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“Which Hat Are You Wearing? How Accountants and Materials Managers Look at Inventory”

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Accounting and Materials Management are both key disciplines in the operation of any manufacturing or other inventory-intensive business, but how they look at inventory can be very different. Balance sheets or balanced production schedules? Material costs or material shortages? Who is right? Come hear the presentation to find out just how differently these two professions deal with inventory!

October Speaker Bio

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Having initially hired on to a company called Western Electric, in the late 1970s, Charles subsequently worked for AT&T and Lucent, before taking an early retirement from Avaya in 2001. His career with the Bell System companies included assignments in materials management, quality engineering, purchasing, new product introduction, customer service, systems implementation, and shop manufacturing operations.

Following his career with the Bell companies, Charles changed his focus and embarked on a career in internal auditing, first with Valmont Industries and recently with infoUSA. He has found that the two worlds share some interesting commonalities and some even more interesting differences, as he will describe in his presentation.

Charles has served on the Board of Directors of the local APICS chapter and has also taught APICS courses locally. In addition to being Certified in Production and Inventory Management, Charles is also a Certified Internal Auditor, a Certified Information Systems Auditor, and a former Oklahoma Quality Award Examiner.

Charles has a BA and Certificate in Area Studies from Oklahoma State University and an MBA in Finance from Oklahoma City University.