On Apr 28, 2:14 pm, David Fanning <n...@idlcoyote.com> wrote:
> Folks,
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> Just thought some of you might be interested in hearing
> about the recent "book tour" I was on, mostly visiting
> national labs in the Washington, D.C. and Virgina areas.
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> The turn-out for these seminars was overwhelming. In one
> case, literally, as we couldn't fit more chairs into the
> room and people were forced to stand in the hall where
> they couldn't see the screen to listen to the presentation!
> I sold all the books I had with me (all I could carry!) and
> more besides. I am *extremely* grateful to the folks who
> helped me set these seminars up. It was a lot of fun
> meeting old friends and people I had only known previously
> via e-mail and this newsgroup.
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> Coyote had to get involved, of course, and it wasn't
> until I got to the rental car counter that I realized
> he had switched my driver's license with one that had
> expired six months ago when I was on my long walk in
> Oregon! Yikes! Let's just say I am *extremely* grateful
> to a certain Chinese bus company who picked me up in
> front of a Chinese grocery in Washington and dumped
> me in front of a similar location in Virgina Beach.
> (Not to mention in-laws who have, unfortunately, come
> to expect this kind of behavior from me.) Live the
> adventure, I always say. :-)
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> Anyway, all this activity has pushed the book
> (briefly) above the 25,000th most popular on Amazon
> yesterday. I have a ways to go to catch Slaughter
> House Five, but I'm making progress, and it's clear
> that *someone* is buying the darn thing, and hopefully
> reading it! If you are someone who *has* read it, please
> consider writing an Amazon review of the book. You don't
> have to have purchased the book at Amazon to write a
> review, by the way.
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> I have been thinking a great deal about the next book
> I hope to work on, and I think I am extremely close
> to making a decision about this. If you have strong
> views on this topic, this would be a good time to
> voice them.

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(this is actually a serious suggestion... but I am not sure
how much competition there is in that field for books...)

Ciao,
Paolo

> This one may take some time to write and
> may have to be written in a less sustained way,
> as people are asking for courses to be taught in
> far-off and exotic lands and I find it very hard to
> pass these kinds of opportunities up. :-)
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> Mostly, though, I want to say thanks again to the
> folks on this newsgroup whose overwhelming support
> and encouragement makes it possible for me to do this
> work. You really are the best!
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> Cheers,
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> David
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> Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")