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Life Members Meeting
All IEEE Members Are Invited

Jack Killingsworth, IEEE Life Member, will discuss the work of the IEEE Standards Committee 38 on Electronic Voting Standards. Volunteers are needed to help study and report on Standards for Electronic Voting issues.

Please join local IEEE Life Members for lunch in the wine room at Tio Pepe's.

When: 12:30 PM Tuesday October 16, 2007
Where: 2930 Gulf To Bay Blvd Clearwater, FL
Cost: On your own; the menu runs $8.00 to $14.00 plus drinks

Please RSVP to Jack@JackKillingsworth.com or 727 596-1990 or register on line at Other Meetings/Section Meetings on http://time2meet.com/fwcs-meetings/

Seminar on IEEE 450 & 485 Standards on Batteries

Date / Time: October 19, 2007 Registration & Breakfast: 8:00AM - 8:30AM Seminar: 8:30AM – 3:30PM (Lunch Included)

Speaker: Marco W. Migliaro – IEEE Fellow, President and CEO of IEEE Industry Standards & Technology Organization.

The objective of the Stationary Battery Seminar is to provide the participants with a basic knowledge of lead-acid and nickel-cadmium stationary batteries used in different applications. It will also provide the participants with the information necessary to select and size stationary batteries, as well as, discuss the recommendations for maintenance and testing of the batteries. For more see p. 6.

Don’t Forget to Vote!
Our Needs (Editor’s Column)

About once each week something occurs to remind me that there is an important weakness in the U.S. There is a short-fall between the need for skilled, knowledgeable engineers and their availability. This short-fall contributes to increased numbers (or pressure for increased numbers) of engineers with H1-B visas, that is, engineers from other countries. It results in the perception that businesses hire H1-Bs to reduce labor costs. And it contributes to the outsourcing of technical work to places such as India and Eastern Europe. I will not go into the numbers here, perhaps in another column.

The underlying cause, the shortage of skilled, knowledgeable engineers, is simply that there seems to be substantially fewer young people entering the engineering fields. College enrolments are down while the business needs are increasing.

On page 5 of this Signal, our Chair, Jim Anderson, proposes that the FWCS has developed a de facto mission: “To Share The Power Of Engineering Knowledge.” The section is done through a group of initiatives in the primary and secondary schools that together can result in more of our youth going into the important technical areas.

To this I say, Hallelujah! —PS

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- Delivering Power to the Customer—Today’s Distribution System
- The Grid--The Interconnected Electric Bulk Power System


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A limited number of DVDs of the IEEE technology-related TV spots can be obtained by sending an e-mail to p.mccarter@ieee.org.

To view the latest 90-second stories as well as almost 100 archived spots—all on IEEE-related technologies, go to http://www.aip.org/dbis/IEEE/.

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Registration Now Open!
For Power & Energy Professionals

The IEEE Power Engineering Society is pleased to offer a series of courses focused on "Plain Talk about the New Technologies" for the Electric Power System of the 21st Century for the Non-Engineering Professional.

The courses are scheduled for: November 6-8, 2007 in Arlington, Virginia:
• Day 1: New Generation Technologies
• Day 2: Transmission and Distribution Technologies
• Day 3: New Systems and Software Technologies for Planning, Operation and Control

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IEEE Seeks ABET Evaluators

IEEE, the largest member of ABET, Inc. is responsible for the peer-review evaluation of more than 700 college and university programs. To aid IEEE and ABET in its accreditation process, the IEEE Educational Activities Board (EAB) is seeking engineering professionals from industry, government and academia to serve as program evaluators. See http://www.ieee.org/web/education/apc/ceaa/eacinfo.html
Programmable Logic Users Group’s Annual PL-UG Fest

November Chapter Event

Computer Society, AESS and PL-UG

Date/Time: Thursday, November 15, 2007, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Holiday Inn Select
3535 Ulmerton Road
Clearwater, FL 33762

Please RSVP online at: [http://time2meet.com/fwcs-meetings/](http://time2meet.com/fwcs-meetings/)

This annual event sponsored by the Florida West Coast Computer Society, the Aerospace & Electronic Systems Society (AESS) and the Programmable Logic Users Group (PL-UG).

PL-UG Fest is a full day of vendor and user presentations focused on embedded systems design with an emphasis on CPLD and FPGA technology.

This is an open meeting and there is no charge for attendees.

Non-members and students are welcome.

Lunch and snacks will provided by the sponsoring vendors.

Previous vendors included AccelChip, Aldec, Altera, Avnet, Lattice Semiconductor, Marathon Sales, Memec/Insight, Mentor Graphics, Semtronic Associates, Siliconexion, Synopsys, Xilinx, EDA/Prover Technologies and others. **Also, new this year, several half-day training sessions are planned for the afternoon of Nov. 14.**

We expect these vendors and more to present in November. More information will appear in November IEEE Signal after confirmation and details on the presentations and the speakers. Companies wishing to participate in this year’s PL-UG Fest can sign up on the PL-UG website ([www.pl-ug.org](http://www.pl-ug.org)) or call Jim Lumia at 813-832-3501.

This is a Joint Meeting with the Programmable Logic Users Group ([www.pl-ug.org](http://www.pl-ug.org))

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**Concerns Regarding the Patent Reform act of 2007**

The U.S. House of Representatives passed a flawed Bill last Friday that would radically change the Patent system in this country. The Patent Reform Act of 2007 contains several controversial provisions, including changing the U.S. Patent system from a "first-to-invent" standard to a "first-to-file" standard. This means that Patents would be awarded to the first person to file for a patent, not the first person to make the underlying invention.

Any IEEE member who is involved in creating or protecting intellectual property should be aware of this bill. Please help us spread the word by forwarding this message to your sections.

IEEE-USA has posted a Legislative Action Alert on Legislative Action Center here: [www.ieeeusa.org/policy/lac](http://www.ieeeusa.org/policy/lac). We encourage all concerned IEEE members to visit to learn more about the bill and to contact their elected officials regarding it.


Thank you for your help. This bill is expected to move very quickly in the Senate, so members who wish to express their opinions to Congress need to do so right away.

Russell T. Harrison, Senior Legislative Representative - Grassroots Affairs IEEE-USA (202) 530-8326
Effective January 1, 2009, the NESC requires electric utilities to perform an assessment of their system’s arc flash potential. Depending on the results, some utilities will have to protect their employees with flame retardant clothing.

Are you prepared to meet this new requirement? This seminar will cover the procedure of performing an arc flash incident energy study based on NFPA70E and IEEE 1584 and review some potential engineering solutions to minimize the incident energy levels.
Seminar on IEEE 450 & 485 Standards on Sizing, Operation, Maintenance, and Replacement of Batteries for Stationary Applications

Date: October 19, 2007
Time: Registration & Breakfast: 8:00AM - 8:30AM
Seminar: 8:30AM – 3:30PM (Lunch Included)

Speaker: Marco W. Migliaro – IEEE Fellow, President and CEO of IEEE Industry Standards & Technology Organization, Piscataway, NJ.


Location: USF, Lakeland Campus, LTB1105 in the new Technology Building
3433 Winter Lake Road, Lakeland, FL 33803

PDH Credits: 6 professional development hours will be awarded. Enter your name and PE number on the signup website as it appears on your license. IEEE is Florida exempt provider #00015.

Questions: Tom Blair at 813-228-1111, ext 34407 or thblair@tecoenergy.com

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Marco W Migliaro has more than 38 years of experience in the design of electrical auxiliary systems for power generating stations and industrial facilities. Additionally, he has been responsible for the installation, pre-operational testing, startup and maintenance of these systems and their components. He is an acknowledged industry expert in the areas of emergency power systems, dc systems, batteries and uninterruptible power supply systems.

Mr. Migliaro’s credentials are too extensive to relate here. However, throughout his career, he has conceived and implemented new and innovative methods in the areas of electrical design, installation, maintenance and testing. He has been recognized for this innovation by his employers and peers. Many of his innovations have been firsts in the industry.

Your local IEEE FWCS Joint PES/IAS Chapter is offering this 6 hour seminar on Battery Sizing, Maintenance, and Replacement for Stationary Applications and references IEEE Standards. Applications will include vented lead-acid, valve regulated, and nickel-cadmium batteries. Many thanks to Nolan Power for sponsoring this seminar.

Date: Friday, December 14 2007
Time: 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Speaker: Thomas Blair, P.E., Senior Consulting Engineering, Tampa Electric Company
Location: USF Tampa Campus, College of Engineering, Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL

Space is limited to 35 attendees. NOTE YOU WILL NEED TO PURCHASE A ONE DAY PARKING PASS from the visitor center at the main entrance off fowler.

PDH Credits: 4 professional development hours will be awarded. (For USF students a certificate for course completion will be provided.) Be sure to enter your name and PE number on the signup website as it appears on your license. Florida exempt provider #00015.

Cost: USF Students with ID FREE - $75 Members , $125 Non-Members. (Includes Lunch)

Note: This course will be available by webcast on APEX for which there will be an additional fee.

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Questions: Tom Blair at 813-228-1111, ext 34407 or thblair@tecoenergy.com

Your local IEEE PES/IAS Chapter is offering this seminar on IEEE 141 IEEE Recommended Practice for Electric Power Distribution for Industrial Plants (The Red Book) as part of a series of seminars based on the IEEE Color Books. We plan to host one seminar per semester starting fall 2007 at the University of South Florida to support the Power Program at USF and provide students and local members with information on IEEE standards. This course will also be available via APEX distribution system. Please contact Dr. Ralph Fehr for more details on availability of Apex materials.

This seminar will cover the main topics from IEEE 141 of Short Circuit Calculations, Application and Coordination of Protective Devices, Grounding, Power Factor and Related Considerations, and Harmonics in Power Systems. This seminar will present guidance in design, construction, and continuity of an overall electrical distribution system to achieve safety of life and preservation of property; reliability; simplicity of operation, care and maintenance, and flexibility to permit development and expansion. Recommendations will be made regarding system planning; voltage considerations; system protective devices; fault calculations; grounding; power switching, transformation, and motor-control apparatus. Examples of fault calculations, relay coordination, and associated incident energy levels using commercially available software will be demonstrated.

Thomas Blair is a Senior Consulting Engineer with Tampa Electric and works in the Generation Engineering department. He performs electrical system analysis and uses the results to specify electrical equipment ratings, protective relay settings, and electrical system arrangement. Mr. Blair is a Senior Member of IEEE and Chair of the local PES/IAS Chapter.

November PE/IA Meeting—Lakeland Electric’s Substation Electric Fire

Be sure and watch the November Signal for more details on this very informative meeting. Randy Dotson, Manager of Substation Engineering and Operations at Lakeland Electric, will share with us the details of the recent fire at Lakeland. Randy will share with us the details of the fire, including the impacts to the Florida Grid, the environmental issues, the transformer replacement lead time, and the engineering involved in keeping this critical substation operational while waiting for the transformer replacement. Mark your calendars now for the tentative location and date of this special lunch meeting is: TECO Plaza – November 20th, 2007.
TISP News

Sean Denny has been very busy in August for the IEEE Teacher In Service Program (TISP). He met or spoke with a number of influential educators. Sean made presentations to the Hillsborough County School Board and to the Math and Science teachers at St. Petersburg Catholic High School. As a result, he will be presenting to students on a career day.

Many of these contacts are related to the November 14th Great American Teach In.

The Tampa Bay Teacher Professional Days took place in August in Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties. At Bloomingdale High School in Valrico on August 14th for the Hillsborough County In Service Day, Sean lead twelve Physics Teachers in a workshop on how to design robot arms. Following the IEEE Education Website instructions, Sean brought a collection of common materials such as cardboard, wire-clothes hangers, and fishing line, and showed how to design a robot arm to pick up a styrofoam cup. (Cont. in next column.)

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Pictures below show some activities at the Tampa Bay Teacher Professional Days. Contact Sean and you can be in the next collection.

Sean also led a workshop for the Pinellas Professional Day at Largo High School on August 17th. Dr. Rudy Henning assisted me with the “Building A Better Candy Bag” activity. Twenty-five teachers, in groups of three, figured out how to strengthen and reinforce average paper bags. They used bottles of water and a spring scale to test the strength. Dr. Henning and Sean met the new Pinellas County Secondary Science Supervisor, Blythe Lodermeier who recently succeeded Bob Orlopp. Ms. Lodermeier was very enthusiastic about the IEEE Educational Programs and looked forward to working with us. Surveys showed that over three quarters of the teachers involved intend to use the activities in their classrooms.

Many people helped make these events successful: Sean thanks them all.

Coming up: the Hillsborough Professional Day will be October 19th and the Great American Teach In will be on November 14th. Information? Contact Sean at Venner20@aol.com.

Student News

The USF Student Branch is off to a good start. They held the first picnic of the year at Riverfront Park with a very large turnout. Dr. Chris Ferekides, the co-branch counselor, did his usual great Greek BBQ. (Picture below)

Planning for the SPAC is underway and we have started the work on the robotics competition for next March. Just as last year, EE students will be able to use the project as part of their senior project. Dr. Ralph Fehr is their advisor and is very excited about the project. Other events are being planned but one to put on your calendar is the Senior Banquet which this semester is to be on December 14, 2007.
**Brain Teaser Challenge Column**  
—By Butch Shadwell

**September BTC** I hope you had no trouble with this tenth grade geometry problem last month. “Two cars are together on an east-west highway, facing opposite directions. One has a maximum speed of 60 MPH and the other 120 MPH. They both take off in their respective directions at the same time, at max speed. After 6 minutes they both make a left turn, then 8 minutes later, they both stop. How far apart are they? Assume they both made the turn instantly without slowing down.”

I know that all of you immediately realized, that I was describing a 3-4-5 right triangle. So the hypotenuse, comprising the distance between cars was obvious. Also, since the cars are always going in opposite directions, you can simply add the two car’s speeds together and calculate it as one triangle. So, two miles per minute plus one mile per minute is three miles per minute. The hypotenuse of this triangle is 10 minutes, times 3 mpm, equals 30 miles. If you got it in under 30 seconds, you deserve a gold star for that day.

**October BTC** Since many engineers have become stereotyped as nerds without fashion sense, I think it might be useful for me to share my extensive understanding of color and design with you that are less gifted in the area of selecting clothes and accessories. I really don’t know how I came to be so good at looking good. I suppose it is something in the genes, or is it in the jeans.

No white hose after Labor Day, and this goes for the females too. Belts should match the shoes, and never mix plaids. In fact, if you are compelled to wear plaid at all, it should never be on more than one article of clothing. Natural fibers whenever possible, and try to stay with your complexion’s seasonal colors, i.e. – winter, spring, fall, and summer. This does not mean that you get to wear a lot of wrinkled clothes if you are over 70.

Since we need to have a problem in this piece, what if you shine your shoes so the toe is really shiny and the top of the toe of your shoe is approximately a flat horizontal surface. Then with your shoe sitting on a table top, you hold a flashlight at an angle to bounce the beam off of the shiny surface toward your eye. To attenuate this reflected light most, would you place a polarizing filter with the slits in a vertical or horizontal (parallel to the table top) orientation, between your eye and the shoe? This may seem too easy again, but my main objective in this piece is fashion awareness.

In my next installment we will address acne, and ways to keep that baby face clear.

**For the BTC:** Reply to Butch Shadwell at b.shadwell@ieee.org (email), 904-223-4510 (fax), 904-223-4465 (v), 3308 Queen Palm Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32250-2328.
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October 2007 Calendar of Events (For more information see P. 1 Inside this Signal…)

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