



Harry's Happenings

There were some interesting responses to the request in the last bulletin to hear from the local IEEE members. Several people new to the area said that they are interested in participating in the local chapter activities as well as specific suggestions for meeting topics in several areas. Suggestions for topics are quite interesting in stimulating intellectual curiosity as well as acquiring practical knowledge concerning equipment.

In addition to this feedback, Dr. Kal Sen (Curtis-Wright) has agreed to chair a combined PES/IAS IEEE Pittsburgh Chapter. We are encouraging all PES and IAS members who are interested in these chapters to contact Dr. Kal Sen at kalyan.sen@wxemd.com if you are interested in participating in the planning meetings. Watch the bulletin for information about joint chapter meetings.

Some states require that engineers take continuing education classes in order to keep their professional license renewed. IEEE sections in other areas meet this need by holding IEEE-CED courses through out the year. For example, the Houston section offers courses such as Residual Bus Automatic Transfer, UPS Selectivity, Electrical Safety, Harmonic Filters, CT/PT Seminars, Substation Design & Application, and Harmonics Theory & Application. Even though Pennsylvania does not require continuing education, perhaps the section should offer courses such as these for the members? What do you think? Please let us know your opinion.

-Harry Hagerty



An Open Letter to Pittsburgh Members of the PES and IAS



The Pittsburgh Chapters of the Power Engineering Society (PES) and Industry Applications Society (IAS) have been inactive for some time, PES for at least 5 years and the IAS for about two years. Pittsburgh members of the two societies number 255 for PES and 198 for IAS. The only larger groups are the 554 members of the Computer Society, and 286 members of Communication Society (2001 data).

It does not speak well of the IEEE and the Pittsburgh Section to have these two large membership groups inactive and not doing the educational programs of the IEEE. These programs normally include presenting technical programs of current technology, field trips to manufacturing facilities and holding tutorials. These are activities important especially to younger members of the Section, normally done by society chapters and the Section, and are benefits that come with IEEE membership.

Thus we seek to determine the interest of local members in reactivating the PES and IAS chapters in the form of a Joint Chapter of PES/IAS in the Pittsburgh Section. Please call or write to express your interest - or disinterest - in having a Joint Chapter to hold monthly meetings of speakers that will present talks on topics in the fields of the PES and IAS, and feature a program of tutorials that would meet needs of the membership.

To develop and maintain an effective Joint Chapter will require an administrative committee (AdCom) to plan and implement the chapter programs. This can be done by an AdCom that meets usually one evening each month. There are advantages that accrue to members who become involved in an AdCom with engineers from other than one's own workplace.

Please indicate interest in this Joint Chapter project by contacting Kal Sen at (724) 696-1611 (kalyan.sen@wxemd.com) or Tony Furfari at (724) 873-0828 (tfurfari@pghmail.com).

We await your response. Sincerely, Kal and Tony.

JOB SEARCH SKILLS WORKSHOP

Gene Bradshaw

Executive Recruiter and Staffing Solutions Consultant

Many engineers in our area have found themselves in the job market due to recent lay offs and down sizing. If you are one of them, or you feel your job may be threatened by an impending lay off, you are invited to attend this workshop. The Pittsburgh Section has recognized a need to assist Electrical and Computer Engineers, members and non-members alike, with the job searching process. For some of you, this may be a new experience. For others, you may be finding your old techniques are not working in the present employment environment. Gene Bradshaw has a good deal of experience working with technical people to match them with the right career. He has volunteered to share his wisdom on what it takes to find the right job in a tough job market. He will concentrate on two of the most important job-hunting skills: networking and resumes. There are some fine non-profit organizations that help people with these and other job searching skills in the Pittsburgh area, but we thought it would be helpful to have a workshop geared specifically towards engineers. We hope you can join us.

Place : Ballroom, Lawrence Hall
Point Park College
Date: March 20, 2003
Dinner: 6:00 PM
Program: Immediately following dinner

All attendees must RSVP. If you have any questions, or would like to RSVP, please contact Phil Cox at (724) 443-0566 or p.e.cox@ieee.org.

2002-2003 Pittsburgh Section IEEE Program Calendar

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Computer Gerry Kumnik (412) 487-1430		17 COTS Visualization							
Communication Prashant Krishnamurthy (412) 624-5144			22 Precision Alignment using GPS						
Power Eng. Kal Sen (724) 696-1611									
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