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## A FEW OF RAMON'S EVENTS

- SMALL BUSINESS SUMMIT UP TO 500 ATTENDEES
- SMART HUSTLE GROWTH CONFERENCE UP TO 300
- SMALL BIZ TECH TOUR NATIONAL USA TOUR



# WHY BIG EVENTS

# WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS? WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH?

### WHY DO BIG EVENTS?

- EXPAND YOUR BRAND
- MORE REVENUE AND PROFIT
- UPSELL YOUR PROGRAMS
- NETWORK WITH BIGGER OPPORTUNITIES





## **OTHER BENEFITS OF BIG EVENTS**

- GET MEDIA TO ATTEND
- VIP ATTENDEES
- HARD TO GET CLIENTS

INSTEAD OF WAITING TO BE

CHOSEN, I CHOSE MYSELF!



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# YOU SHOULD BE THE STAR OF YOUR SHOW

## EVENT PILLARS



- AGENDA/SPEAKERS
- ATTENDEES/MARKETING
- EVENT LOGISTICS
- SPONSORS

# GOOD SPEAKERS ATTRACT ATTENDEES



### **GETTING SPEAKERS**

- HEADLINE SPEAKERS NAME RECOGNITION
- EXPERIENCE VS BRAND RECOGNITIONS
- PAID SPEAKERS VS EXPOSURE SPEAKERS

## CHRIS MCCANN, 1800 FLOWERS



## **SETH GODIN**



## CLAUDE SILVER, VAYNER MEDIA

### **CLAUDE SILVER**



# EVENT NAMES MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



**DESCRIPTIVE AND CATCHY NAMES** 

# SMALL BIZ TECH TOUR

RAMON'S HOT SEAT

SMART HUSTLE CONFERENCE

TASTE OF TECHNOLOGY

# HAVE A GREAT AGENDA

# DON'T BE TOO CUTE WITH SESSION NAMES

## EVENT MARKETING

### **EVENT MARKETING - ATTRACT ATTENDEES**

- PLAN A YEAR AHEAD
- YOUR OWN CHANNELS
- PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS
- INFLUENCER MARKETING

- MEDIA SPONSORS
- SPEAKER MARKETING
- PAID ADVERTISING

# GOOD MARKETING COPY

MARKETING ATTRACTS ATTENDEES,

SPONSORS AND OVERALL INTEREST



EMAIL MARKETING IS POWERFUL. DON'T IGNORE IT.

YOU MUST EMAIL SEVERAL TIMES FOR

PEOPLE TO NOTICE AND TO TAKE ACTION

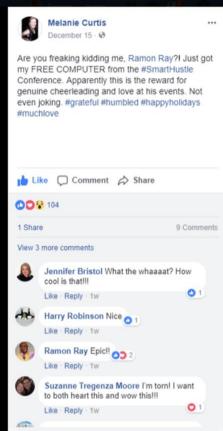
**USE MARKETING AUTOMATION TO SEGMENT YOUR** 

LIST AND ADVANCE PEOPLE THROUGH YOUR FUNNEL

## FOMO IS POWERFUL







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## EVENT LOGISTICS

### **EVENT LOGISTIC SUCCESS**

- ATTRACTIVE AGENDA/SPEAKERS
- EXCELLENT HOST/EMCEE
- OVERALL EVENT FLOW
- STAFF

- VENUE / DIGITAL PLATFORM
- FOOD\*
- SIGNAGE / IMAGERY
- AUDIO/VIDEO



HIRE AN EVENT MANAGER AND EVENT STAFF

## FUNDING YOUR EVENT



BUILD A LANDING PAGE.

SHOWCASE THE EVENT AS SOON AS YOU CAN.

### **FUNDING YOUR EVENT**

- SALES OF SPONSORSHIPS
- TICKET SALES
- CREDIT CARD / SELF FUNDED (FOR LARGE EXPENSES)
- BARTER



# RAMON HAS NOT **ALWAYS BEEN** PROFITABLE IN HIS EVENTS.

# BIG EVENT EXPENSES



## **EVENT EXPENSES**

- VENUE\*
- AUDIO/VIDEO\*
- F00D\*
- STAGE/LIGHTING\*

- SPEAKERS
- STAFF
- MARKETING
- PHOTOGRAPHY\*

## DESIGN MATTERS

**GOOD DESIGN MAKES YOUR EVENT ATTRACTIVE** 



CHEAP DESIGN LOOKS LIKE A "CHEAP" EVENT











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# BIG SPONSORS





# SPONSORS WANT TO FEEL CONFIDENT INVESTING THEIR MONEY IN YOU.

# SPONSORS ARE NOT HELPING YOU

## BUYING A SOLUTION TO THEIR PROBLEM.

OR CONTRIBUTING TO YOU! THEY ARE

SPONSORS ARE GOING TO SPEND

MONEY. WILL IT BE ON YOU?

YOU ARE NOT A SPONSOR PRIORITY.

STAY IN TOUCH AND FOLLOW UP



UNDERSTAND THE FISCAL YEAR OF A SPONSOR



WHO ARE YOUR IDEAL SPONSORS?

## **SPONSOR MATCHING - GIVE & TAKE**

- WHAT DO THEY WANT?
- WHAT CUSTOMERS DO THEY WANT?
- WHAT IS THEIR BUDGET?
- WHAT CAN YOU GIVE THEM?
- ASK LOTS OF QUESTIONS



### **QUESTIONS TO ASK...**

- WHAT EVENTS HAVE THEY SPONSORED IN THE PAST?
- WHAT EVENTS HAVE BEEN MOST SUCCESSFUL?

- WHAT CONSTITUTES A SUCCESSFUL EVENT?
- WHAT ARE THE METRICS OF SUCCESS?

# SPONSOR NEEDS: LEADS VS BRAND **EXPOSURE**

### **SOME THINGS TO GIVE SPONSORS?**

- SPEAKING OPPORTUNITY
- ACCESS TO ATTENDEE LIST

- MEDIA LIST
- EXHIBIT SPACE
- BRANDING AT EVENT



### TYPES OF SPONSORS

- NATIONAL SPONSORS
- NATIONAL SPONSOR FOR LOCAL TEAM
- REGIONAL OR LOCAL SPONSOR
- LARGE BUDGET VS SMALLER BUDGET

- SENIOR EXECUTIVE VISIBILITY OR NONE AT ALL
- SPEAKING ROLE OR JUST EXHIBIT
- BUDGET EVENTS? SALES LEADS? PR? MARKETING?

## RAMON ATTRACTS SPONSORS THROUGH PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS - KNOW, LIKE, TRUST

### **ATTRACTING SPONSORS - 4 WAYS**

- BUILD YOUR PERSONAL BRAND -WAY AHEAD OF TIME
- BUILD PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH DECISION MAKERS - HEADS OF SALES, HEADS OF MARKETING

- USE YOUR PODCAST OR BLOG TO MAKE CONNECTIONS
- KEEP IN TOUCH EVERY FEW MONTHS BEFORE YOU NEED THE SPONSOR



YOUR SPONSOR DOCUMENT

### **HOW TO CONSTRUCT YOUR SPONSOR DOCUMENT**

- CLEAR AND CONCISE
- ABILITY TO EVOLVE IT
- GIVE OPTIONS
- BE ABLE TO CUSTOMIZE THE OPPTYS

- WHAT IS THE EVENT ABOUT?
- WHO IS ATTENDING?
- WHAT'S IN IT FOR SPONSORS?
- WHAT ARE SPONSOR COSTS?
- LOTS OF PICS

GETTING SPONSORS IS A NUMBERS GAME.

WHITTLING DOWN TO A YES OR NO.



GET SALES TRAINING. LEARN HOW TO SELL.

SERVE WHAT SOMEONE WANTS	BE LIKEABLE	BE HUMAN	CONVEY TRUST
	WOO	SMILE	BE CREDIBLE

# IN SUMMARY



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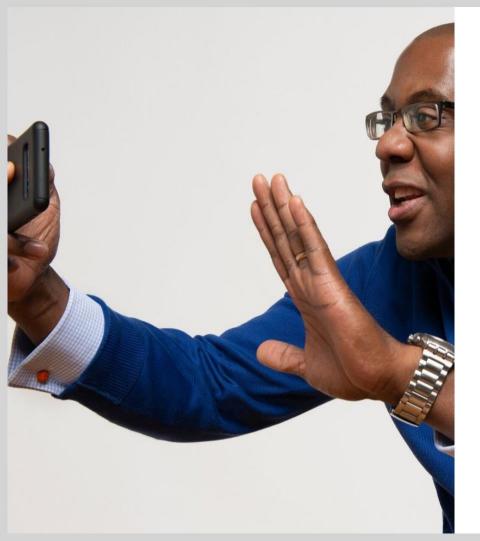
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### **IN SUMMARY**

- BIG EVENTS WITH BIG SPONSORS IS HARD TO DO
- BIG EVENTS WITH BIG SPONSORS IS POSSIBLE
- PLAN FAR AHEAD
- BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE (NOT BRANDS)
- BUILD AN AWESOME LANDING PAGE AND SPONSOR DECK
- EDUCATE, SELL, EDUCATE TO A YES OR NO
- FOLLOW UP



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- THERE IS NO RIGHT WAY
- PUT IN THE WORK.
- BUILD YOUR BRAND.
- HOW ARE YOU DIFFERENT? BETTER?
- STOP TRYING TO BE PERFECT

