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Chairman's Message

The July meeting was attended by 35 members, plus eight guests, one student and James Bowen of Powell Manufacturing who made the presentation: Grounding for Electrical Power Systems. It was a great meeting, one of the best attended in a long time, which is why we decided to look for a bigger meeting place for this month. Your RSVP for the next meeting will be appreciated.

NEW Meeting Place This Time!

Ralph & Kacoo's, 6110 Bluebonnet Blvd., Date Aug 9th

Just South of I-10, across from the Mall of Louisiana.

Meetings are normally held on the second Thursday of each month, which allows us to have a meeting every month.

UPCOMING AGENDA

- August 9, 2007 Protection for Medium and Large Motors
- September 13, 2007 Wire and Cables
- October 11, 2007 Ethics
- October 26-28, 2007 Region V ExComm meeting in Baton Rouge
- November 8, 2007 UPS Topologies, Commercial vs. Industrial. Ferro & PWM. Ect.
- December 13, 2007 High Voltage Breaker and Power Transformers

Your input is still/always needed for future programs. Remember to attend the meeting and receive a Certificate of Completion for Professional Development Hours (PDH's).

"Your attendance promotes our voluntary efforts."

We Are Doing Good

On 15 June 2007, the IEEE Regional Activities Board (RAB) recognized the **IEEE Baton Rouge Section** as a recipient of the 2006 RAB Section Membership Growth Award for their success for Outstanding Leadership and Results in IEEE Membership Development Activities for Region 5.

IEEE Region V Is Coming To Baton Rouge

The Region V Executive Committee (ExComm) meeting will be held the weekend of October 26th through 28th (non-LSU home game). Most of the activities will be held on the LSU campus and there will be a fun event for the evening of Saturday, October 27th for all members plus wife/guest. Member quest invitation structure and/or price to be determined as the date approaches. Keep in mind this is a great opportunity to meet your Region representatives and voice any concerns you may have.

Gold Affinity Group

Jeffry Handal is leading the effort to start a Gold Affinity Group. Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) was developed to help young professionals transition from being a student to entering the professional world. If you are an IEEE Member who has received your first professional degree within the last ten years, you are automatically part of IEEE GOLD! As we wrap up all the paperwork required to form a GOLD Group, we will be looking for those members that qualify to volunteer, be leaders, and participate in fun activities. Be on the lookout!

MEETING NOTICE

Date: Thursday, August 8, 2007
Place: **Ralph & Kacoo's**
6110 Bluebonnet Blvd.

Time: Social.....6:00 P.M.
Dinner (\$20.00 members/
\$25.00 non-members)
Speaker Presentation6:30 P.M.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Joint meeting IAS & IEEE Professional Presentation

Protection for Medium and Large Motors

ABSTRACT of PRESENTATION

Guest speaker for the August 9th meeting will be Richard D. Kirby of Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc.
Topic: Protection for Medium and Large Motors.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA of PRESENTER

Richard D. Kirby, P.E. received a BSEE from Oral Roberts Univ. in 1992, and a Masters from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York. He was born in Bulawayo, Rhodesia. He has worked for Detroit Edison Company, The Talbot Corp., Black & Veatch in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and General Electric in Houston, Texas. He joined Schweitzer Engineering in 2004. He is a senior member of the IEEE and a member of the Power Engineering Society and the Industrial Applications Society.

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Please RSVP to Don Couvillion at dcouvill@ieee.org or call (225)-362-2846. Thanks.

We have been offered meeting locations at little or no cost and we want to know what the members want, so we're asking. The free locations don't serve food or alcohol but it could be catered if a volunteer offered to help with that part and attendees were willing to pay the cost. O. J. and I are doing all we can.

See poll, next column.

Poll:

Do you like having meetings at restaurants? Y / N
Would you like meetings elsewhere at NO cost? Y / N
Would you like catered meetings at some cost? Y / N

Please email me at dcouvill@ieee.org with your vote, suggestions, and offers to volunteer. You may also submit your vote at the meeting.

For This Meeting

The dinner for student members is half price. Unfortunately, we have increased the member and non-IEEE attendee's price. Every thing seems to be getting higher. Maybe this is a good time to have them join the section, more on this later.

Remember...meeting is at **Ralph & Kacoo's**. Hope to see you there.

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