the links to the 2007 Conference page. All applications and biographies MUST be submitted by April 23, 2007 to be considered.

If you have any questions please call CAMUS at (415) 674-4503, or email [info@camus.org](mailto:info@camus.org).

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## **3. Chris Jones Helping Users**

So I am sitting down and relaxing and I get a request for a CAMUS Flash article. So many things cross my mind like: "What's for dinner?" "Did TiVo record "The Office" and "Will Barbaro be OK?"

But I had to act, no worrying about if Dwight will take over the Office, if that take out Thai in the fridge is still OK, I had to act and think. There is MANMAN stuff to ~~make-up~~ write!

Two recent items came to mind and thought I will toss them out here for you. THEY WILL BOTH SAVE YOU A LOT OF MONEY. For sure, easy money. Trust me.

### **Number One:**

Vendor Status. (ohhhh... calm down....) Each Vendor has a status and MANMAN (we're talking HP here) defaults to 0.

**What's it mean?** There are 300 settings for this field and there are limited things MANMAN will do, but there are things you can come up with if you are creative.

MANMAN will do this with the 300 statuses:

0 - 99 the vendor will be treated as a normal vendor and you can order and pay them.

100 - 199 the vendor, when used on a Purchase Order will create a warning. The P/O can still be added, but like running with scissors, you've been warned.

200 - 299 the vendor can not have a Purchase Order placed against them.

**Yeah....so....?** Some MANMAN sites have given this field to the Quality Department (or Vendor Engineering). They would assign what a vendor status is and how it is used. Or, more typically a range:

250 - 280 Vendor on hold due to Quality (definition of the numbers would vary, depending on company ISO procedures and company procedures).

240 Vendor no longer in business

230 Vendor is part of a new vendor (merger for example); enter information in the vendor comments field

150 - 180 Vendor on notice for Quality purposes. Issues and reason would vary, again based on company procedures and policies

140 Vendor is partially qualified all parts are inspected (which could involve Vendor Source Inspections)... etc etc etc

130 New Vendor, still being evaluated.

10 Vendor, level one; qualified and no inspection required

20 Vendor, level two; certain inspection are required

30 Vendor, level three; approved, but all parts are inspected

40 Vendor, MRO and other non-inventory purchases

So, there are some examples.

## **And then.....**

As Purchase Orders are written against the vendors:

Status 0 - 99 will go through with no problems (Purchasing and Receiving)

Status 100 - 199 Purchasing will see a warning when the P/O is added

Status 200 - 299 No Purchase Orders

By writing a handful of reports ( QUIZ , SQL inquiries, etc) you can do some good research (especially on the 10,20,30 type vendors above). Watch your RTV and other data against the groupings, etc.

If you use the inspection code on parts, then you can create some exception reports too.

*Now, that was fun, wasn't it? Let's look at another before we find out what torture Jack Bauer handed out this week on 24...*

## **Number Two**

This has been brought up on these pages before, but double check your MRP job-stream for something. There is a prompt on there which says:

RESCHEDULE WORK ORDER COMPONENTS? (there is a YES or NO answer expected).

Well, if it is ON (Yes) then this will happen. If we have this example:

TOP level part <---- Sales Order 123 and a Work Order. Due date of sales order and work order are the same.

SubAssembly SUB 1 <----- A work order is in the system for this

SubAssembly SUB 2 <----- A work order is in the system for this also

Purchase Part P1 <----- A Purchase Order is in the system for this

Now, all the work order and the purchase order we have in the example have perfect Due Dates:

SUB 1 work order has a due date of 02/15

SUB 2 work order has a due date of 02/05 (it is due when SUB 1 is to start)

P1 purchase order has a due date of 01/31 (it is due when SUB 2 is to start)

Everything is perfect here....

And then....

That wacky customer calls and pushes out the sales order (the nerve!).

MRP (after the sales order is changed) is going to suggest the work order for TOP gets moved....  
NO PROBLEM - it'll always do that.

MRP will also ASSUME the TOP work order **will be** rescheduled. Therefore SUB 1 will get a reschedule message, as will SUB 2 and the P/O for P1 will get reschedule messages. Do you want your purchasing department's dates governed by a customer change to a sales order - without forethought whether the work orders ( SUB 1 and SUB 2) really are going to be rescheduled (consider capacity for one reason)?

Because the MRP said to reschedule work order components, the work order for TOP will pass down a reschedule message to the components, in this case SUB 1.

SUB 1 will in turn send down a message to SUB 2

SUB 2 will send a message to P1

### **Long and Short:**

If you are scheduling your plant where reschedules of work orders are adhered to, then this works great....

For the rest of you - this is why your reschedule make and reschedule buy reports are so darn big.

Setting this to NO will reduce the reschedule messages a lot. But it also means the purchasing person will not find out about it until the third go around, which may be too late.

Ok, enough - it is suppose to be a "FLASH" - not a slow burn. My email is [askon@mac.com](mailto:askon@mac.com) drop me a line if you want to chat about these.

(weird - as I was writing this I read Barbaro is dead. I am pretty sure there is no connection....)  
The Thai leftovers will be consumed as I watch Jack Bauer and his CTU friend save the world (again).

Hey, can we have a Vendor Status that just says China!?

PS - If you combine it with the Parts Vendor Cross Reference file, you can disallow purchase of individual components from an otherwise acceptable Vendor.

The DEC Doc: Number One: Vendor Hold Status is either Open, Warning, or on Hold without multiple codes for each. This setting is accessed with CH,450 Maintain a Vendor which uses predefined screens (AD,101).

The DEC Doc: Number Two: Rescheduling Work Order Components is not a feature of DEC MRP, but would not be a difficult modification for those who would like to shorten the scheduling cycle.

Who's got time to watch TV?

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