



Montana Section News

May, 2006 Chair's Message

Doug Galarus

Wow, time sure flies. Here it is May and before you know it, summer will be here. We're off to a great start this year and hope to keep the momentum going. There will be one more Section meeting before summer, on May 11th. Then, in June, we plan to get together with the HAM club for a picnic. That will be our summer event for the year. It will be a great opportunity to learn more about HAM radio, rub elbows with your fellow IEEE members who are also HAMS and see them field test their radios. Watch for a Moose Call in June for further details. We will then take the rest of summer off from meetings and hit the ground running again in September.

Thanks to all of you who attended our annual banquet and 75th anniversary celebration in March. There were over 50 people in attendance! Take a look at the photos from the annual banquet:

<http://www.ewh.ieee.org/r6/montana/banquet2006/>

If anyone would like higher resolution versions of any of these photos, drop me an email and I will get them to you.

Thanks especially go to our guest speaker, Dr. Johnny Lott, who gave a great presentation on the public perception of mathematics. I hear that folks were exchanging email with Johnny for some time after the presentation. Hopefully you've had a chance to catch NUM3RS on television.

And, thanks to the Hilton for being great hosts to us this year. I think they really did a nice job hosting our event.

In upcoming months we will be considering ways to increase membership and involvement in our local section. Perhaps the best way to do this is by word of mouth. If you enjoy attending Section events and know of friends and colleagues who might be interested in joining the IEEE, bring them to a meeting and direct them to www.ieee.org for membership information. Guests are always welcome. Remember, IEEE isn't just for Electrical Engineers!

Section Meeting

May 11, 2006, 6:30 PM

@ MMEC/WTI Conference Room (see map below)

Mark Shyne

Field Engineer / UTAP Supervisor
Montana Manufacturing Extension Center

Lean Manufacturing: A Strategy for Success

Lean Manufacturing tools and techniques are being deployed in hospitals, state governments and service organizations, as well as in manufacturing firms. Come and hear how product manufacturers (including job shops) are using Lean Manufacturing to improve their bottom line, add capacity to their operation and drive down cost.

Mark Shyne of the Manufacturing Extension Center at MSU will present examples from industry, including local companies. Mark is employed full time to assist Montana companies on their own "lean journey", through the outreach arm of MSU's College of Engineering.



Life Member Meeting

If you're a Life Member, join the group at 6 p.m. just before the Section meeting on the 11th.

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