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**Contemporary Controls Interviews H. Michael Newman—  
the “Father of BACnet®”**

*In this Interview Newman Discusses the Development of BACnet,  
its Greatest Strengths and Much More*

Downers Grove, Illinois (July 29, 2008)—H. Michael Newman is one of the most recognized industry leaders in building automation. He led the charge for adopting the BACnet protocol and as a means of achieving interoperability between hundreds of manufacturers’ products.

Contemporary Controls’ *Extension* features Mr. Newman in the April-May newsletter, highlighting not only the development of BACnet, but the battles and victories that ensued. The interview includes:

- Early influences: his first job and the first building automation systems he built
- Involvement with ASHRAE
- Steve Bushby and the role he played
- The difficult aspect of defining the BACnet protocol

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- BACnet's greatest strengths

Mike graduated “with distinction” from Cornell University in 1965 with a bachelor’s degree in Engineering Physics. A year later he was awarded a master’s degree in the same field and subsequently did post-graduate work in astrophysics at the NASA Center for Radiophysics and Space Research. He is currently employed as the Manager of the Utilities Computer Section at Cornell University.

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