

## IEEE R3 Melbourne Section Report for June 21, 2021 R3 EXCOM Mtg

- **Issues requiring action by the Region 3 Committee or ExCom**
  - No new issues
  
- **Success/Opportunities for Engaging the member, volunteer, non-member, public**
  - Our next Section Newsletter, the IEEE Melbourne Section Space Coast Signal, will be sent in mid-August as we are currently in our summer cool down period where business slows due to vacations and snow birds returning north
  
  - Our Section meetings are currently scheduled for odd months, on the third Wednesday of the month. Our next Section meeting will take place on September 15
  
  - Our Section Pandemic Support Project was completed and final report sent in April with the report of expenses regarding the use of the \$1,000 grant. The final activities were reported in the submission for the region newsletter which detailed the final steps of the project
  
  - Several PES Group presentations are currently scheduled or in the works. Now that the restrictions have been eased, we will be working on the plans for more in person meetings
  
  - Due to the COVID-19 situation, our section meetings were attended by an average of 15 members on site and 5 via virtual means to date. We hope that this changes now that we are allowed to move about and meet without restrictions or masks
  
  - We received sad news this month as one of our Section founders, Art Belefant, passed. Art was 94 and he and his wife Rita still participated in the Section Activities. Art contributed significantly to our Section and to the IEEE in general. We will miss Art. Hi wife Rita has committed to participate with the Section as much as possible
  
- **Notable section activities (Positive and Negative)**
  - Our schedule thus far is as follows for the balance of the year and our Awards Banquet for 2021 venue is already reserved:
    - July 21                      Section Social "Hawaiian Nights"
    - September 15              Section Meeting
    - November 17              Section Meeting
    - December 11              Section Awards Banquet

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