

# Midwest Internet, Inc. Tour

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A group of members from the SouthSide Computer Club took a tour of the Midwest Internet facility on March 20, 2002. Twelve of us met at Sam's Club in Greenwood and car pooled to their building located at 5348 N. Tacoma Avenue close to the Glendale Mall. We gathered in their training room containing about eight tables and various workstations where Leo Doyle, CEO, talked about his involvement with the Internet development over the past thirty years.



He formerly owned and started Indy Net, which was so successful that a larger, national internet company offered to buy his company. Although his love for the Internet and his company was strong, he found that the purchase offer was too good to refuse. After the sale, he had to maintain a non-competitive position via contract for a while but he has now started Midwest Internet, Inc. He still has the same technical business associates that have been with him for many years, Mike Cowper and Mitch Schenck.

We split into two groups to tour the control room after finishing in the training room. The pictures below show two different locations in the control room. We were impressed with the neatness and the high tech equipment they are using. Their multiple servers, routers, modems, process and test equipment are the top names in the industry. They have connections to multiple telephone companies

to give them the flexibility and expandability they want for their customer base.



We went back to

the training room for a Q&A session after completing the tour. There were many questions generated about the facilities we had seen on the tour. It was now 8:45 PM and I believe Leo, Mitch and Mike would have stay there until the wee hours of the morning although I had told the group we would return to Sam's about 9:00 PM. I ended the meeting so we could start our return trip home.

I would recommend that anyone wanting Internet service contact Midwest and try their service. They provide unlimited, digital internet access to qualified customers for only \$10 a month. This is one of the least expensive internet services I have recently seen. Give them a call at 317-287-3232 or sign-up online at [www.mw.net](http://www.mw.net).