

March Meeting Announcement

Help the IEEE Protect our Future and America's Tradition of Innovation

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We will briefly examine the proud tradition of American technological invention, a tradition that is unique in world history. We'll recount some of the frequently fascinating and dramatic stories of men and women who normally had to overcome great odds and bureaucratic "group-think" to make their inventions a commercial reality. Next we'll turn to some of the fundamentals of patent law: the limited monopoly (patent) granted by the government in exchange for an inventor teaching society about his/her invention, patent applications, patent claims and infringement of patent claims. Then we'll look at the current intense efforts of the IEEE-USA and others to prevent large multinational corporations from radically weakening the patent rights of individual inventors and small companies and disrupting the unique American start-up ecosystem that has led to America's standing as the global innovation leader. And finally we'll conclude with a discussion of what Montana IEEE members and others can do to support the IEEE-USA's efforts to prevent the loss of America's start-up ecosystem, a mediocre future and a decrease in job creation and employment prospects. Such individual support of these IEEE-USA efforts by Montana IEEE members and others in Montana and around the country is currently badly needed. More information can be found at the web site: <http://mtpatleg.wordpress.com/about/> (which is currently being developed).

Wednesday, March 30, 2011
Life Members Meeting 5:30 p.m.
General Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Montana State University, 108 EPS
(Near 7th and Grant, South of Cobleigh Hall)

Free pizza!

Please email Ross Snider at rksnider@ece.montana.edu or sign up via the Section website, <http://ewh.ieee.org/r6/montana>, to make reservations by 6 p.m., March 29, 2011.