

# Calgary BarCamp, March 16, 2007

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I attended the first Calgary **BarCamp** meeting, I have to say that it was more than I expected. It is nice to meet investors, startups, and established businesses around the table over a nice meal. Thanks goes to **Kempton Lam** for getting us going and making this happen, it was also nice to meet other folks at the Barcamp; **Austin Hill**, **Patrick Lor**, **Sarah Blue**, **David Gluzman**, **Tom West**, **Michael Sikorsky**, **Jasmine Antonick**, **Matthew Dorey**, **Nox Dineen**, Matt Lonsdale, **Mark Kornak**, **Ivan Sierralta**, **Fred Yee**, **Mark Rosenberger**, and **Kempton Lam**.

Even though **Mike** wasn't able to make it he was there in spirit. I sure like the Cambrian House the more I am getting to understand how they work.

**Fred Yee** and I have been crossing paths since 1990 when we arrived in Calgary. He now has a very clever business called **FoundPages**. This has been a major issue for website builders and it looks like Fred has found a way to fix that, definitely worth a second look.

**Patrick Lor** is now a power Blogger and someone that we've been dealing with for a long time as well. I didn't realize it at the time, but we have been purchasing stock photography from his old company ( **iStockphoto**) for years, good to meet the man behind the business.

**Mark Rosenberger** has a cool idea for Outlook, that popular yet maddening product that 90% of corporate North America is using. Have a look at **SideFinder**. Mark stopped by today and we discussed how to make integrate our products.

Mark Kornak has a website that says, "**Specializing custom software solutions automating business processes.**", sounds much like we are working on at TTC.

It was nice to meet **Austin**. He has a very interesting background and is constantly on the lookout for a good software idea.

**Kempton** is the barcamp instigator, thank you Kempton I enjoyed it immensely.

**Sarah Blue** is the **Cambrian House** Host and works with Claudia Moore of **Material Insight**. See what I mean by **Mike** being well represented.

**David Gluzman** is the Executive Editor for Reading for New Times Magazine (R4NT) magazine.

Matt Dorey is CEO if **Curve Dental** a very interesting and forward thinking dental company that uses the latest technology to set themselves apart from the pack.

**Nox Dineen** arrived with Matt Lonsdale. Nox is an ex Cambrian House person and is now starting up a podcasting business.

**Ivan Sierralta** is the Alberta Deal Generator Manager for Calgary Technologies Inc.

I hope to see the same group again soon.

Thought I would also note that we've had a couple of press releases this month and if you are interested in how our business is doing, please **check them out**.

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