

Empowering Innovation:

Expanding USPTO Outreach to
Support Vermont's Entrepreneurs and Inventors

Here is where your presentation begins

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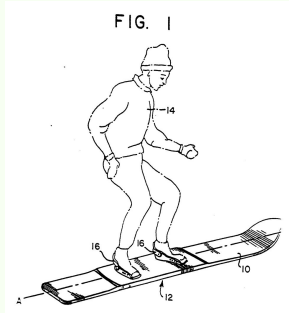
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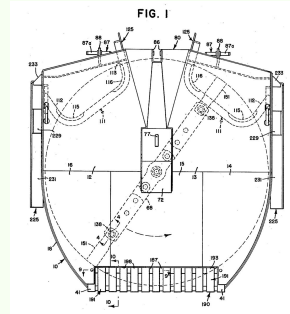
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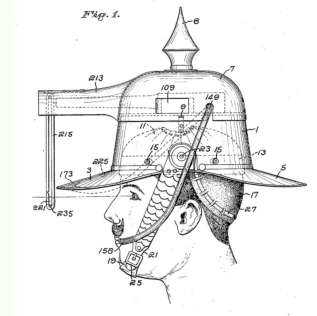
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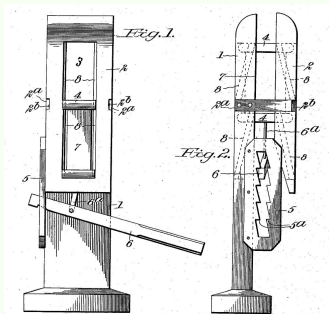
Snowboard (Jake Burton Carpenter)



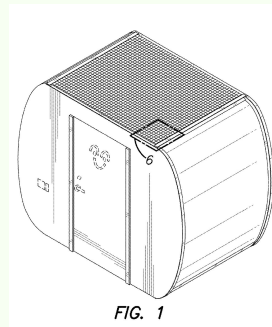
Rotating motor (John Deere)



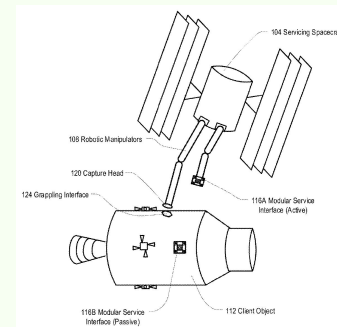
Helmet with pistol (A.B. Pratt)



Vice (Charles Orvis)



Privacy pod (Mamava)



Cubesat (Altius Space Machines)

Vermonters are entrepreneurs



What is the PTRC?

- The USPTO's Patent and Trademark Resource Center Program is a nationwide network of academic, public, and state libraries that support the public with patent and trademark assistance.
- The Burlington, VT, PTRC is hosted by UVM's Howe Library.

What assistance is available?



**Understanding IP
concepts and
processes**



**Searching patent
and trademark
databases**



**Locating USPTO
information**



**Finding legal advice
and representation**



**Technical and
historical
research**

What's in the Howe Library?

- librarians
- self-help books, technical publications, and other useful materials
- plant patents
- historical indexes



How can we help virtually?

- Most patent and trademark research tools and resources are online.
- We can assist via web conference, email, phone, and regular mail.
- ptrc@uvm.edu

Legal notes

- We provide confidentiality but we do not sign NDAs.
- We cannot provide legal opinions.

Legal disclaimer!

So we cannot give a opinion's on a person's actual idea or invention:

- Does *my idea* meet the criteria for a patent or a trademark?
- How do I search for inventions, brands or ideas *like mine*?
- Are *my searches* accurate and comprehensive?
- Can you help me write *my application*?
- Can you recommend an attorney or agent?

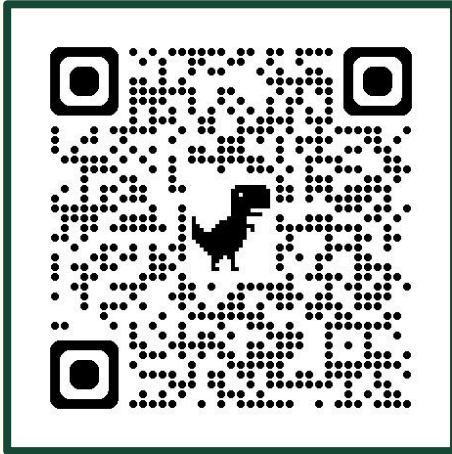
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Connections and Collaborations

We are available to assist the members of your communities.

We support inventors, innovators, entrepreneurs, small businesses, educators, historians, genealogical researchers, and more.

THANKS!



- ◆ Scan the QR code to check out our research guide and for more contact details.

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