



# Between the Lines

## The Inside Story

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## Living our best “tech” lives...

Someone on our “tech” team mentioned “predictive technology” was in our future. What’s that pray tell? Well it is already in our present. Search on line for a snow shovel and one second later when you open your computer, even e-mail, you will see ads for not only shovels but for snow blowers, tractors and trucks with plows attached. Someone or something (that lives in the proverbial cloud) predicted that you might



be interested in all snow related items, including how to build and feed a snowman. I was told this is the beginning of “artificial intelligence”.

Be careful...allowing a person, and now machines, to do the thinking for us can be addictive. The possibilities are unlimited and transformative. We do enjoy the ease of obtaining information fast and accurately, I can’t even make up stories with my grandkids about my knowledge of the past...they check me out in a second, I think they are listening but they are on line as I am speaking. This is all good; however, folks like me from another generation have to prepare ourselves by imagining the future from a different perspective. It took so many years to free myself of fears and insecurities in the times of Glen Miller, Jimmy Dorsey and the Inner sanctum on the radio (if these names are not familiar to you...look them up) but now in the world of technology new and different ones emerge. I consider acclimating to the tech-age as a “work in progress” that will never end.

So join me and folks like me who not only need to accept the challenges presenting themselves, but who want to take advantage of the fringe benefits this knowledge offers - like reserving a reclining chair in advance of getting to the movie theater, and some day real soon be driven to the movie with no driver behind the wheel.

Be willing to change. For me, the day I stop wanting to learn new things will most likely be my last day of work. Embrace the future and have fun. After all is said and done... if you have nothing to excite you and to look forward to, then you have nothing.

Once a new technology rolls in,  
if you’re not part of the steamroller you’re part of the road.....