

Introducing John Werner – Internationally Published Author, Engineer, Consultant, and Conference Speaker

Hello!

When I graduated from the University of Rochester in '89, I swore I would be true to my BSEE and never write software for a living. However, within a few short years, I found that my problem solving skills and big picture thinking found a better home in working with embedded software than with electronics.

For the past 18 years, I have been working in the embedded software industry and have moved from implementing sub-systems, to architecting hardware and software solutions, to writing technical product specifications. I have found my greatest skill has been as a problem solver. As a Sr. Software Engineer at my last employer, I was often called in to debug the issues no one else could. Often solving the problems meant leveraging existing tools and creating new tools and processes.

I have received US Patents ranging from Automotive Ignition Systems to Ink Jet Printers, written several papers, and even been asked to present my work for the Bosch Conference on Software Engineering held in Stuttgart – one of my many trips to Germany. I have traveled to Bangalore, India, and even lived with my wife and daughter for 8 weeks in Milan, Italy.

I edit and administer the Internet's oldest FAQ (Frequently Asked Question) website on Snow Tires, The Snow Tire FAQ, <http://www.snowtire.info>. I have also been a contributing editor to the Volvo Club of America's bi-monthly magazine, Rolling (<http://www.vcoa.org>).

My involvement in motorsports started soon after learning to drive. I actively compete in SCCA and BMWCCA sponsored events events, and have been known to write TSD Road Rallies. I also instruct young drivers in learning to be safe on the roads through The TireRack Street Survival(R) schools (<http://www.streetsurvival.com>).

In 2008, Curtis Braun, a good friend of mine, talked me into finally taking the Amateur Radio Technician Class Exam, and I earned my Ham radio license. In April of 2009 I upgraded to a General class license.

My wife and I are both natives of the Rochester area, and we have made our home in Fairport. We are hoping to stay in the area.

Thanks for your time,

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PS: I should add that I am strong into using Linux and other free software (like OpenOffice.org). I have even built my own Linux network in my house. The coolest part of the network is the MythTV media system that can record 4 simultaneous shows and play back on up to 6 of the Linux machines on my network.. Those machines include a machine dedicated to feeding our TV & Stereo, and my Nokia n810 Internet Tablet. If you have any questions about how Linux or other Free Software can help you, feel free to ask me.