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Sorry that I'm late with this report. My Internet connection (cable) was down Thursday through last night so I wasn't able to participate in Saturday's meeting. Our section held two meetings since the last council meeting. We held a student paper contest in April which was well attended and included some very interesting topics. The winning presentation was about women in engineering. We planned to have a plant tour in May, however the company could not allow foreign nationals to tour their plant. The company, ITT NightVision in Roanoke, decided that a presentation offsite and demo would solve the problem. The attendance for this meeting was substantially lower but understandable since the students were out of school. Nevertheless, the presentation was very interesting and their demo of night vision goggles in the darkened meeting room was quite a treat! We will hold a meeting in July to plan our Fall meetings. It appears that we have several willing speakers so our task should be relatively easy. As a side note, two of us that could not attend the Va. Council Meeting in Northern Virginia in March travelled to SoutheastCon to attend the Virginia Council Meeting there on Friday. We were surprised that nobody showed up and no notice was given regarding its cancellation. Unfortunately, I had to take a day off of work to get down there in time for nothing more than a small reception. I would also like to suggest that Va. Council Meetings be held in more convenient places for folks from our part of the state. Perhaps Staunton would be a more central location for everyone.

Respectfully submitted,

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