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*** A Plan & a web Preparation-Resource for Oct 7 CrashSpace events ***
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 0) The newblankets.org /toolshed/ web-area is now updated. It contains
    a line in the /toolshed/ grid, near the top, linking to a
     [plan and"punch list" grid]
    for co-ordinating our Oct 7 Pd/RPi CrashSpace events

    If your memory is good and/or your time scarce, you may skip
    the /toolshed/ TOC and jump directly to

       http://newblankets.org/toolshed/Oct7/

** Why is the new web-link at /toolshed/Oct7 useful?

   For project and event-planning, the e-mail channel (here, as
   elsewhere ...) isn't really adequate. The channel's clogged
   anyway. Guilty, your honor. And god-save-us from
   google-gatekeepers and cloud-layers. Simpler is better. A link, a
   grid. Done. (props to Connie.)
      Especially as we get closer to Oct 7, we'll all need
      updated/real-time information to help us prepare our act(s) for the
      big Culver City Show. If you go to newblankets.org/toolshed/ (or
      jump directly to toolshed/Oct7/) you'll always have the current
      state-of-preparation display for our Oct 7 CrashSpace Pd/Rpi-fest.

   ** Important: Also, definitely feel free/welcome to jump-in, via
      /toolshed/Oct7/ if you should happen to realize additional Oct7
      needs/opportunities "outside the boxes" there. If you could
      help, just step up!
          -- Just e-mail anyone on the /toolshed/Oct7/ chart who looks
      like they could use help with their own preparations, for example.
         And beyond that "line-item" help we might offer, any one of us
      ought to also suggest new gridlines (event items) to be _add_ to
      the show. I'll insert thes additions into the grid/menu/punchlist.
          -- Such proposed "additional acts/features" are especially

welcome when/if the proposer is simultaneously nominating
themselves as the responsible-party. (But don't be too shy, though
– you might propose something even if you can'timmediately deliver
your "good ideas" on your own. Hmmmm ...)

** Does this ConverStaions event-architecture approach work?

   In fact, ever since New Blankets' first "Carnegie's Footsteps"
   festival at Columbia University 2008 and going forward -- through
   subsequent events in Boys and Girls Clubs and engineering schools and
   art classes and architecture classes, recently in January at the
   Fayetteville NY "Makers Weekend" etc. --

   New Blankets' events have always followed this template of
   "Experiments in ConverStation Space," using a conscious plan and
   procedure derived from diverse experiences in classroom teaching,
   popular writing and video, and museum exhibit design. The
   ConverStation architecture/ plan evolves each time it's used -- but
   it's proved reliable and extremely flexible and fun.

** Let's get on with it, shall we?

Here's the deal/proposal for Oct 7:

    -- [Of course Joe is the boss of nothing.(Re: that, please note
       Carefully any items labeled "Theron" below. So then clearly, the
       Plan which you are invited to read below (and find henceforth at
       /toolshed/Oct7/) represents just _some plan_. It is certainly
       not _THE PLAN_ for October 7 -- simply a plan-in-progress at best.
          Definitely, if you've got a better plan for Oct 7, or if you
       immediately see some essential tweaks that this proposed plan
       below desperately needs -- Let's hear from you (all) ASAP.]
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Plan and priorities for Oct 7 in apparent order of importance:
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1) To empower Theron to be "capo di tutti" for October 7 events.  I
   believe that Theron is the only one who can ensure that our Oct 7 show
is really convivial and adapted to the strengths of CrashSpace folks and
to the local facilities.  And beyond that starting
   premise -- 'Theron da boss here' -- All of us cast-and-crew (Joe, Gi,
Miller, TBD ...)  should all try to jump in and wrangle any details we
realize we can manage. Otherwise Theron will be
   impossibly burdened. (You may recall that Theron has a demanding full-
time job ... ditto Gi, ditto Miller ...)

  Updating and evolving certainly,  but here's what's at /toolshed/Oct7/

      A a"giving tree grid" displaying the Oct 7 events "punch list" as
spreadsheet-checkboxes.
         -- Any of us can/should take an item off Theron's "task tree"
            via this punchlist-display.

  Feel free to let Joe and Theron know when/as you assume
  responsibility for anything in the /toolshed/Oct7/ grid and are
  saying "I got it." Joe will maintain /toolshed/ display/ link and keep
the info there current.

  The idea is that every item on the /toolshed/Oct7/
  punchlist/grid has a dedicated "responsible-party" among us
  ASAP. Even more importantly, every item in the grid should
  be marked "Good to go. Check!" ASAP.

  Anywhere (for any item) that isn't being riveted-down pretty quickly
among us, we'll just need take the item off the list.

         -- We might move such "nobody/no-way" infeasible items to an
            offline greyed-out-grid called "For Next Time ..."
               Or maybe we should specifically mark out and memorialize
            a "bad ideas" offline grid.  There's a great track record, an
organizational NB pride that we have made countless
               mistakes since 2008 that are edifying to learn from :)


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2) To not ask Miller to do "too much" for October 7 and simultaneously
   not prevent Miller from doing whatever he wants -- once the show gets
underway. (As poet Robert Frost famously said "No surprise for the
writer, no surprise for the reader.")

        So I think we're proceeding to make Miller's _basic_ role be
   a fail-safe "sandbox" with small and specific parameters:

Miller will present and demonstrate his Pd/RPi riffs on Oct 7:

        - Miller is prepared to present for X minutes

        - Miller needs set A of gear which he'll bring

        - Miller needs (in addition to A) set B of gear which must
          be available/prepared on site the day of the event.

    So life is simple and wonderful for Miller, provided he can give us
all the values of the parameters X, A, and B ASAP

        -- And of course we commit, between Theron and all of us, that
   we'll cover that "set B" spec'd by Miller, the
   gear-Miller-will-need is required to map to reality. At least
   just-in-time by Oct 7. It would help everyone to know ASAP what set
B is, or roughly what it looks like turning into, as Miller and all of us
hatch out more ideas.

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3) No floor, no ceiling, no skywriting.

   ** No floor:
Regardless how prepared any participant is when they show
up, they will learn something and have some fun with Pd/Rpi, with us
and all of the other new/old friends they meet at the event.

   ** No ceiling:
     a) Regardless of how smart and experienced (with Pd, RPi,
       ARM, RF-modulation or you-name-it) any participant might be
       when they join us at the Oct 7 workshop, we can be confident
       that they will not be bored or useless to everyone else. In
       fact, such "old hand" participants will be able to "teach us
       'teachers'" and inspire us and allthe other participants
       -- and expert-participants, every time, will unfailingly
       Contribute to the design/planning of future Pd/RPi events.

     b) Oct 7 is an experiment and just the most recent test-flight of
       New Blankets' "ConverStations" event-architecture, applied now
       Ataton Oct 7 to the Pd/Raspberry_Pi scene.

    ** No skywriting:
       By using camcorder(s) video logging, pre-post video interviews
       With participants and other "thick archiving" of Oct 7
       ConverStation Space (including the planned ustream video
       archive), we will hark to Miller's reliable canon:
       "Let's build it see what it does."
       We expect the event to go beyond our expectations
       On Oct 7 and to be absorbed and assimilated by the community,
       to proliferate the designs of Pd/Rpi ConverStations #2, #3 ...
       in the future which organically carry-on the process --
       future dates/locations all around the world where every
       future ConverStation event also evolves and adapts a form to
       convivial to local participants and conditions there.

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