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4. Local Conferences


IEEE Int'l Systems-

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   - 7th Annual IEEE-UT EMC 2006: The Role of Technology in our Economy
   - IEEE Int'l Systems-on-Chip (SOC) Conference

5. Presentations of Interest

1. Section Activities
   - Chairman's Column

Central Texas Section is growing. Recently, I had the opportunity to attend a meeting of the San Antonio Power Engineering Society. It was well attended and the subject Spread Spectrum Meter Reading focused on the very timely subject of water system monitoring.

During the summer months, many of the technical chapters will take a break from meeting. However, there are still quite a number of opportunities to take advantage of, such as the following:

The 7th Annual IEEE-UT EMC 2006: The Role of Technology in our Economy conference will be held in Austin.

Scott Atkinson, Section PACE Chair, is soliciting champions for several PACE activities including:

- Organize IEEE-USA presentations.
- Provide feedback to IEEE-USA policy setting committees on state legislative matters.

Be sure to consult the Central Texas Section Website, http://www.ewh.ieee.org/r5/central_texas/meetings, conference dates and news.

Thanks to all who volunteer their time and skill to the Central Texas Section of IEEE.

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Chapter News

The Engineering Management Society wants to start a San Antonio affiliate group. If you are interested, please contact Nils Smith.

The field of interest of the Education Society (http://www.ewh.ieee.org/soc/es/) includes educational methods, educational technology, instructional materials, history of science and technology, and professional development programs within Electrical Engineering, Computer Engineering
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disciplines. Oliver K. Ban (bano@us.ibm.com) has begun an effort to organize a local Chapter Education Society here in the Central Texas Section. If you are interested in assisting in organizing the Chapter, please contact Oliver at the email address above.

Senior Members
Please congratulate the following new IEEE Senior Members when you see them! Robert Heath is a member of Communications, Information Theory, Signal Processing, and V Technology Societies. Zhigang Pan is a member of the Circuits & Systems Society. Chang Seo Park is a member of the Electron Devices Society. Axel Thomsen is a member of the Circuits & Systems and Solid-States Circuits Society. Dina Triyoso is a member of the Electron Devices Society. Derrick Wei is a member of the Solid-States Circuits Society.

Upgrading to Senior Member is not a trivial process. Joe Redfield has worked for the CTS tin many years to work Senior Member upgrades. His work has gotten CTS numerous accolades significantly high numbers of members doing the upgrades. Way to go Joe!

In that light, plan on a late summer/early Fall Senior Member upgrade event in Austin, and a in San Antonio - contact Joe Redfield for more details.

Professional Activities for 2006

Goals for all IEEE CTS Members
- Hold two Senior Member Upgrade events (San Antonio & Austin)
- Participate in local area college & public school function (science fairs, robotic competition)
- Along with chapter technical meetings, provide occasional IEEE-USA related presentation
- Organize a CTS Governmental Activities Committee (GAC) monitoring team (Austin); a volunteer to lead this effort for CTS.
- Provide feedback and recommendations to IEEE-USA policy-setting committees on state needs.
- Continue to develop grassroots rapid response capabilities
- The GAC to brief Section’s leadership on committee activities at each Planning Meeting
- Hold monthly conference calls to coordinate committee efforts.
- Create a simple Section feedback form.
- Add links to the CARE and Committee webpages to the Section webpages. Promote these links to Chapter webpages.

If you have interest in any of the above areas, please contact Scott Atkinson.

Continuing Education

NEED CEUs? The University of Texas at Austin offers a wide array of continuing engineering opportunities geared towards Texas engineers. All of the training awards continuing education which Texas PEs are now required to submit for their annual renewal. We event boast CEU ( where you can get all required 1.5 CEUs – including 1 hour of engineering ethics – in just a few websites.
www.UTceee.org for more information.

Upcoming opportunities include:
Fundamentals of Electric Power Systems • June 5-8, 2006
Foundations of Software Project Management (onsite or online) • June 19 – August 6, 2006
IEEE-UT’s 7th Annual Engineering Management Conference • August 10-11, 2006
Advanced Wastewater Pollution Control • August 21-25, 2006
Software Project Management Certificate Program (online or onsite) • ongoing

UT Engineering Management Master’s Degree Program for Working Professionals
Applications are currently being accepted for the fall start of the Engineering Management Master’s Program at UT’s special scheduling option enables professionals to maintain full job responsibilities while classes one weekend a month (8:00am - 5:00pm Friday and Saturday). Application deadline is information at: www.executivemasters.org.

Student Branches

St Mary's University - San Antonio (for more information)
Faculty Advisor: Djaffer Ibaroudene, Email: dibaroudene@stmarytx.edu

Trinity University - San Antonio
Faculty Advisor: Farzan Aminian, Email: farzan@engr.trinity.edu
Branch President: Brandi House, email: brandi.house@trinity.edu

University of Texas at Austin (for more information)

University of Texas at San Antonio (for more information)
Faculty Advisor: Yufang Jin, Email: Yufang.Jin@utsa.edu

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2. Chapter Activities

Russ Harrison, IEEE USA Legislative Representative for Grassroots Affairs, will be giving a presentation in Austin on Thursday, Nov. 16 from 6-8 pm for the Central Texas Section. He will be addressing legislative strategy nationally, as well as providing a look at issues in Texas. Erica Wissolik, a member in the Texas legislature will be joining him. More information will be provided as available.

Multiple Chapters

Joint Circuits and Systems/Solid-State Circuits (New Chapter!)

Topic or Presentation Title:
Speaker:
Date and Time:
Cost:
Reservations:
Meeting Location: Pok-e-Jos on 5th Street in Austin.
Directions:

Subsequent meetings will be held the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm at Pok-e-Jos.

For further information, contact Mike Seningen at seningen@ieee.org

Computer Society - Austin (for more information)
**Computer Society - Austin** [for more information]

**Topic or Presentation Title:** Summer break - back in July!

**Speakers:**

**Date and Time:** Wednesday, July, 2006 at 6:30pm

**Cost:** Free, but please bring a friend or colleague who has never attended!

**Reservations:** None required

**Meeting Location/Directions:** National Instruments, 11500 North MoPac, Building C, room TX 78759

See http://austin-cs.org/ for detailed directions and for last minute information. This presentation is public.

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**Computer Society - San Antonio** [for more information]

**Topic or Presentation Title:** Summer Break!

**Speaker:**

**Date and Time:** September 2006

6:30 p.m. - Networking; 7:00 p.m. - Dinner; 7:20-7:45 p.m. - Short student presentation

**Cost:**

**Reservations:**

**Meeting Location:**

**Directions:** Please note that we have parking instructions on the Web site. The Alamo Stadium is reserved for Alamo Stadium Event parking. Please check out the instructions at http://www.ieeects.org/meeting_details.htm for the parking by Laurie Auditorium.


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**Consultants Network** [for more information]

**Topic or Presentation Title:** "A Practical Look at Intellectual Property"

**Speaker:** Don Jarrell, President, Digital Thinking Inc

**Date and Time:** Thursday, June 8, 2006

Networking at 6:00 pm, Business and program from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

**Cost:**

**Reservations:**

**Meeting Location:** China Star Restaurant, 6134 Hwy 290 E, Austin TX

(North side of 290E, east of IH 35)

**Directions:**

**Topic:** A Practical Look at Intellectual Property
- relating intellectual property to engineers and development managers
- basic needs in intellectual property management in all high tech companies
- intellectual property basics and patent strategy considerations - before talking with a patent attorney

**Speaker:** Don Jarrell, President, Digital Thinking Inc

Don Jarrell started Digital Thinking Inc in 1996. He consults on a variety of topics in licensing, managing intellectual property, product management and technology strategy.

He examines the fundamentals of technologies, business relationships, products and services, and current opportunities.

The Consultants web directory is to be found at http://www.alesu.com/xltrp/ieeecons/listzero.html
IEEE EMC Symposium Coming Back to Austin!

For the first time since 1997, the IEEE EMC Symposium will be returning to the Central Texas area. The IEEE Central Texas EMC Society was recently awarded the 2009 Symposium and the society looks forward to putting on another great event. If you are interested in assisting with this event, please see the contact information.

Electron Devices Society

Topic or Presentation Title: ""
Speaker: 
Date and Time: Thursday, at 6pm
Cost: 
Reservations: 
Meeting Location: Room FC, Ground floor, SEMATECH
2706 Montopolis Dr., Austin, TX 78741
Directions: http://www.sematech.org/corporate/map.htm

Engineering in Medicine and Biology

Topic or Presentation Title: Summer Break
Speaker: 
Date and Time: September, 2006
6:30 p.m. - Networking; 7:00 p.m. - Dinner; 8:00 p.m. - Program
Cost: $10 members/ free for students/$15 non-members
Reservations: RSVP to Garrett Polhamus
Meeting Location: 
Directions: 

For further information, please contact Dawn Roberson, 210-458-5520, robersondj@ieee.org.

Engineering Management

Topic or Presentation Title: "Rapid Requirements Gathering"
Speaker: Scott Killen
Date and Time: Tuesday, June 20, 2006, 5:30pm
Cost: $15 at the door, includes dinner
Reservations: Leslie Martinich, lmartinich@ieee.org
Meeting Location: El Gallo Restaurant, 2910 S. Congress Ave.
Join us for what I guarantee will be the most fun way to gather requirements! In an environment of chaos, we will experience and learn the technique, one which you will want to implement in your workplace. See our website for more details: http://www.ewh.ieee.org/r5/central_texas/ems/calendar

UPCOMING CONFERENCE!!
Join us for the 7th Annual IEEE UT Engineering Management Conference, August 10-11, “Technology in Our Economy,” at the Austin Marriott South. Earn 1.5 CEUs plus 2 hours of IEDT days to satisfy PE continuing education requirements while you participate in excellent workshops and hear about the latest developments in engineering and technology. Make plans to attend and register now! The conference is co-sponsored by the IEEE Central Texas Section and the University of Texas Center for Life Long Learning.

For other information about the Engineering Management Society activities, see the the website at http://www.ewh.ieee.org/r5/central_texas/ems/

For information regarding chapter activities (and those wanting to volunteer), contact Leslie M (leslie@competitivefocus.com) (512-423-5121).

Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD)

Topic or Presentation Title: Reactive Power: Billing and Costs
Speaker: [for more information]
Date and Time: Tuesday, June 27
6:00pm Social
6:30-7:00 Dinner
7:00-7:30 Business Meeting
7:30-9:30 Program
Program

Cost:  Dinner is $12.00 – IEEE Members
       $15.00 – Non-IEEE Members
       Free for students.


Meeting Location:  El Gallo Mexican Restaurant at 2910 S Congress

Directions:

Exciting 2006 Schedule:
July 25:  Ethics Class - CW Clark, Texas PE Board
August 22:  LCRA River Monitoring System
Sept 26:  Anatomy of an Accident:  How Lack of Documentation Will Cause Problems - Jame TXDOT
October 24:  Black Start:  Recovery of Grid After Emergency Operations
November:  Alcoa Plant Tour

For further information, please contact Susan Thompton or Roy Matthews at 512-442-8085 ex

Power Engineering Society - San Antonio [for more information]

Topic or Presentation Title:
Speaker:
Date and Time:  Thursday, June 22
       6:00pm  Social
       6:30-7:00  Dinner
       7:00-7:30  Business Meeting
       7:30-8:30 Program

Cost:  Dinner from the menu

Reservations:  Please contact Steve L. Kanetzky, P.E. @ 512-326-3380, or skanetzky@skane

For more information go to our web site at http://ewh.ieee.org/soc/pes/centraltexas/index.htm.

Meeting Location:  Spaghetti Warehouse, 1226 E. Houston (see below), San Antonio, Texas

Directions:

Exciting 2006 Schedule:
July 27 - Engineering Ethics, CW Clark with TBPE
Aug 24 - South Padre Island Bridge Collapse Detection System, James Mercier, PE, TXDOT
Sept 28 - Chuck Barry, Toshiba
Oct 26 - TBD
Nov - Tour
Dec - no meeting - Merry Christmas

Product Safety Engineering Society [for more information]

Topic or Presentation Title:  "ESD vs. Product Safety - Are they really two worlds apart?"
Speaker:
Date and Time:  Tuesday, June 20, 6:30pm
Cost:  None

Reservations:  None

Meeting Location:  Dell, Parmer Campus, Parmer South Building 4, Victoria Conference Room

Directions:  Call Dale Ritzen (512) 651-5338 for details and directions.

Exciting future meetings:
June 20:  Tim Collins, Associated Research, Inc.
July 18:  Movie Night at Alamo Drafthouse (Social)
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August 15: Job Resources in the Austin/Central Texas Area, Kathy Lansford, Texas Workforce
September 19: A Review of the Underwriter's Laboratories Amusement and Gaming Machine UL22, David Ball of Multimedia Games, Inc.
October 17: Equipment Safety in Hazardous Locations, Jim Dolphin

We encourage you, others in your organization, or other interested parties to participate in our month. The PSES meets every month on the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30, with the pt at 7pm, except in November/December. A combined monthly meeting is held in early December members and guests to enjoy the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. For further information PSES, please contact Dale Ritzen at (512) 651-5338.

Chapter Chair: Daniese Carpenter (daniece_carpenter@dell.com).

--- Joint Signal Processing/Communications Society [for more information]

**Topic or Presentation Title:** "IPTV"
**Speaker:** Eduardo Perez, Ph.D., VP Marketing, Media Excel ([www.mediaexcel.com](http://www.mediaexcel.com))
**Date and Time:** Thursday, June 15, Networking at 6:30 pm, Business and program from 7:00 pm
**Cost:** Free
**Reservations:** E-mail to Steve Crowl [stevenc@admin.stedwards.edu]
**Meeting Location:** AT&T (formerly SBC) Labs - 9505 Arboretum Blvd. Austin, TX 78759
**Directions:** AT&T Labs is located at 9505 Arboretum Blvd. in Austin, TX. Location is in North approximately 1/8 mile West of Loop 360.

[http://maps.yahoo.com/maps_result?newFL=Use+Address+Below&addr=9505+arboretum+intl=us&name=&lat=&lon=&srchtype=a&qty=&new=1&trf=0&getmap=Get+Map](http://maps.yahoo.com/maps_result?newFL=Use+Address+Below&addr=9505+arboretum+intl=us&name=&lat=&lon=&srchtype=a&qty=&new=1&trf=0&getmap=Get+Map)

**Abstract:** With the increasing proliferation of Internet Protocol Television (IPTV) deployments, Mobile Enter and exploding Social Media Networking, such as Google Video, Yahoo!, and YouTube.com, the need for real-content reformatting to meet end user’s IP video experience becomes a critical operation for telecommunicating service providers and IP video system integrators. This presentation discusses Media Excel’s solutions to deploy Mobile TV channels.

**Biography:** Eduardo is currently the V.P. of Marketing at Media Excel, Inc. and assists in formulating strategic alliances. Eduardo has 20 years of multimedia development and solutions experience. Dr. Pérez worked for E and Internet Labs including IP multimedia networks as well team member of SBC Internet Services and DSL rollou

A native from Mexico, Eduardo immigrated to the U.S. at the age of 18 to pursue higher education. He received a Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Pérez holds a very strong background on video encoding and remote computing.

--- Women in Engineering [for more information]

**Topic or Presentation Title:**
**Speaker:**
**Date and Time:** Tues., 2006,
**Cost:** N/C
**Reservations:**
**Meeting Location:** National Instruments, 11500 N. MoPac, Bldg. C, Room 1S15

Women in Engineering has been an Affinity Group of the Central Texas Section since the Fall
Activities have been until now, Austin-based, with programs, events and membership primarily Austin area. We are delighted to announce that WIE is now expanding activities to the San Antonio area. Mercy Luhanga, Yu Zhang and Dawnlee Roberson are leading the effort to initiate WIE activities in San Antonio and have an exciting Spring planned! We look forward to establishing a WIE member group in San Antonio and evolving to two active groups. The San Antonio group has a Joint Meeting February 16 with the Computer Society-SA and Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society University's Skyline Room, and more fun meetings planned for the Spring.

Additional details are posted on the WIE website at http://ewh.ieee.org/r5/central_texas/wie.

Editor's Notes

The goal of this newsletter is to provide the more than 6500 members of the Section with up-to-date meaningful information. We welcome contributions and suggestions that will improve the new issue. Contact the editor, Dawn Roberson at robersondj@ieee.org if you have any thoughts or suggestions for content or submission deadlines.

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IEEE-USA Offers Resources to Assist Tech-Based Entrepreneurs

The new IEEE-USA Entrepreneurs Village is an online portal designed to provide high-tech entrepreneurs with tools and resources conducive to innovation and company growth. The portal links high-tech entrepreneurs with their peers, and prospective entrepreneurs with mentors. Village members can access resources and information on such topics as organization, funding, marketing, human resources, asset growth, best practices, and legal and government issues. A search engine will assist you in finding...
match for your needs. Experienced entrepreneurs are encouraged to become mentors.

To read the related news release, visit: http://boldfish.ieee.org:80/u/2682/135523


### 2007 National Electrical Safety Code Available for Advance Orders

The National Electric Safety Code (NESC(R)) has been updated and is now available for advance orders ahead of its on-sale date of 1 August 2006. The code, which is used throughout the United States and more than 100 countries, offers practical guidance on how to safeguard employees and the public while supply and communication lines are designed, installed, operated and maintained. It is updated every seven years to reflect changes in the electrical and communications industries. The 2007 version includes appendices on loading and conductor movement, extreme wind loading, and maximum over-voltage work site. For more information, visit: http://standards.ieee.org/nesc/nescproducts.html

### Who is Archibald Putt? The Technocrat's Mystique Conundrum

Coined in the 1980s, Putt's Law states that two types of people dominate technology: those who do what they do not manage and those who manage what they do not understand. Rumored to be a leader cautiously hiding behind a pseudonym, Putt dishes on corporate environments, technology trends, and what it takes to succeed in the industry. Listen to IEEE Spectrum Online editor Susan Hassler's interview with the unorthodox and humorous sage at http://boldfish.ieee.org:80/u/2759/00757617

### Popular Mechanics Magazine seeking Nominees for 2006 Breakthrough Awards

The Popular Mechanics Breakthrough Awards recognize advances in the fields of applied science, engineering, and technology. Individuals or teams whose current research promises to improve lives and expand human horizons are eligible to be nominated. For more information on last year's awards or the program itself, visit <http://www.popularmechanics.com/specials/features/1762911.html?page=1&c=y>. Nominations and questions should be submitted to Logan Ward, Contributing Editor, Popular Mechanics, at "MailTo:pmbreakthrough@verizon.net"

### Two New IEEE Journals Premier Online

The first issues of "IEEE Computational Intelligence Magazine" and "IEEE Transactions on Information Forensics and Security" have been published and are now available online through the IEEE Xplore digital library. Computational intelligence is defined as a multi-faceted discipline dedicated to the study of design, theory, development, and application of biologically and linguistically motivated cognitive models. The first issue of "IEEE Computational Intelligence Magazine" includes features on evolutionary computation and Evolvable Hardware. "IEEE Transactions on Information Forensics and Security" cover related fields such as digital rights management, content identification, transaction tracking, surveillance, networking, law enforcement, and legal and ethical issues. The first issue includes a tutorial on human identification based on facial animation and signature verification, among others. The titles and abstracts for all papers in these issues can be found in the IEEE Xplore digital library, where you may also access the full text of the articles:
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The problem: you have to get up to speed quickly on, say, the python programming language. start with the new ReadyNotes online tutorials from the IEEE Computer Society. Seven tutori far, and the one-stop guides provide practical nuts-and-bolts instruction across a range of topic: software developers, IT professionals, computing instructors, and students. Read more at http://boldfish.ieee.org:80/u/2598/00757617

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* "Transition to Management"

* "Introduction to Wireless Ad-hoc Networks"

Only full grade members will be able to purchase these courses when they are made available this year via Xplore. To experience what Expert Now IEEE can do for you visit

<http://www.ieee.org/web/education/secure/Expert_Now_IEEE/trials.html>. For additional in Expert Now IEEE, contact Marilyn Catis - telephone +1 732 562 5323; "MailTo:mg.catis@ie

Nominations for IEEE Awards

Recognizing Outstanding IEEE Volunteers

You can help recognize the efforts of outstanding volunteers by nominating someone for one of prestigious Regional Activities Board (RAB) awards. Each prestigious award has a unique mi:
criteria, and offers the opportunity to honor distinguished colleagues, inspiring teachers and co

Do you know someone who has made substantial Regional contributions through innovative exemplary leadership, service, or by fulfilling the goals as related to Transnational Activities? Nominating them for one of the following awards:

* RAB Achievement Award
* RAB GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Achievement Award
* RAB Innovation Award
* RAB Leadership Award
* RAB Larry K. Wilson Transnational Award

The deadline for nominations is 15 October 2006. More information and nomination forms are available at the RAB Awards Website: [http://www.ieee.org/rabawards](http://www.ieee.org/rabawards). Questions can be sent to ra-admin@ieee.org.

**Awarding Non-IEEE Entities That Support IEEE Units**

The Friend of IEEE Regional Activities Award was created specifically to recognize support of IEEE and its members in support of its goals by firms, divisions of firms or individuals. The award certificate for the recipient. Nominations may be submitted at any time during the year. The nomination form is available at the RAB Awards Website: [http://www.ieee.org/rabawards](http://www.ieee.org/rabawards). Questions can be sent to ra-admin@ieee.org.

**Call For Nominations, IEEE-SA Standards Board and Committees:**

The Nominations and Appointments Committee (N&A) of the IEEE-SA Board of Governors names of candidates to serve on the 2007 IEEE-SA Standards Board and its Standing Committees. The IEEE-SA Standards Board is responsible for:

a) Encouraging and coordinating the development of IEEE standards.

b) Reviewing all proposed IEEE standards to determine whether the proposed standards conform to requirements established by the IEEE-SA Standards Board and whether consensus has been achieved and approval of the approved standards.

If you would like to be considered for the 2007 IEEE-SA Standards Board or one of its standing committees, please note the rules that apply to any potential candidate, and forward a brief, one page bio and information to Rona Gertz at the address provided.  

**THE DEADLINE TO RESPOND IS 30 JUNE 2006**

The slate of candidates will be forwarded to the IEEE-SA Board of Governors Nominations and Appointments Committee for their review by October 2006, with a final decision to be made at the December 2006 meeting. The rules and description for these IEEE-SA Standards Board Positions can be found at the following website: [http://standards.ieee.org/board/positiondes.html](http://standards.ieee.org/board/positiondes.html). Review the description in light of the basic functions, specific responsibilities, and accountabilities that this position requires. If you have any questions, CONTACT Rona Gertz - IEEE Standards - MailTo: r.gertz
IEEE membership portal

We hope all Section members are taking advantage of the new IEEE Membership Portal. The Center is supplying interesting content which will be featured on the main page. Visit it at http://www.ieee.org/myieee.

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