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Welcome to the MT Section of the IEEE!

The MT Section is part of the Northeast Area of Region 6 of the IEEE. Covering the middle third of the State of Montana, the MT Section of the IEEE is comprised of some 300 members, whose interests and work areas cover a broad range of topics. We are power distribution engineers, design engineers, computer engineers, and at least one biochemist (who is also an aerospace engineer). The section has a fine crosssection of members from academia and the private sector.



Given the geographically disperse area we cover, most of the activity of the Section is centered at Montana State University – Bozeman, and Montana State University – Northern, in Havre. Not surprisingly, there is significant student involvement at each of these centers.

MT Section Activities

We are a very active group, as reflected in the number and type of meetings we hold throughout the year.

In the Bozeman area, we typically hold eight technical meetings a year, on a schedule that roughly accommodates the academic year. In 2009, topics addressed included:

- Financing the Commercialization of Technology-based Innovation
- Engineers without Borders
- Nuclear Weapons: Then and Now
- The Curious Case of CAIDI and SAIDI
- An Introduction to the Semantic Web and the Future of Search
- Photonics Research at MSU Spectrum Lab

Monthly meetings are generally held on Wednesdays at 6:00pm in Room 108 of the EPS Building, at MSU-Bozeman.

The Student Branch

Members of the Student Branch are very active, with participation in the annual MicroMouse competitions and student paper competitions.

Community Involvement

Members of the Section at all levels are very involved with community activities, volunteering their time and expertise to support educational endeavors, particularly at the middle school level. Everyone has a great time at the FIRST Lego League robotics tournaments and with support of Destination Imagination competitions.

Upcoming Events

- Section Elections will take place this month (November). Please look for the Elections link at the Section Web site <u>http://ewh.ieee.org/r6/montana/</u> for details. Section responsiveness to elections is a key factor in assessing our viability, so please take the time to vote.
- The last meeting of this calendar year will take place on December 9 at 6:00pm in Room 108 of the EPS Building on the MSU-Bozeman campus. Nic Ward of the Western Transportation Institute will discuss the features and advantages of driving simulators to support scientific research and design practices in support of improved traffic safety. The discussion will also introduce the driving simulator facilities at Montana State University-Bozeman.