Rochester Chapter, IEEE Computer Society
Technical Meeting
March 11, 2010

6:30 to 9:00

Topic

Computing in the 1970s

Do you remember (or heard about) vacuum tubes, punch cards, batch jobs, Fortran, paper tape, and 8 inch floppies?

Bruce Nelson has over 40 years experience as a programmer, system administrator, webmaster, and email postmaster. As a programmer, he wrote the device driver for the world's first dot matrix printer, and as a postmaster, he wrote some of the earliest spam filters.

His talk will be a "show and tell" describing his early experiences as a programmer and the hardware he worked with during the early days of computing. Attendees are invited to bring hardware relics and early hardware/software manuals to show to the group.

Pizza and Soft Drinks

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