



Children's Workshop 2005: Happy Wiring!

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Gayla Burns (right) works diligently during the Children's Workshop she coordinated for the Chicago Symposium.

The Children's Workshop was successful once again this year. Children built and used their imaginations like never before and decorated their projects to represent their respective country or state. It is wonderful to see these future engineers return to my workshop from year to year and show incredible talent. They are actually building something that runs from things you would normally

find around the house. They learned the technique of troubleshooting to make sure their battery powered gadget or car connections will stand and withhold the pressure of the race in the 2005 IEEE Car Race held on Thursday morning. Their enthusiasm and interest grew as they attended each day to learn something new! Many of them built more than one project during the workshop with much success.

Their talent was above and beyond my expectations of them. Way to go children!

I hope to see the same children and look forward to seeing many new faces at the 2006 IEEE International Symposium on EMC in Portland. I promise new and exciting projects to build in 2006!

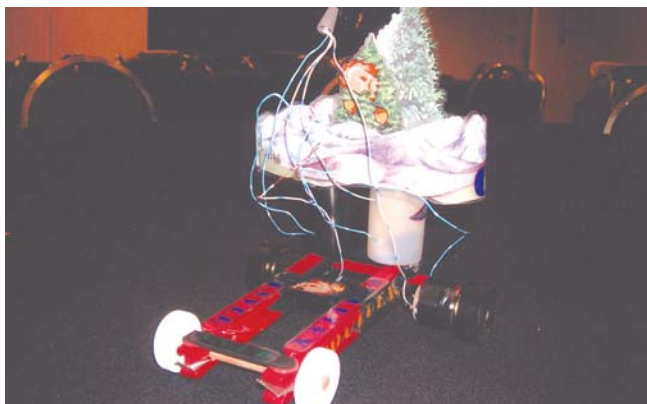
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Building something that works from regular household "stuff" can be very interesting!



Part of the Children's Workshop each year is some time spent touring the exhibition to see new products. This year, there was a unique stop at the ham radio area. This presented a great opportunity for the children to learn about ham radios. They are the perfect age to get hooked!



First Place winner of the 2005 IEEE Car Race.



Second Place winner of the 2005 IEEE Car Race.