



# IEEE NASHVILLE SECTION

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THE INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS ENGINEERS

## IEEE Nashville 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

- WHEN:** **Saturday, September 22, 2001**  
Reception: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
Laser Show and Dinner: 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- WHERE:** **Renaissance Center**  
855 Highway 46 South, Dickson, TN  
Directions: See the announcement below. Call 888-700-2300 (Toll-Free) if you have any questions.  
RSVP (appreciated, but not required): 615-773-8964, or [m.puckett@ieee.org](mailto:m.puckett@ieee.org).
- COST:** **\$15.00 FOR MEMBERS, \$8.00 FOR STUDENTS AND CHILDREN. Everything Included.**
- PROGRAM:** **Cybersphere Laser Show, followed by Dinner with Music and a Brief Award Ceremony**
- SPEAKER:** Dick Riddle  
Region 3 Chairman
- DIRECTIONS:** Head west on I-40 towards Memphis to Exit 172 (about 25 miles). Exit to the right on Highway 46. The Renaissance Center is approximately 2 miles from the exit on the right side of Highway 46. You can't miss it. If you have any problems, please call the Renaissance Center at 888-700-2300.

## Upcoming Activities

### Nashville Section Officers CY 2001

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### IEEE Nashville Section 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

We will celebrate the Nashville section's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in place of our monthly luncheon meeting. The event will start at 4:00 pm with a reception and hors d'oeuvres, followed by a Laser Show in the Cybersphere.

The Renaissance Center's CyberSphere Digital Theater is a teaching and performance space designed for instruction, live theater productions, musical concerts, special events, laser light shows, and interactive media performances. We have selected the "Laser Magic" show for the tentative music selection. Laser Magic will present musical favorites as you've never seen them before, including 360 degree laser effects, 3D Digistar computer graphics, and more than 10,100 watts of crystal clear digital sound. Please check out the Renaissance Center web site (<http://www.rcenter.org>) and send mail to Mike Puckett if you would prefer an alternative music selection. Following the laser show, we will serve a buffet dinner with musical entertainment. Dick Riddle will present a very brief award ceremony acknowledging the contribution of the IEEE Nashville Section.

This is a family event, so bring your children. Please send mail to [m.puckett@ieee.org](mailto:m.puckett@ieee.org) if you plan to come.

If you wish, plan to arrive early for additional activities such as the Art Gallery, Bookstore, and more. The Renaissance Center opens at 9:00 am.

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### **Middle Tennessee Section Merger**

The Middle Tennessee Section of Region 3 of the IEEE serves the Tullahoma, TN, area. Middle Tennessee Section membership has dropped below that necessary to remain a separate section (50 total). Dick Riddle, who is the Chairman of Region 3, and IEEE-USA have recommended that we merge the Middle Tennessee section into the Nashville Section. I concur with their recommendation. This gives us an opportunity to reorganize the section to deal with the geographic separation of our constituents. The revised Nashville Section supports three separate geographies: Nashville Metropolitan Service Area, Cookeville, and Tullahoma. During the upcoming months, I would appreciate any feedback regarding how we might better integrate our colleagues located in the outlying areas into Nashville Metro activities. One example that has been suggested is to have one monthly meeting per semester at each of the remote locations (4 remote meetings/year), with the members in that locale providing the speaker and venue. We also need to consider changing the name of the section to better represent the diverse geographies that we support. One name suggestion is "Nashville Metro". I will use this name as a temporary designation for the merged section.

The proposed merger plan is to create a new section with an executive committee (ExCom) structured similar to the Region 3 ExCom. The Nashville Metro ExCom will include section officers of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary/Treasurer. These officers would be elected at large by the total section membership. In addition, the section ExCom will include Area Chairs of the three geographies supported by Nashville Metro: Tullahoma, Cookeville, and Nashville. Each Area Chair would be elected by the local area membership. Until the next election, Area Chairs would be appointed by the existing Nashville ExCom. Area Chairs would have a seat on the Nashville Metro ExCom, and would participate in the management of the section, as well as the activities within their respective area. If an area desired, they could schedule their own meetings, develop their own newsletter, and publish their own web site. The section will continue to maintain a web site for the total section, with links to the respective area web sites.

There are many other logistical issues that must be ironed out and incorporated into the Nashville Metro Bylaws. As previously noted, our the Bylaws are badly in need of an update. The revised bylaws will be posted on the web site, and approved by the membership. Please send any comments on the bylaws that you may have to our editor, Bob Allen, at [rva@microlid.com](mailto:rva@microlid.com).

### **Nomination of Officers for CY 2002**

We need nominations of officers for CY 2002. Officers can be nominated by any section member, or by the nominating committee. Anyone wishing to participate in the nominating committee should contact Bruce Mackie at [bmackie@nespower.com](mailto:bmackie@nespower.com)