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**INTEGRATION, EQUALITY, AND OPPORTUNITY
FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.**

Come to the Assistive Technology Makers' Fair!

by John Flaherty

For those invested in finding their own solutions for equipment that could mean the difference between independence and a trip to a nursing home, there are new and different choices, with additional materials and devices every day. Add to this the amount of information on the Web, and the possibilities explode!

Here in southwest Pennsylvania, we like to go *big*. That's why for the second national **Assistive Technology Makers' Fair Conference and Expo** in Monroeville we are expanding from one day to two, adding panel discussions on a variety of do-it-yourself assistive technology subjects, and introducing new presenters to the line-up.

Two of the most exciting voices we are going to hear from are *Magic Wheelchair* (the nonprofit organization that builds epic costumes for kiddos in wheelchairs at no cost to families) and one of the co-founders of the *e-NABLE* volunteer network, who are responsible for providing free 3D printed prostheses to recipients around the world.

We aren't the only ones who see the value in these efforts. Our planning committee has members from New England all the way to British Columbia. Local interests are doing their part as well: *UPMC, PA Health and Wellness*, and *84 Lumber* have generously donated to make this convention a reality.



As far as we know, this is trailblazing work for a Center for Independent Living, but it's so important that the state and national CIL agencies have voiced their support as well!

Smart speakers, speech-to-text messaging, and 3D printers that cost hundreds instead of thousands... It's a brave new world – **come see what we are up to!**

For more information,
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Day	Time	Event/Activity
Thursday August 8	1:00–3:00	Bylaws Review <i>Calling on all members! Staff and membership review of the new bylaws.</i> <i>We want YOUR input.</i>
Wednesday August 14	1:00–6:30	Steelers Training Camp <i>The bus will leave TRPIL at 1 pm.</i> <i>Practice begins at 2:55 pm.</i> <i>The bus will leave Latrobe at 5:30 pm.</i>
Wednesday August 22	11:00–3:00	Annual Business Meeting <i>Members receive important updates on TRPIL's work, and make decisions to shape priorities for the coming year.</i>
Tuesday August 27	11:00–3:00	Brown Bag Picnic at Cross Creek Park <i>The bus will leave TRPIL at 10:30 am.</i> <i>Bring your own lunch to enjoy fishing, cornhole, and other fun activities.</i> <i>The bus will leave the park at 2:30 pm.</i>

RSVP for all events at least one week in advance!

As always, members can come in for Wii Wednesday (enjoy virtual bowling, golf, tennis, and more!) and Ed Pahula's Internet Café Training.

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Have an Idea for Our Calendar?

Become a member (or renew your membership) by contacting **Matt Taylor** at mtaylor@trpil.com, or call **724.223.5115, ext 1385**.

