

The TameFlow Connection Newsletter

The latest news and ideas about the *TameFlow Approach*

Hello, Friends of Herbie!

Welcome to the premier issue of the **TameFlow Connection Newsletter**. Since this is the very first issue, naturally it will be a bit longer than what it will usually be; but bear with me, there's plenty of stuff here, today!

It has been a long time in the making. This is the rebirth and re-branding of the *TameFlow Chronologist* newsletter that I ran between 2012 and 2017, in connection with my documenting my thoughts about the TameFlow Approach and writing about them on the *Chronologist Blog*.

After a few years where my attention was entirely diverted towards other projects, and then authoring and launching the **Tame your Work Flow, How Dr. Goldratt of "The Goal" would apply the Theory of Constraints to rethink knowledge-work management'** book, I can finally return to the idea of publishing a regular newsletter.

The original *Chronologist Blog* has been migrated in its entirety to the new **TameFlow Blog** which you can visit at <https://tameflow.com/blog/>.

The TameFlow website <https://tameflow.com> has been completely redesigned.

The companion **TameFlow Community** site <https://community.tameflow.com/> has been revamped and relaunched too.

An global **TameFlow Training Program** is being set up, and will become fully operational in the next few weeks, offering public, onsite and online training. Check the [TameFlow Training](#) page for up-to-date information.

An international network of **TameFlow Partners** is taking shape, and will be the reference shops in many countries/territories for anything practical regarding the TameFlow Approach.

What will this Newsletter Cover?

This new *TameFlow Connection Newsletter* is where I collect the latest news and thoughts around anything related to the *TameFlow Approach*.

The themes considered are, broadly speaking, those that you also find covered in the [TameFlow Community](#) - and hence you can even have relevant discussion about them there.

They include:

- **TameFlow** - What a surprise! - Of course *TameFlow* itself will be a major topic in every issue. Expect to read about **Patterns** and Pattern Theory; the **Three Fundamental Patterns** of the *TameFlow Approach* (Inspired Leadership, Unity of Purpose, Community of Trust); the **Four Flows** (operational, financial, informational and psychological); **Explicit Risk Management** (special and common cause variation, management by exception); delegation, autonomy and unanimity based **Decision Making**; **Throughput Accounting**; the **different kind of constraints** (in the Work Flow, in the Work Process and in the Work Execution), **Work Execution Signals** (ageing charts, buffer management); **Execution Management** and **Operational Governance**.
- **Theory of Constraints** - The *TameFlow Approach* has been heavily inspired by - and uses almost all ideas from - the **Theory of Constraints**. So we are deeply concerned about the Theory of Constraints and how it is used in the *TameFlow Approach*. Attention will be given to the general ideas of the Theory of Constraints; The **Five Focusing Steps**; The **Logical Thinking Processes**; Conflict Resolution with the **Evaporating Cloud**; Management decision-making with **Throughput Accounting**; Scheduling activities with **Drum Buffer Rope** (DBR); Project and portfolio management with **Critical Chain Project Management** (CCPM); Business strategy making with **Strategies and Tactics Trees** (S&T Trees); and others too.
- **Agile & Scrum** - We will look at all possible **Agile Methods**, including **Scrum** and others, and how they relate to the *TameFlow Approach*. In particular, attention is on how Agile/Scrum can be used in the larger context of businesses and organizations, rather than in the limited context of software development teams where they originated, so focus will be on **Business Agility** in particular.
- **Kanban & Lean** - The *TameFlow Approach* has been heavily influenced and uses many ideas from the **Kanban Method** and **Lean**. Here we will be exploring how they relate to the *TameFlow Approach* and discuss topics like: The Four Founding Principles of Kanban; The Six Core Practices of Kanban; The Nine Values of Kanban; The Kanban Lense; The Three Kanban Agendas; Enterprise Services Planning; the **Kanban Maturity**

Model; Upstream, Discovery and Customer Kanban; PopcornFlow; The House of Lean; **Jidoka; Heijunka; Kaizen; Kaikaku** and **Gemba**.

- **Project Management** - In this space we discuss about conventional **Project, Program & Portfolio Management** methods, and how they relate to the *TameFlow Approach* including: Benefits Realization methodology; Critical Chain Project Management; Critical Path; Earned Value Management (**EVM**); Event Chain Methodology; **HERMES**; Information Technology Infrastructure Library (**ITIL**); **ISO 21500** (Guidance on Project Management); Program Evaluation and Review Technique (**PERT**); Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBok); Projects In Controlled Environments (**PRINCE2**); Excellence in Project Management (**XLPM** - former PROPS); Projects Integrating Sustainable Methods (**PRiSM**); Quality Function Deployment (**QFD**) and **ISO 16355** (Applications of statistical and related methods to new technology and product development process).
- **Other Approaches** - The *TameFlow Approach* can work with, and often adopts, ideas from many different approaches. So we will be discussing approaches like: **Beyond Budgeting; Core Protocols; Design Thinking; DevOps; Discovery Driven Planning; Laloux's Model of Organizational Development; Lean Startup; RightShifting; Sociocracy 3.0** and more.
- **Personal Growth** - While the *TameFlow Approach* is concerned primarily about organizational and team performance, organizations and teams are made up of individuals. Therefore, in this space we will cover any topic that might help us develop and grow as individuals. Topics might include: personal health and fitness; family, friends and relationships; romance; personal finance; personal productivity (**GTD, BASB**, etc); life hacks; recreation and fun; and anything that helps becoming better human beings.
- **Tools** - In this space we consider all possible tools (digital or physical) that can be used to manage, communicate or collaborate about all work and activities that need to be performed in any organization, and especially in support of the *TameFlow Approach*.



Campfire Talks with Herbie

The Campfire Talks with Herbie Live Broadcasts

Given the pandemic lock-down, I decided to make information about TameFlow and about my thinking more accessible. Starting on Monday the 25th of May, 2020, I will host a series of webinars, the **Campfire Talks with Herbie**, that will have a similar focus to this this newsletter.

The format will be what I have dubbed "**21+21=42**".

For 21 minutes I will have a lecture (probably more like a "soapbox rant" :-)) about some topic related to the *TameFlow Approach*.

Then, for another 21 minutes I will answer to any question that to my attention from the audience.

Why $21+21=42$? Because we all know that 42 is the "Answer to the Ultimate Question of Life, the Universe, and Everything... and Anything about TameFlow" - with apologies to Douglas Adams! :-)

What will be covered in the webinar? I, for one, will enjoy visiting many of the ideas and notions presented in my "*Tame your Work Flow*" book. Then, of course, I will most likely be inspired by the very questions that the audience might ask; and develop more elaborate answers into full episodes. In general will focus on introducing the TameFlow Approach and explaining why and how it is different from others; what particular elements TameFlow introduces; and, of course, tricks and trips from the field practice of TameFlow. Finally I will also look at the most interesting development happening in this space around the world, and provide my views and commentaries.

At times, I hope there will be guests too. Besides... **Would you like to be a guest on the show?** or would want to see someone featuring as a guest? Then just let me know.

Initially I will stream the broadcasts via *Youtube*. Later I might add other platforms too.

To **join the first three episodes**, use the following YouTube live streams:

1. Monday, May 25, 2020 at 20:00 CEST: <https://youtu.be/EZXf0MwQujk>
2. Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 20:00 CEST: <https://youtu.be/GRzXPREAhfY>
3. Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 20:00 CEST: <https://youtu.be/cT8aUnN9G0Y>

To **receive notifications** about when the next episodes will be broadcast with the connection link and instructions, add them to you calendar here:

Read!

Thomas Cagley will base his next [Re-read Saturday](#) on "*Tame your Work Flow*". The plan is to read a chapter a week... for 21 weeks!

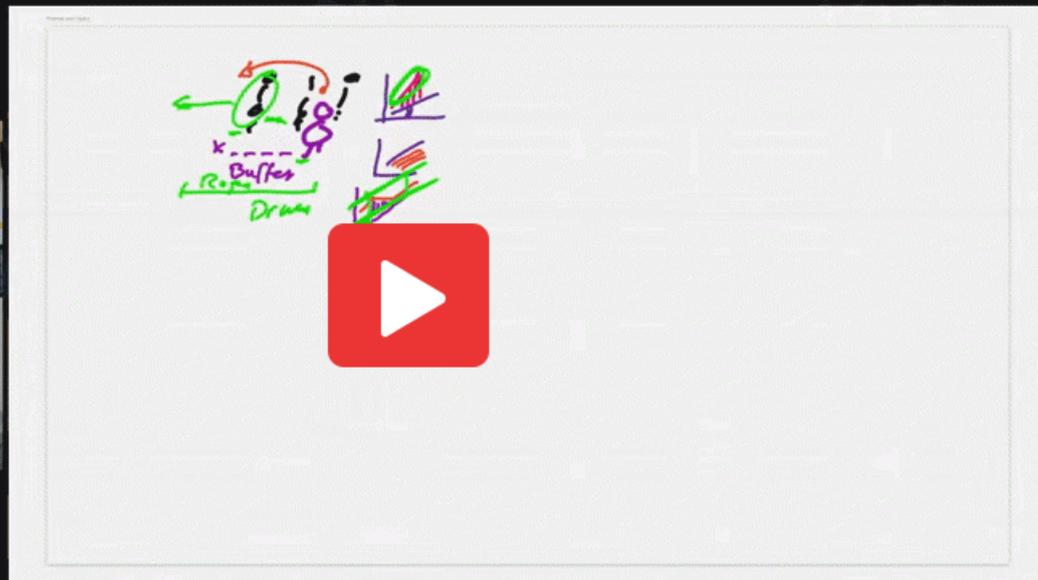
Listen!

During the course of the years, I have been interviewed a number of times. I thought it was fun to be interviewed, but didn't realize that people actually enjoy listening to what I say! That is until Daniel (Daniel Doiron, the co-author of *Tame your Work Flow*) suggested that I should have these listed somewhere online. So, here we go! Here are the first few. (I will be adding more as we go along.)

- [TameFlow on the SPaMCast #599](#): Tom Cagley interviews Steve Tendon
- [Leanpub Frontmatter Interview, June 12, 2019](#): Len Epp, co-founder of Leanpub, interviews Steve Tendon
- [Steve Tendon Interviewed by Bill Fox, July 1, 2017](#): Bill Fox interviews Steve Tendon - Exploring Forward-Thinking Workplaces
- [Steve Tendon Interviewed by Clarke Ching, November 4, 2015](#): Clarke Ching "the Bottleneck Guy" interviews Steve Tendon
- [TameFlow on the SPaMCast #326](#): Tom Cagley interviews Steve Tendon
- [TameFlow on the SPaMCast #291](#): Tom Cagley interviews Steve Tendon
- [TameFlow on the SPaMCast #287](#): Tom Cagley interviews Steve Tendon
- [TameFlow on the SPaMCast #277](#): Tom Cagley interviews Steve Tendon
- [TameFlow on the SPaMCast #273](#): Tom Cagley interviews Steve Tendon
- [TameFlow on the SPaMCast #269](#): Tom Cagley interviews Steve Tendon
- [TameFlow on the SPaMCast #258](#): Tom Cagley interviews Steve Tendon

Watch!

Here's a webinar where I was interviewed by **John Coleman, the Agility Chef**:



And the next interview by John Coleman is scheduled for Friday the 29th of May, 2020: [Objectives & Key Results \(OKRs\) the Tameflow way, with Steve Tendon](#)

That's all for this time!

Have a great week!

Steve

P.S. If you want to learn more about the TameFlow Approach, check out the [Training offerings!](#)



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