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Club Barter System Working !

Last week, **The Cepia Club** LLC enabled a key component of its long-term vision, a barter and trade system, originally conceived in 1995.

The Cepia Club, in its early development as a study group, foresaw a future need for a practical community-wide barter system. For over a decade, the theory has been researched, tested, and used in the sole proprietorship and since December 2007 in the limited liability format. The Club's Associated Membership Program (AMP) was organized, built and enabled to perform the services of contract bartering and a system of referrals and ratings. As of July 8th of this year, the system was declared ready. It is now operating as an

available service for Associated Memberships.

While some trial and error may be necessary, The Cepia Club LLC expects the full form of its bartering services to come into existence by this autumn. These products and services will be disclosed at a later date. In the meantime, The Cepia Club is maintaining a \$40 introductory fee subscription into the AMP bartering system. Interested individuals should contact The Cepia Club LLC (715-646-9933) to obtain application packet.

"This is the dawn of the Post-Historical civilization," said Club manager and owner, Tim Krenz. "Hopefully, the Club can stay ahead of the curve on these matters. After all, we've been

doing it for a long time, so there is our advantage."

Bartering, based on an agreed contract for the exchange of "real" or "personal" property between two or more individuals, is the most ancient form of economic trade in known history. Based on the trade of some good(s) or service(s) of equal or related value, bartering is believed by both historians and anthropologists to pre-date the introduction of money, for certain paper money but most probable even minted coins.

Before the invention of mass commerce between tribes, cities and followed by nation-states, bartering was, by common sense theory, done to create a pre-historic balance of payments

system. The balance of payments ensure that what one pays in property, even with the assumption of debt or other future obligation, that it equals the full value of property they receive in the trade.

In the beginning of an economic system, individuals via bartering allow anyone to offer a surplus(es) or unnecessary item(s) created or gathered by their time and skill (time and skill being strict definitions of abstract individual property) to obtain forms of property (tools, hides, foods, labor, etc., etc.) held by another. The property exchange, then and now, could be done by mutual consent and agreement. This is known as a contract.

Of course, two other methods exist to obtain property belonging to others. First, there is theft, or stealing. Since this upsets people—past and present—who were or are unjustly deprived of their property without satisfactory consent OR equal value in trade, a “common sense” system of laws arose in civilization to prevent theft—through punishment as deterrence.

And then there is war. As easily as something could be agreed in a barter trade contract, organized theft through threats of violence or actual violence, called coercion, provided the stronger side with plunder. Either way, war for the riches of plunder amounts to same form as before: Theft. But war leads to the theft of the ultimate property granted in nature’s laws beyond real (like land) or

personal property—the theft of someone’s “life, liberty and pursuit of happiness.”

Because war is so destructive of life and property, as well as destructive of the liberties to think free and worship freely without fear or lack of food, clothing, and shelter, it became easier to engage in trade by contract rather than have warriors and civilians killed or hurt on all sides of a war of plunder.

Money taking the forms of currency as terms of exchange in commercial trade is an entirely other matter. But people understand that money buys things. What happens when money runs out? That is called bankruptcy. On the other hand, what happens if money loses its value? That is called inflation. Inflation—cheapening of money as currency—brings back the balance of payments issues in the 21st Century. And this directly affects people not possessed of great wealth or property. Inflation means it takes more money to buy the same things. In other words, people work harder to pay more in personal property (labor, income, savings, etc.) to buy the same property which does not necessarily change in value.

When inflation combines with debt, the amount of capital (property that generates property) shrinks. At a certain point (where Americans find themselves now), then all wealth that could generate more wealth (property) and better living (what economist call “growth”) goes to pay what is owed from

past payments, not toward the accumulation of property or wealth or better living.

The base property value of an orange as food (or clothing or housing or “other luxuries” like transportation) does not decline. So many calories, so much warmth, so big a house, etc. does not change. Only the “fake” property values shrink, like paper money. In short, inflation of money as a form of currency is nothing more than the age old practice of theft. However, those who steal through the inflation are not punished as criminals. Instead, people look to them as leaders of government and business.

As the balance of payments, from the level of international financial markets, government purchases, foreign trade—but most critically at the family/home-based economy—all undergo a metaphoric “creative destruction,” one of the best ways for common people to survive is through bartering.

Bartering is a lawful method in the common sense term, as long as all transactions are contracts—written or implied—by mutual agreement of the parties involved. Furthermore, for it to be “legal” in the eyes of legislated laws in the US, all applicable taxes must be tracked and paid to the proper authorities. Follow those two simple rules, and people can actually return to trading value for equal return.

Joining The Cepia Club LLC’s AMP is an advantage for those who want to barter real value.

The Cepia Listings for the Associated Members Program

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1. (Closed Profile)

2. "Smitty"
BMX and Bicycle Specialty Retail Services
retrobm@hot.com
www.retrobm.com
Inquire with AMP Management

3. "The Wizard"
Wizard of Odd, Ltd.
Computer Services & Teknical Support
wizodd@wizodd.com
www.wizodd.com
Inquire with AMP Management

4. "Planet Supply"
Specialty Collectibles, and other offers
www.myspace.com/planetsupply
Under US Post Office
St. Croix Falls, WI (Polk County) USA
Inquire with AMP Management

5. "Leroy"
Musician and Concert Manager for Planet Supply
www.myspace.com/grouchyfrautschi
Inquire with AMP Management

6. "Jimmie the Butler"
Abandoned Scout Camp
Musician and Sound Engineer/Producer
www.myspace.com/dorthyfix
Inquire with AMP Management

7. (Closed Profile)

8. (Closed Profile)

9. Holy Creations, LLC
Imported Olive Oil from Palestine
holycreations2007@yahoo.com
www.holycreations.com
715-497-0059

10. "The Donald"
Actor, Performer & Carpenter
Inquire with AMP Management

11. "Mr. Wolf-gang Goethe"
General Specialist
Inquire with AMP Management

12. (Closed Profile)

13. (Closed Profile)

14. (Closed Profile)

15. (Closed Profile)

16. Lynn Buss
Commodities and Financial Services
& Economic Planning and Research
Inquire with AMP Management

17. "Mr. Pete"
Discount Supply & Marketing
(Contact Info TBD)
Inquire with AMP Management



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Internship Program–Final Outline

Long–term Objective–

Create a business training program for eligible internship candidates that provides educational and practical value for them in future employment; and also provide The Cepia Club LLC with long–term advantages–for possible future employees, credibility and influence, contacts, market visibility, and outreach. We teach simple small entrepreneurship and how the global opportunities and new ideas can serve a local community and workforce, with loyalty between company, employees, and community. The Cepia Club’s prime commitment–“We can help ourselves better by helping others at the same time–” forms the central idea of our training program.

Short–term–

1) For the August 2008 pilot program, find two to four high school graduates, college–age/college–bound, or interested adult candidates who meet qualifications, and begin a 4 week program completed by August 29th. 2) Develop the program for fall, winter, and summer term internship programs for 2008–2009 with expanded opportunities.

Outline of Program–

One hour per week of individual instruction with candidate on a subject of independent study chosen by the intern. This includes a short essay of 3–7 pages due by week 4. The personal focus of each intern will carry into a group seminar of two hours per week along the following lines: **Week 1**– Written Skills. **Week 2**– Classical Rhetoric. **Week 3**– General Methodologies. **Week 4**– Business Management and Planning. Over–spanning all four weeks will be a theme of “Business Skills and Ethics for the 21st Century.” Each week, the interns will do two hours of supervised work on the seminar topic of the day. At the end of week 4’s seminar, each intern will have to complete the paper presentation, peer and program evaluations, critiques, and suggestions for improvement of all involved. The seminars will be dialogue and “Socratic” in method. The underlying work assignments will be on critical reasoning, writing and general communications.