

Montana Section News September, 2001

Chairman's Corner Bret Swimley

I'm writing this 9 days after the terrible events that took place in New York and Washington. As the events of the day unfolded, I was numb. Underneath that numbness was anger and sadness.

I'm of an age where I don't remember much of the Vietnam war. I remember the newscasts, and how they would put the casualty figures for the day on the air. I don't even recall what the figures typically were. I was too old for Desert Storm. While I remember the events, the war was distant and did not really affect me from day to day. The war seemed sterile, the casualties light and "acceptable" (whatever that means).

Now, I'm in a position to feel what many must have felt when Pearl Harbor was attacked. An assault on our country has occurred! I want to help, but I'm unsure of how to proceed. I'll donate blood, I've contributed to the relief effort - but I would like to be able to do more. I wonder, as Operation "Infinite Justice" continues, just what the role of the Electrical Engineer will be. How can I contribute my talents where they might be useful?

E-mail Addresses

We are trying to update e-mail addresses for Section members. Attached is a list of member names and email addresses from the IEEE's database (we've discovered a 24% error rate!). If your name is on the list and your e-mail address is in error or if your name is not on the list and you have an email address, please send the correction or addition to jamesonwj@aol.com in the form: name, member number, email address. We'll correct our e-mail database and send the correction to IEEE HQ.

Montana Section Fellow Honored



Klein Gilhausen, IEEE Fellow and Sr. VP for Technology at QUALCOMM, received an Honorary Doctor of Engineering Degree from MSU at the graduation ceremonies on May 12. He also gave the commencement address for the College of Engineering. Klein and his wife, Karen, recently made a very generous donation to the ECE Department at MSU, including the establishment of an endowed chair in telecommunications. As most of you know, Klein moved to Bozeman in 1991 and has become the world's foremost telecommuter! He's been a tremendous supporter of his profession, both the MSU ECE Department and the Montana

Section. He is one of the few IEEE Fellows in the Institute's history to request that his Fellow honor be presented by his Section. Congratulations Klein!

Senior Member Update

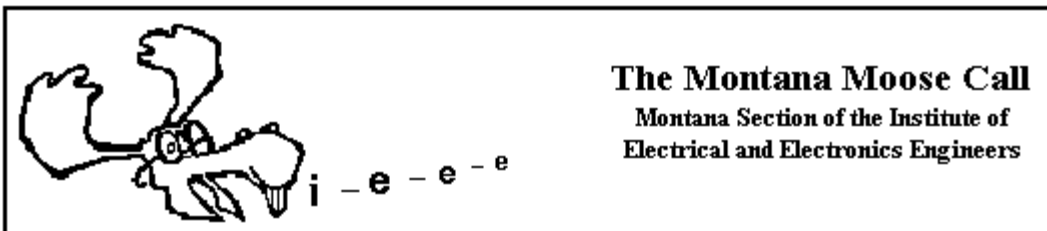
The Senior Member Nomination Committee has nominated six members for promotion to Senior Grade. This process involves nomination by the Section (or application by the individual) and endorsement by three Senior Members of Fellows. If you have any suggestions for prospective Senior Members, please contact Don Pierre (see below). (The Committee would particularly like to identify prospective Senior Members from the Northern part of the Section - only one of the six is from the Great Falls-Havre area.)

Fall Meeting/Picnic

The ECE Department/IEEE picnic will be 5:30 p.m., Friday, September 28. Call Sharon in the ECE office, 994-2505, and make your reservation by Wednesday, September 26.

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