



Montana Section News

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Chair's Message

Jon Koon

Greetings IEEE Montana Section Members

Greetings! Many thanks to last month's presentation where David Boreham proved that, given enough ambition, you can have an internet connection anywhere in Montana! Judging by the ice outside, November is here and for November we have a slight change in plans. A renovation at the Tech Ranch has caused us to reschedule that meeting for December hence our new speaker and new date for November.

For our business meeting, the two biggest items on the agenda are budget and by-laws. That may seem like a meeting of the legislature, but unlike the legislature we actually have money to spend!

Thanks to Don Bjork, you can now sign up for pizza the modern way. Go to our new IEEE Montana Section website <http://ewh.ieee.org/r6/montana>. Click on "Calendar" and sign up for the meeting.

For all of you out there with memory problems, this month's door prize will be a 128Mb USB key - the catch... you have to be present to win. I look forward to seeing you there!

November Program

Our speaker will be Charlie Larson, Communications Section Chief, Montana Highway Patrol, who will discuss the MHP's new mobile data system, its microwave infrastructure and its interoperability with city and county mobile data systems being implemented in several jurisdictions (including Bozeman, Gallatin County and Cascade County in the MT Section).

Reminder! Reminder! Reminder! AGAIN!!!

If you received this by snail mail and have an e-mail address, either the IEEE doesn't have it in their database or they have an incorrect e-mail address, so - please email it to b.jameson@ieee.org. Our October e-mailing of the Moose Call returned over 20% errored addresses! Several Section members have changed their ISPs, gone to DSL, etc. Let us know!

Don't Forget: The November meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 20, at the Northwestern Energy service center on Griffin Drive in Bozeman. Pizza will be served at 6:30 pm and the presentation will begin at 7:30 pm. Please call Sharon at 994-2505 (or e-mail: sharona@ece.montana.edu), or via <http://ewh.ieee.org/r6/montana>, to make reservations by noon, Thursday, November 20.

Senior Member Update

The Section SM Nominating Committee will be submitting names to the IEEE A & A Committee for promotion to Senior Member. Please contact either Don Pierre 406-587-4065 (Don_Pierre@ieee.org) or Bill Jameson at 406-586-0280 (b.jameson@ieee.org). We will be happy to supply you with the short "Application/ Nomination Form" and with "Senior Member Grade Reference Forms."

Did You Know

That the counties in the Montana Section are Gallatin, Blaine, Glacier, Madison, Cascade, Hill, Meagher, Chouteau, Park and Toole? Next question, do you know the county seats of these counties? There will be a quiz at the next Section meeting!

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