

January 2005

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Jan 2005 Section Meeting

Tour of Main Post Office, Harrisburg

Date: Tuesday, January 11, 2005
Dinner: On-your own
 Peachtree/Crackerbarrel/Your Place
Tour Time: 7:30 PM
Tour Location: Main Post Office
 Harrisburg
 (Directions below)
Contact: Larry Brown
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RSVP to Larry Brown, lbrown007@att.net, by noon on 1/10/05 so we can get the count right for our tour guides.

Note: Please email Larry Brown at lbrown007@att.net, with your interest no later than noon on 1/10/05. Please reserve early to ensure you are able to attend!

January's Program

The Susquehanna Section Meeting on Tuesday, 1/11/2005 will be a tour of the main Post Office in Harrisburg. This Post Office is a state-of-the-art, mail-handling center serving the South Central Pennsylvania. We will be paying special attention to the mail control and building management systems. Of particular note is the ice storage system for managing the building environment.

The Post Office is located on Crooked Hill Road, just off the intersection with Elmerton Avenue. Please refer to the map for details. The tour will start at 7:30 PM from the leftmost door facing the front of the building. We have been asked to park in the back lot (employee) -- which is accessed by an entrance road immediately to the north of the facility on Crooked Hill Rd.

Due to the possibility of inclement weather, dinner before the tour this evening will be "on your own". For those not familiar with the area, we would recommend the "Peachtree", the "Crackerbarrel", or "Your Place" on (or just off) N. Progress Avenue (see map). However, there are also numerous other restaurants in the area, including several fast-food ones on Cameron Street. Please arrange to eat in time to be at the Post Office by 7:30 PM. The tour will last between 1 and 1 1/2 hours, depending upon the questions that arise.

December's Program

The Susquehanna Section of the IEEE visited the Cumberland County Emergency 911 Operations Center on Dec. 14, 2004. Our host was Douglas Glass, Deputy Director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness. We also toured the Cumberland County Emergency Mobile Command Center that

is part of the South Central Regional Counter terrorism Task Force and Cumberland County.

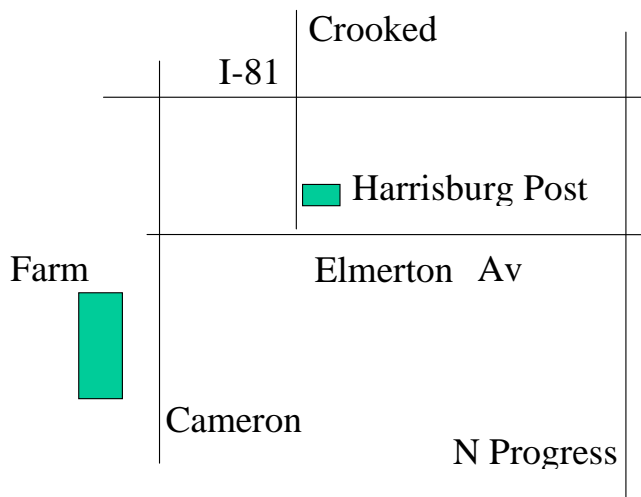
This van is capable of a complete 911 Emergency Dispatch Center including telephone and wireless communications. The cost of this van was close to \$500 thousand dollars. The Cumberland Emergency 911 center has state of the art Communications and Computer technology including connection to the TMI Emergency Alarm system for citizen evacuation. Doug talked about the county response to the TMI Incident, Camp Hill Prison Riots and the recent visit of President Bush to the Carlisle Army War College. We were able to observe actual 911 emergency calls being received and the operators dispatching Police and EMS units.

Cumberland County is also the first county to go on the new Ma/Com Open Sky 800mhz Radio System. The five Section members that attended were astonished at the depth and diversity of services provided. We encourage other members to join similar tours in the future, as our community hosts take time from their schedules to host the IEEE membership. Students, your professional colleagues, and others, are also always welcome on these tours so long as available capacity exists. Tours are excellent opportunities to excite and educate others in what we do.

Directions to the Harrisburg Post Office

Take the Cameron Street Exit (towards the Farm Show Complex) from I-81 and proceed south to the first traffic light (Elmerton Ave). Turn left onto Elmerton Ave. and proceed to the next traffic light (Crooked Hill Rd.). Turn left and the Post Office is almost immediately on your right.

The restaurants are on N. Progress Avenue that is the next exit on I-81 (if you head north).



Consultants Network: Meeting & Directory

The Alliance of IEEE Consultants Network's Coordinating Committee of IEEE-USA has just completed review of the soon-to-be-published "Consultants' 2004 Fee and Earnings Survey." Watch this space in future months for more specifics, but as a brief summary, the more than 900 IEEE consultants responding nationally indicated median fee compensation of just over \$100 per hour, with median earnings in the range of \$60,000 to \$100,000 per year.

Our local Consultants Network is holding monthly call-in phone conference meetings at which we seek to promote our interests. Contact Stan Telson, st@qspp.com, to be placed on the invitation list. Consistent participants in the calls will be added to the following local Consultants Directory, maintained by Roy Hoffer; Consultants Directory – Call to discuss your projects

- Roy Hoffer, P.E.- [717-569-9332](tel:717-569-9332) - Forensic Reports, Product Defects
- Ron Locati - rlocati@connectorconsultants.com
Electromechanical Devices, Electrical Connectors
- Stan Telson - st@qspp.com - Technology Strategy, Predictable Results
- Joe Wible - jbwib1@aol.com- Internal Combustion Engine Instrumentation

2005 Section Volunteers

We are pleased to announce the following volunteers who will serve the Susquehanna Section during 2005. We are especially happy that many of the Officer and Committee Chair positions are filled. But, we still have some empty slots and still have some people doubling up on jobs. It would be nice to add some more members from industry. If you are interested, see us at Section Meetings or send a message to simoncek@iee.org.

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Student Activities

We offer a special welcome to the newest members of our volunteer team: Troy McBride, Hossein Jula, and Soheil Tofighi. Troy is with Elizabethtown College, and Hossein and Soheil are from Penn State Harrisburg. The rest of the committee will be announced in the newsletters to follow due to lack of space.

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