

To: IEEE Florida Council March 2012 meeting, Orlando
From: Daytona Section
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Section updates and activities this year since Jan. 2012:

ESW workshop was very successful. We organized two tours for participants (a VIP tour of the Daytona International Speedway, and a sunset cruise) and for our section's life members. Many section members and student volunteers worked for the conference. On Feb. 17th, we presented certificates of appreciation to student volunteers at Bethune-Cookman University, and our section's secretary and life member committee chair made a great presentation on the various benefits of joining IEEE. We also presented a section award to Mr. Ron Gedney for his outstanding contributions to the success of the ESW workshop.

On Feb. 11th, our section participated in the annual Tomoka Science and Engineering Fair in Port Orange. Same as last year, two IEEE special awards were given, one for the junior division, and one for the senior division. Each winner received a check and a plaque.

During the week of Feb. 20th, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University celebrated the national engineer's week. The two important events are presentation by the Chief Scientist of Hypersonics for The Boeing Company, and the award banquet on Thursday evening, which was attended by many members and students.

Our membership is doing very well. Daytona section is one of only 19 sections in IEEE-USA (Regions 1-6) that qualified for recruitment incentive in 2012. In Region 3, as of Dec. 2011, our section ranked No. 1 in total retention (63%, tied with Palm Beach Section). In fact, we rank No. 1 in % renewal for both higher grade members and total members. Also, our section ranked No. 1 in Region 3 in recruitment year over year (340% growth).