RSR's Post-NRF Big Show Debrief

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What We Saw, What it Means #RSRNRF13



About RSR



Founded in 2007 to quickly become the leading source of insights for trends in retail technology, and retail in general

Mission: To elevate the conversation about retail technology to a strategic level within the retail enterprise by:

- Providing objective, pragmatic advice to both retailers and solution providers
- Leveraging our extensive retail industry experience (75+ years)
- Providing a deep bed of research into retailers' technology investment plans and the business opportunities and challenges that drive those investments.



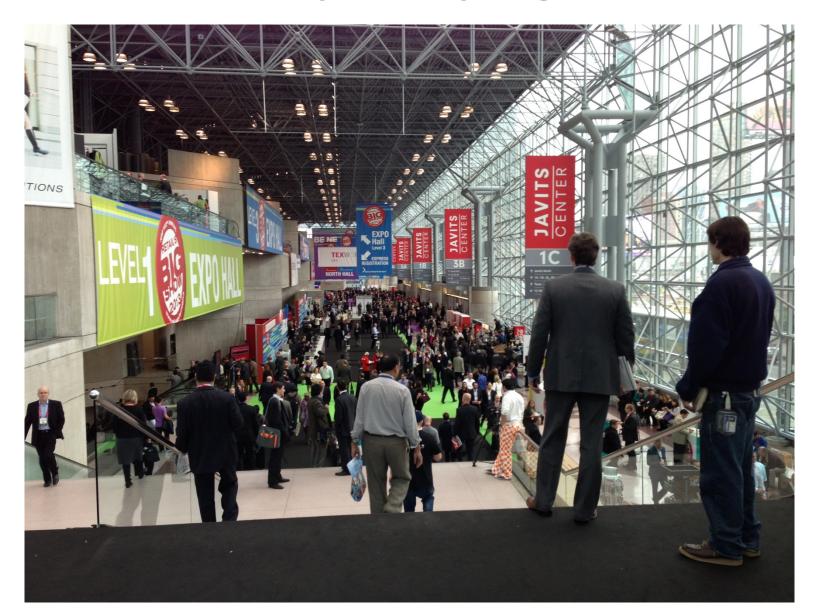








It was a "Really, Really Big Show"





How Big Was It?

- More than 27,000 attendees
- More than 500 booths, with a waiting list for more
- Multi-level
- Next year, taking the entire facility
- A dizzying array of banners, signs and ads
- Strong sessions, well attended
 - Conscious Capitalism
 - Kofi Annan
- Logistical improvements
 - Faster registration
 - More buses
 - Mobile app (how could we not?)

RetailROI SuperSaturday a Must-go Event



- A full day of analyst and retailer presentations and panels
- Retailers attend free
- A very worthy cause
 - 3 Primary Goals of the Retail Orphan Initiative
 - Raise awareness of the needs of 400 Million Vulnerable Children worldwide
 - Work with and encourage retailers, vendors and manufacturers to create internal programs to help with orphan/foster care
 - Fund existing charities that are on the forefront of orphan/foster care worldwide
 - In 4 years has raised \$1,142,700, 64 projects in 13 countries, more than 123,000 children served
- Plus, it's a very cool event
- ARTS sub-committee to set standard for charitable giving at POS





The "Reset Moment"

ALMOST EVERYTHING CHANGES



Supply Chain Morphs to Commerce Chain



Manhattan Associates

Strong recognition that the store is now a node on the supply chain – with in-store and cross channel order and fulfillment management.

IBM with Toshiba TCxGravity and TCxWave (see recent on-line activity) Microsoft Dynamics (omni-channel commerce engine)



The Delivery Revolution



While it is likely a niche play (except in grocery), same day delivery definitely has its place. When reps from ebay local mentioned they could have things delivered direct to my hotel room, it suddenly started to make some sense.

Improving the In-store Experience



Example 1: Coca Cola's relationship with specialty retailers is intriguing Example 2: Saw something similar at FMI Conference with Hershey's

Price Remains a Hot Item



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We continue to see a proliferation of price optimization vendors across the entire pricing lifecycle.

The Innovations Around Price Aren't Over



- New algorithms & approaches (a new look at some old rules)
- New demand signals
 - Formalized social
 - Informal "listening"
- Old school vs. new school
 - Static vs. dynamic
 - Product-based vs. customer/value-based
- Is the customer sensitivity a cycle? A trend? Permanent?
 - Some debate still exists about the health of a promo strategy long-term for the brand

Payments and Point of Sale



Open Contactless Payments Security: better than state of the art EMV ap & Go Payment: <100ms start to finishi

Open Platform: royalty-free

Payment Infrastructures

Genius (Merchant Warehouse)

SEE HOW WE'RE TRANSFORM

- ISIS
- **PushCoin**
- PayPal
- Servicing the Independent Retailer

Mobile POS **EVERYWHERE!**

The Complex Made Simple



The Challenge: Even "not so big" data is really "big"



The solution: Visual tools, delivered to any device, that summarize performance in easy to read formats.

Mining Social Media for Customer Insights

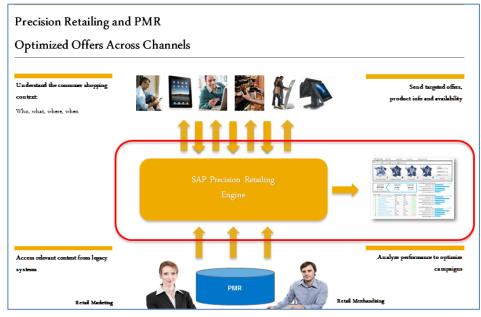


Moving from squeaky wheel to true sentiment capture

- Use of celebrity and iconic brands to drive traffic
- **Cross-sells and up-sells**
- How it fits into a traditional marketing plan
- Driving shoppers to the store
- **Gauging customer satisfaction**
- SAP takes a lead, IBM (TeaLeaf), and others
- **Also Visible Brands**

Social Media Listening Paper:

http://www.chainstoreage.com/holi day-shopping-online-social-mediasentiment-unwrapped





The Cloud Emerges from the Fog

Real products in the marketplace:

- End-to-end merchandise management systems (enfatica, Epicor, KWI)
- eCommerce platforms (DemandWare)
- Supply chain planning and execution (Blue Ridge and Logfire)
- JDA making huge bets on the cloud



Getting Really Visual and Clever





IntoClip Translook Planar Zensar / Myrio





New Age Marketing

Customer Engagement Management (TeaLeaf)

Marketing Agility (Monetate)

Faceted search (Oracle Endeca)

New Sources of Customer Data Drive Mobile Marketing

- Pure mobile marketing
- Location-based promotions
- Mobile coupons



Video Analytics Here to Stay



Lighthaus, Axper, Irisys, Scopix and others.

Video analytics for:

- Dwell time
- Line management
- Traffic counting
- Heat map
- Planogram compliance



Innovations Abound, but the Future is Today

- "Operationalise" as the theme
- Last year, demos were half-real, half-imaginary.
- This year, 95% real, 5% imaginary real, as in off the shelf purchase today
 - Motorola a store experience
 - IBM's future of shopping
 - Manhattan both DOM and DOF



A New RSR Tradition

An experiment for our customers and friends:

- Fewer meetings, more exploration
- Pre-briefs rather than event briefs

Exciting time for the industry: new trends, new products, new "stuff"

Our job is to learn and inform

Let us know: Valuable? What'd we miss?

We'll follow-up in next week's Newsletter (Retail Paradox Weekly)

Thank You!



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