

# The GPMATE Gazette

## 2004 USER'S CONFERENCE SPECIAL EDITION

### Ankeny, Iowa Training Schedule

December..... 15-17 .....(3 days) ..... **GP MATE**  
 December..... 18-19 .....(2 days) ..... Crystal Reports

January ..... 19-21 .....(3 days) ..... **GP MATE**  
 January ..... 22-23 .....(2 days) ..... Crystal Reports

February..... 16-18 .....(3 days) ..... **GP MATE**  
 February..... 19-20 .....(2 days) ..... Crystal Reports

March ..... 22-24 .....(3 days) ..... **GP MATE**  
 March ..... 25-26 .....(2 days) ..... Crystal Reports

**Pricing:**

**GP MATE** User Training .....\$1,495.00 (3 days)  
 Crystal Reports Training .....\$ 795.00 (2 days)  
 Combined (above).....\$2,290.00 (5 days)

Two attendees from the same company:  
 ..... 15% discount.  
 Three or more from same company:  
 ..... 25% discount.

A minimum of three students is required to hold a training class. We can accommodate a maximum of 6 students without sharing PCs. Classes fill up quickly! For registration forms, hotel information, and directions to the Ankeny office, contact:

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### ...From the Prez...

Welcome to this issue of the **GP MATE** Gazette

As you will see, we are announcing our User Groups Meeting scheduled for June of 2004. We are planning on showing off some new features and functions that will be available in the product. These enhancements are based upon customer requests and are designed to help make your life a little easier in managing your daily operations.

The user group meeting is a forum for you to meet with fellow users of **GP MATE** and exchange ideas that can help you make better use of the system. We also use this meeting as a vehicle to gauge user satisfaction and gain valuable insight into how we can direct future development. It is our intent to keep **GP MATE** positioned as a high-end system that is both flexible and easy to use. Therefore, your feedback is extremely important to us.

We have tried to make this meeting as affordable as possible to enable a broad user base to be able to justify the expense. With this in mind, we need to be able to judge the expected attendance as early as possible to streamline the support facilities. So please let us know as soon as possible if you are planning to attend.

Finally, if there are specific agenda items that you would like to have addressed during this meeting, please let us know. Karrie Sacks and Jim Lane are again coordinating this affair, and can be reached at the enclosed contact numbers or email addressed.

We are all looking forward to seeing you in Chicago!

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## Personalize a Company Meeting

This will be a great place and time to have your own company meeting. You're welcome to use this Conference to have a private company get together either before or after our meeting. We would be glad to offer our assistance with anything you need. We will be happy to have someone from GP Solutions attend if you would like. Contact Jim or Karrie at the Iowa office for further information.

## GP MATE 2004 User's Conference

GP Solutions is proud to present the 2004 **GP MATE** User's Conference in downtown Chicago for all **GP MATE** users. Here are some of the things you can expect to see and learn when you attend this conference.

- Hear our thoughts on where **GP MATE**'s future is heading and be able to offer your input. Such things as platforms, supported peripherals, and other enhancements.
- Steering Committee meetings on Maintenance and Inventory/Purchasing will give you a chance to offer your opinion on how **GP MATE** could be re-defined for everyone's benefit.
- There will be sessions you can attend to see demos of **GP MATE**'s optional modules and offer your input on needed enhancements.
- Meet with Other Users and **GP MATE** Staff.
- The Getting to Know You social is a perfect opportunity to meet other users and find out how they use **GP MATE** at their facility.

So please come and enjoy yourself at the 2004 **GP MATE** User's Conference.

## Register today for the 2004 GP MATE User's Conference

We encourage you to register quickly to ensure enough rooms are available. It will help us determine if we need more hotel rooms and/or larger meeting rooms to accommodate everyone.

Your registration fee of \$495.00 before, or \$650.00 after March 31<sup>st</sup>, will include:

- As many or as few of our sessions you want to attend.
- Getting to Know You, hosted by GP Solutions, we will provide Beverages and Snacks.
- Full Breakfast Buffet provided each morning of full day activities. Continental breakfast provided on the last day of the conference.
- Buffet lunches provided Wednesday and Thursday. Menu to be finalized at a later date.
- Afternoon breaks will include snacks and beverages.

Airline and Hotel reservations will need to be made by you. Once you have signed up for the Conference you will receive your Conference packet with a special group number. We have made special arrangements for all users to stay at the Hotel 71 downtown Chicago. Room rates are \$149.00 for Single or Double Occupancy, and \$299.00 for a Suite.

Please fill out the registration form included in this mailing and fax it in as soon as possible. Visit our web site at [www.gpmate.net](http://www.gpmate.net) to sign up on-line or you may also contact Jim Lane or Karrie Sacks via telephone at (800) 477-4968. We will then send you a 2004 Conference Packet with a finalized agenda, hotel information, and exciting things to do in Chicago during you stay.

## Chicago

Industry and creativity converge in Chicago, birthplace of the skyscraper. The Great Fire of 1871 torched much of the old city and Chicago developed a yearning for the new—becoming a catalyst for modernist architecture, among other arts.

The City's population of 3.5 million is a melting pot of Irish, Italian, German, Polish, Mexican and Asian immigrants. This diverse mix has built a city with an unrivaled tradition of jazz and blues, astonishing architecture, an appetite for hearty food, award-winning newspapers, universities full of Nobel laureates and some of the most die-hard sports fans you'll ever meet.

Chicago's Hotel 71 is at the Center of Everything

Overlooking the Chicago River just off Michigan Avenue at Wacker Drive, Hotel 71 is a destination for those looking for an alternative to the mainstream four-star hotels. Travelers enjoy a unique and memorable experience melding style, comfort, functionality, a high level of service and breath-taking views of Chicago without sacrificing a single amenity.

With its central location on the Chicago River on the newly renovated Wacker Drive just off Michigan Avenue and a recent \$23 million renovation, the new Hotel 71 breaks with ordinary conventions as the first Chicago hotel of its kind to cater to business travelers, tourists and locals alike looking for a smart, stylish and reliable experience with a Chicago sensibility.

Forget the rental car, this is a walking-friendly town. For longer distances, there are taxis-plentiful in downtown. The CTA trains (the el) and buses are also safe and efficient.

Chicago's O'Hare International Airport is 17mi (27km) northwest of downtown. Midway Airport is 12mi (19km) southwest of downtown. Amtrak's national headquarters are within Union Station, located southwest of the Loop. The Greyhound station is also southwest of the Loop, not far from Amtrak.

## GP MATE 2004 User's Conference Preliminary Agenda Hotel 71 Downtown Chicago

**June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

7:00pm – ???	<b>Getting to Know You:</b> GP Solutions will be Hosting Beverages & Munchies for anyone who wants to visit in a relaxed informal environment. There is no time limit but we quit buying at 9:00pm. All attending <b>GP MATE</b> staff will be there to talk with.
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**June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

8:00 – 8:45am	<b>Breakfast:</b> All American Buffet – Country Fresh Scrambled Eggs with Garden Chives, Smokey Bacon and Grilled Sausage Links, Breakfast Potatoes, Grilled Cinnamon-Raisin French Toast with Warm Maple Syrup, Oatmeal with Brown Sugar and Seasonal Berries, Freshly Baked Danish, Coffee Cakes, Breakfast Breads and Bagels, Fruit Preserves and Honey Butter, Flavored Cream Cheeses, Seasonal Fruit Display with Berries, Assorted Fruit Yogurts, Orange Juice, Grapefruit Juice and Cranberry Juice, Fresh Brewed Starbucks Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and Teas.
8:45 – 9:00am	<b>Opening Address:</b> Jim Brenza, President of GP Solutions, Inc., welcomes attendees and introduces the rest of the GP Solutions Staff as their hosts for the rest of the week.
9:15 – 10:30am	<b>Steering Committee Maintenance:</b> A Panel led discussion about <b>GP MATE'S</b> current maintenance package. Our focus is on the maintenance section itself and how it is being used and how it could better be used. Additionally we will talk about future enchantments that may be needed. This year our agenda will start with Items from last meeting, things we did accomplish, things left to be done.
9:15 – 10:30am	<b>Session:</b> What's New in Version 5? Our expert support staff will show you some of the items that are new in release 5 since our last meeting. Enhancements & shortcuts, even a few fixes.
10:30 – 10:45am	<b>Break:</b> TBA
10:45 – 12:00pm	<b>Steering Committee Maintenance:</b> Continued.
10:45 – 12:00pm	<b>Session:</b> Work Permits and Lock Out / Tag Out Capabilities
12:15 – 1:30pm	<b>Lunch:</b> Wacker Drive Deli – Chef's Soup du Jour, Inside Round of Beef, Honey Ham and Smoked Turkey, Swiss, Provolone & Cheddar Cheeses, Sliced Ripe Tomatoes and Red Onions, Pickle Spears, Mustard and Mayonnaise, House made Potato Chips, Grilled Vegetable Platter, Tri-Colored Rotini Pasta Salad with Julienne Vegetables, Freshly Baked 9-Grain, Sour Dough, Marble Rye, Tomato Basil Kaiser and Multi Grain Kaiser, Gourmet Dessert Bars, Fresh Brewed Starbucks Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and a Selection of Tazo Teas.
1:30 – 2:30pm	<b>Session:</b> Using Alerts and Routing to automate Work Flow
1:30 – 2:30pm	<b>Session:</b> Data Warehousing for Analysis of Purchasing, Equipment Reliability and Labor Utilization
2:30 – 2:45pm	<b>Break:</b> Freshly Baked Chocolate Chip Cookies, Oatmeal & Raisin Cookies, Sugar Cookies, Peanut Butter Cookies, Fudge Brownies, Variety of Candy Bars, Assorted Chilled Milks, and Bottled Juices.
2:45 – 3:45pm	<b>Session:</b> Showing Off <b>GP MATE</b> Wireless. We will be showing our wireless terminal and what it can do for you. Talk a little bit about the equipment requirements and potential for things it could do.
2:45 – 3:45pm	<b>Session:</b> TBA
4:00pm – ???	<b>Evening Festivities:</b> There are so many places to go and things to do we can not list them all but we do have lists available.

## GP MATE 2004 User's Conference Preliminary Agenda Hotel 71 Downtown Chicago (continued)

### June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2004

8:00 – 9:00am	<b>Breakfast:</b> All American Buffet – Same as above.
9:15 – 10:30am	<b>Steering Committee Inventory and Purchasing:</b> A Panel led discussion about <b>GP MATE'S</b> current maintenance package. Our focus is on the purchasing section itself and how it is being used and how it could better be used. Additionally we will talk about future enchantments that may be needed. This year our agenda will start with Items from last meeting, Things we did accomplish, Things left to be done.
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2:45 – 3:45pm	<b>Session:</b> Hanging Out with Jim Lane & The Barcode equipment along with other <b>GP MATE</b> staff. We will be ready to take any questions on about any subject.
2:45 – 3:45pm	<b>Session:</b> Using GP MaTe for Document Control
4:00pm – ???	<b>Evening Festivities:</b> There are so many places to go and things to do we can not list them all but we do have lists available.

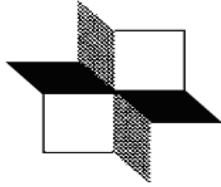
### June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2002

8:00 – 9:00am	<b>Breakfast:</b> Continental – Freshly Baked Coffee Cakes, Breakfast Breads, Danish and Croissants with Fruit Preserves and Honey Butter, Seasonal Fruit Display with Berries, Assorted Selection of Fresh Juices, Fresh Brewed Starbucks Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and Tazo Teas.
9:00 – 10:00am	<b>Wrap-Up:</b> GP Solutions, Inc. will bring everyone back together to talk about the last 2 days. Anyone is allowed to speak and give comments to the group. We can talk about the future Users Group meetings, have a Door Prize Drawing and say our goodbyes for another year.
10:00am – ???	<b>Checkout:</b> If you have not already you will need to checkout of your room. You may want to consider staying an additional night to enjoy some more of Chicago.

Please send suggestions of things you would like to see or discuss at the User's Conference.

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RECEIVER	SENDER
Name: <b>GP MATE</b> 2004 User's Conference - Chicago	Name:
Company: GP Solutions, Inc.	Company:
Fax Number: (801) 705-1355	Fax Number:
Note: Reservations	Number of Pages (including cover): 1

Please enroll the following people into the **GP MATE** 2004 User's Conference

ATTENDEE NAMES	
1.	4.
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3.	6.

I understand the signup fees are US \$495.00 per person for the User's Conference, US \$650.00 per person if I do not schedule by March 31<sup>st</sup>. I also understand that cancellations made ten (10) business days or less before the meeting start date are subject to a 50% cancellation fee based upon cost at time of reservation. Meeting availability is on a first come first served basis. Please register early to avoid being shut out of our Hotel. GP Solutions, Inc. has the right to cancel the meeting at any time for any reason without penalty. After signing up you will receive a convention package with additional information and finalized agendas if there were changes.

Please confirm these reservations by phone or return fax to the person identified below.

NAME:	COMPANY:	SITE:
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AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:		

Purchase Order Number required to place reservations.

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Billing Information	
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To help us schedule events and prepare, we ask you fill in the following the best you can.

There will be # \_\_\_ of us attending the "Getting to Know You" Tuesday Evening.

There are # \_\_\_ of us interested in attending a Chicago Cubs/White Sox's ball game if available. I understand all fees associated with this will be at my expense except for any prizes given to the winners by GP Solutions, Inc.

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