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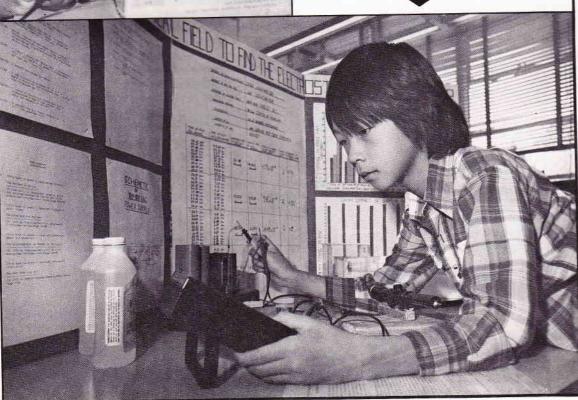
## **FUTURE SCIENTISTS, TODAY**

Eighth grader Sandra Banks from Crozier Junior High tested her Speech Synthesis project at the third annual Science Fair competition sponsored by TRW and Inglewood Unified School District.

The Science Fair was held on Saturday, April 23rd at the Inglewood Civic Center located at One Manchester Boulevard.

Huy Nguyen, eighth grade student from Crozier Junior High, demonstrated his home-made laser in the 1983 Future Scientists of America Science Fair competition sponsored by TRW and Inglewood Unified School District.





# LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS AND PATENT RIGHTS IN ENGINEERING

Legal considerations and patent rights is the topic of a talk to be given by Robert P. Egermeier at the June 16, 1983, meeting of the San Fernando Valley Section.

Two areas of interest account for most of the employed Engineer's professional concern with the Law. The first of these concerns intellectual property (patents and trade secrets) law, and related employment agreements. Product liability (or product safety) is receiving increased attention because of a growing tendency to scrutinize the individual's responsibility for design of a product. Both the Engineering profession and the legal profession are actively engaged in evaluating the interactions of the law, society, and technology. Mr. Egermeier will discuss as-

pects of intellecutal property law, product liability law, and the rights and responsibilities of the employed engineer.

Mr. Egermeier earned his B.S. in Engineering Physics in 1951, and an M.S.M.E. in 1957. He subsequently held a number of engineering management positions prior to earning the LLB in 1976. He practiced law with the firm of Alberi and Radke prior to rejoining Hughes Aircraft Company in 1981. He is currently employed in Hughes' Missile Development Divisions as a Senior Scientist and maintains a limited practice in patent, trademark, and copyright law.

Mr. Egermeier is a Registered Professional Engineer, a member of the California Bar, and admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. He has been active in IEEE, ASME, and AIAA throughout his career, and holds membership in a number of organizations concerned with science, technology, and the legal profession.

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## ADVERTISING POLICY

The publication of an advertisement in the IEEE Bulletin does not in any way represent an endorsement by the IEEE or its Los Angeles Council or any related organization of the products or policies of the advertiser. The meeting will take place on Thursday, June 16, 1983, at 6:30 p.m. in the Plaza Suite Restaurant located at 18460 Roscoe Blvd., Northridge, CA. For reservations and more information, call Kim or Sergene (213) 885-2190.

# AUTOMATIC TESTING OF POWER AND AUDIO TRANSFORMERS BY MICROCOMPUTER SYSTEM

Mr. Arthur Zuch, President, Optimized Devices Inc., Pleasantsville NY, will speak on Automatic Testing of Power and Audio Transformers by Microcomputer System at the Wednesday 15 June 1983 meeting of the Los Angeles Chapter of the IEEE Magnetics Society. He will demonstrate the testing machine as interfaced to an IBM-PC. The ease of use and easy program recall make the system ideal for testing short runs as well as long runs. Program ser-up is simplified by the use of English language statements and sample programs. Testing of a single prototype is quicker with this machine than "running around from machine to machine to test by hand".

Testing of transformers, especially for high reliability programs, is an important, tedious and labor intensive task, particularly where different transformers call for different tests and different test parameters. Characteristics like turns ratio, high-pot, inductance, core loss, winding resistance and intrinsic impedance may be requirements for any transformer. The capability to test these parameters on one machine is a significant improvement in manufacturing capability and economics. The history of Mr. Zuch is not available with this writing.

The discussion will take place Wednesday 15 June 1983, 8:00 p.m. at #14 Steele Hall, Bldg 61, California Institute of Technology, Chester St., Pasadena, CA. Park South on Chester from Del Mar St.

Dinner at 6:00 p.m. at ONE WEST RESTAURANT, One West California St. ("hidden" at the corner of California & Fair Oaks) Pasadena. Menu prices from \$6.95. Reservations: Phil Massie (213) 839-6498 or Art Grinnell (213) 988-2600 X6949 by Tuesday Noon 14 June 1983.

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The basic circuit configuration for crystal and atomic oscillators will be shown. Starting with the crystal oscillator as the basic precision oscillator, the presentation will describe rubidium, cesium, and hydrogen based devices. A general comparison of physical and performance characteristics for these devices will follow. The comparison will address airborne as well as ground environments. Applications for navigation and communications systems along with comments upon some possible radar system uses will be covered.

Our speaker is an experienced hardware engineer who will emphasize practical aspects. He received a BSEE degree from Northwestern University in 1954. He has done extensive radar design work at GE

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and he has been involved in the design of both analog and digital communications systems. He is currently the Applications Engineering Manager at the Efratom Di-

vision of the Ball Corporation.

The meeting will be held Tuesday, June 21, at the Officer's Club, Los Angeles Air Force Station (formerly SAMSO), Building 120 (see map). Access to the meeting place after 6:00 p.m. will be through a manned gate. Please bring with you, for purposes of identification, a copy of this notice or a copy of the MTT flyer announcing the meeting. The technical meeting, which starts at 8:00 p.m. is preceded by a Social Hour (6:00 to 7:00 p.m.) and Dinner, served at 7:00 p.m.

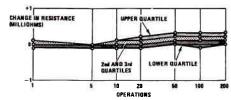
If you plan to attend, reservations for both the dinner and/or the meeting are mandatory. Cost of the dinner \$9.00. Both the dinner and the meeting will be at the Daedalion Room. For reservations, please call Chuck Swift at (213) 989-1133 by June 17.

## RELIABILITY OF **ELECTRONIC** CONNECTORS: **TECHNIQUES & EXPERIENCE IN FINDING** RESISTANCE **TRANSIENTS**

Electronics designers know that thick gold plating provides the most reliable contacts. However, gold contacts can fail from surface contamination, or from corrosion products that creep across plated surfaces from exposed base metals. Tin plated contacts can be reliable in select applications but can form oxides that increase resistance hundreds of milliohms. Are such contacts reliable, or may these degraded contacts assume a very high (open) resistance even for an instant?

The speakers will discuss high resistance excursions (transients) that have been observed in degraded electrical contacts, along with the measurement techniques that are necessary to identify rapid resistance changes in contacts. The conditions that have been found to cause transient contact behavior will be discussed, along with the factors relevent to predicting the worst case performance of a contact system.

#### CONNECTORS MATED DURING EXPOSURE



## LOAD MANAGEMENT

The Power Engineering and Industry Application Societies' Chapter of the IEEE Orange County Section will sponsor a technical meeting on Load Management. The technical presentation will be given by two well-qualified speakers:

1. Geoff Bales, Manager of Load Management Systems for Southern California Edison, will discuss the utility approach to Load Management for residential, commercial, industrial, and agricultural ap-

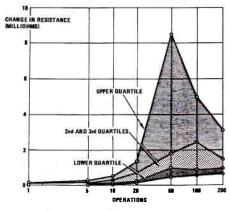
2. Robert E. Owen, Ph.D., Manager of Operation and Marketing of McGraw-Edison/Altron, will discuss the Broadcast Radio System for Distribution Control and Load Management Communications.

The meeting will be held Tuesday. June 21, 1983, at Saddleback Inn, 1660 E. First Street, Santa Ana. Cocktails will begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by a dinner at 7:00 p.m. The presentation will begin at 8:00 p.m. Reservations are requested by June 14, 1983 with payments no later than June 17, 1983. The cost of dinner is \$13.00

For reservations, please call Khalil Zadeh (714) 838-0511 (work) or (714) 974-5912 (home). Please make your check for dinner reservations payable to IEEE, Orange County Section. Checks should be mailed to Khalil Zadeh, 18542 Villa Drive, Villa Park, CA 92667.

IEEE Orange County Section and Saddleback subsection members with an interest in the industrial and power fields are invited to join the new IEEE Power Engineering and Industry Applications Societies Chapter in Orange County, and indicate their areas of interest so that the new chapter may serve IEEE members more effectively. Members of the PES/ISA Chapter are invited to participate in administrative committees.

#### CONNECTORS UNMATED DURING EXPOSURE



Resistance changes of gold-plated contacts after resistance changes or gota-plated contacts after exposure to corrosive environment of 100% relative humidity at 60°C with the presence of sulfur. The operations were made BEFORE the one time exposure, then the contact resistance was measured (after Van Horn).

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# INTERNATIONAL ART COMPETITION WILL COMMEMORATE CENTENNIAL OF INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS ENGINEERS

## Grand Prize of \$4,000 Will Be Awarded For Winning Painting

An international art competition has been announced by The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc. (IEEE) which will observe its 100th anniversary in 1984. The IEEE, headquartered in New York City, is transnational in scope and is the world's largest technical professional organization with more than 234,000 members in over 100 countries. The grand prize for the winning painting will be \$4,000; second and third place prizes will be \$2,000 and \$1,000, respectively. All entries must be postmarked no later than August 31, 1983.

Artists worldwide, including IEEE members, are urged to create a painting in oil, watercolor, acrylic or mixed media that commemorates the centennial of the Institute and one of its predecessor organizations, The American Institute of Electrical Engineers. The painting can be any size up to a maximum of 30 inches by 36 inches and, whether representational or abstract, should communicate or comment upon the significant contributions which electrical and electronics engineers have made to society during the past century.

Initial submissions should be in the form of 35mm color transparencies; color slides will be used in preliminary judging. The entry fee is \$2.00 per slide. An entry form plus a copy of the official contest rules can be obtained by writing to IEEE Centennial Art Contest, ATTN: F.X. Timmons, 345 E. 47 Street, New York, N.Y., 10017; or by calling (212) 705-7450.

Subject matter for paintings is left entirely to the discretion of the artist, according to Dr. John Ryder, Chairman of the IEEE Centennial Task Force. "The artist can choose to depict materials, people

— or both," Dr. Ryder comments. "Subjects can involve electricity, electronics, other aspects of electrotechnology or may be of a more abstract or personal nature. We believe the artist should be free to explore and innovate in much the same way that engineers during the past century have combined imagination with new knowledge and techniques to create technological breakthroughs."

Finalists will be asked to submit original works to IEEE Headquarters in New York for final judging and for exhibition at the United Engineering Center. The prizewinning paintings will become the sole property of the Institute and may be used for reproduction in connection with Centennial literature. The distinguished judges for the art courses include Will Barnet, renowed American artist whose work is represented in the collections of many leading U.S. museums; M. Stephen Doherty, editor of American Artist magazine; and Christian Rohlfing, former Assistant Director and Curator Emeritus of the Cooper-Hewitt Museum of the Smithsonian Institution, New York.

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- 4. Ballots received at the Council office after 5:00 p.m. on July 15, 1983 WILL NOT BE COUNTED.
- 5. Where more than one candidate is listed for an office, the names are listed in alphabetical order. This does not indicate an order of preference.
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## NEW PES/POWER GENERATION COMMITTEE HEAD



Bob Zweigler

R. (Bob) Zweigler, SM, Metro Section, of Bechtel Power Corporation has been named chairman of the IEEE/PES/Power Generation Committee for 1983-1984. This committee, with its subcommittees and working groups comprises over 450 executive and senior engineering staff members from electric utilities, government agencies, equipment manufacturers and engineer-constructor organizations. The Power Generation Committee's scope of activities includes development of standards, guides and recommended practices for all forms of electric power generation as well as presentation of technical papers and panels at national and international technical forums.

The Power Generation Committee currently has responsibility for 35 standards projects including such as "Recommended Practice for Unique Identification in Power Plants and Related Facilities", "Guide for Content of Technical Manuals", and "Design and Installation of Cable Systems in Nuclear Power Generating Stations".

Prior to this nomination Zweigler served as vice-chairman of the committee which required technical session sponsorship and coordination for the annual IEEE/PES winter and summer meetings and the Joint Power Generation Conference. He served as Technical Program Chairman for the latter in 1982. He has also been chairman of the Station Design Subcommittee (1975-1978) and Wire and Cable Systems Working Group (1972-1974).

## FROM THE TRENCHES: CONGRESSIONAL FELLOW REPORTS

By Orin E. Marvel

Since I am currently an IEEE Congressional Fellow in Senator Denton's office, "ya'll" must consider this a first quarterly report. Instead of writing about experiences, I decided to perform the work association test to relate my "real time" feelings. During this test, the major words that came to mind were:

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I have been overwhelmed by the competance and dedication of the staff people that I have been associated with. Their schoical and theoretical understanding of the key issues facing the US is exemplary. The long hours and personal commitments required are taken in stride.

On the flip side, the average staff member is young and inexperienced. In a lot of cases, the implications of implementation are not understood and a lot of confusion is caused by new policy. I would wish for understanding, dedication, and experience; but I am probably a dreamer. I have been very impressed with the contributions of the IEEE Congressional Fellow's program to strengthen this experience bese in the Congress.

The toughest job for any Legislative Aide within Congress is communications.

To most people I have met, communications is talking; and we all need to learn to listen more. Most people miss the fact that communications is a closed loop process. I believe that most systems engineers understand that the best way to communicate is to speak, listen, modify what was said, etc.

I am still learning a lot. I currently have a bill that is just entering the legislative process and am excited about seeing it through.

## SOFTWARE COST/ RELIABILITY TRADEOFFS



Dr. Barry Boehm

A special dinner meeting culminating three days of joint meetings of the Computer Society Software Reliability Measurement Working Group and the Reliability Society Software Reliability Technical Committee will be held at the Hacienda Hotel on June 30, 1983. Dr. Barry W. Boehm will address this meeting with a presentation on software costs and their relationship to reliability.

Does reliable software cost more? How do errors get into software and how much does it cost to get them out? What are the most cost-effective techniques for finding and fixing software errors? This talk will summarize the available information on these and related questions about the tradeoffs between software costs and software reliability. In addition to Dr. Boehm's talk, a summary of the results to date will be provided by Irv Doshay of the Computer Society Working Group and Reliability Society Technical Committee, on software guidance documents in progress.

Barry Boehm is currently Chief Engineer of TRW's Software and Information Systems Division. He was previously Head of the Information Sciences Department at Rand Corporation, and Director of the 1971 Air Force CCIP-85 study. His responsibilities at TRW include direction of TRW's internal software development policy and of the TRW Software Productivity System, an advanced software engineering support environment.

Dr. Boehm received his B.A. in Mathematics from Harvard in 1957 and his M.A. and Ph.D. from UCLA in 1961 and 1964, respectively. During 1978-79 he was a Visiting Professor of Computer Science at USC; he is currently also a Visiting Professor of Computer Science at UCLA. He serves on the Governing Board of the IEEE Computer Society, and on the editorial boards of several journals. His most recent book, Software Engineering Economics, was published by Prentice-Hall in September 1981.

A full course Prime Rib dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., prior to the talk. Those wishing to attend should send \$11.50 (including tax and tip) to Los Angeles Computer Society, P.O. Box 1285, Pacific Palisades, California, 90272. Call Sam Lehr at (213) 535-2905 for further information.

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ACOUSTICS, SPEECH AND SIGNAL PROCESSING Tuesday **FOOTHILL SECTION (514)** June 21 SOCIETY (S1) A Submarine Adventure Commander Walter L. Bacon Topic: Reservations & Speaker: Information: Douglas F. Elliott (714) 632-2340 U.S. Navy Cocktails, 6:30 p.m.: Dinner (optional), 7:00 p.m. AEROSPACE AND ELECTRONICS SYSTEMS Time: Barrister Restaurant Location: SOCIETY (S10) 500 W. Mission Blvd., Pomona Reservations & Take I-10 to Garey Ave., go south on Garey Ave. to Mission. William P. Hartman (213) 615-8432 Information: Restaurant is approximately 1/2 mile on south side. ANTENNAS AND PROPAGATION SOCIETY (S3) Reservations & Reservations (by Friday, June 17) Gary Davidson (213) 331-0011 Ext. 2812 Information: Reservations & Lee J. Cooper (213) 347-5446 ext 219 Information: Dave Mains (714) 787-7425 Thursday GEOSCIENCE & REMOTE SENSING SOCIETY **BUENAVENTURA SECTION** June 16 Community Room. Place: Reservations & Oaks Mall, Thousand Oaks, CA Fred Aminzadeh (714) 528-7201 ext 2462 Information: Park and enter Oaks Mall on north side east of J. C. Penny Parking: Co. entrance. Community Room is to left just inside Wednesday **INDUSTRY APPLICATIONS S-34** entrance. June 8 After PCB, What? Dow Corning Retro-Sil System and Q3-6539. 7:30 p.m. - Coffee, Tea & Dessert. Time: Topic: Meeting 8:00 p.m. Dr. Rein Turn, Insulator Coating Speaker: Mr. John Heitler, Dow Corning Corporation Speaker: Department of Computer Science, California State University, Attitude Adjustment: 5:30 p.m. Dinner: 7:30 p.m. Meeting Time: Northridge. 7:30 p.m. Advances in Computer-Communications Security Subject: Location: Taix Restaurant Phone (805) 495-0211, 484-1331 or 492-2056 Information: 1911 West Sunset Blvd. Los Angeles, CA **CHINA LAKE SECTION (513)** Reservations & Meeting information not available at press time. Gary Swanson (714) 779-8900 Information: Reservations & INFORMATION THEORY SOCIETY (S12) Information: Mel Creusere (714) 939-2009 Reservations & CIRCUITS & SYSTEMS/ELECTRON DEVICES Andreas Polydoros (213) 641-8600 Information: SOCIETY (S4/S15) INSTR. & MEAS. INDUS. ELECT. SOCIETY (S9/S13) Reservations & Reservations & Rich L. Helfrich (714) 871-5000 Information: W. Larry Bacon (213) 573-5663 Information: **COMMUNICATIONS SOCIETY (S19)** Wednesday Reservations & S-33 MAGNETICS SOCIETY, LOS ANGELES June 15 W. Larry Bacon (213) 573-5663 Information: CHAPTER Automatic Testing of Power and Audio Transformers by Topic: **Thursday** COMPONENTS, HYBRIDS & MANUFACTURING Microcomputer System June 23 Mr. Arthur Zuch, Optimized Devices Inc. Speaker: **TECHNOLOGY** Pleasantsville NY No Host Cocktails 6:00 p.m. Time Time: 8:00 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m. #14 Steele Hall, Bldg 61, California Institute of Technology. Chester St., Pasadena. Park South on Chester from Del Location: (\$13.00 including tax and tip, with reservations, \$14.00 without reservations) Non-members welcome. Dinner: 6:00 p.m., One West Restaurant. One West California The Proud Bird (next to LAX) Location: St., Pasadena. Corner of Fair Oaks and California. Menu prices 11022 So. Aviation Blvd. Allen Packler (213) 306-4200 Jack Forte (213) 536-7483 from \$6.95 plus tax & tip. Reservations: Reservations & Information: Dinner reservations by Noon Tuesday 14 June 1983. Philip Information: Paul Sadler (213) 822-8229 Massie (213) 839-6498 or Art Grinnell (213) 988-2600 Reliability of Electronic Connectors: Techniques & Experience Subject: X6949 in Finding Resistance Transients Speakers: Bill Rhoades & Roy Currence, **METROPOLITAN SECTION (515)** Xerox Corporation Meeting information not available at press time Reservations & Thursday David J. Melvold (213) 481-4749 Information: LOS ANGELES COMPUTER SOCIETY 16.1 June 30 Software Cost/Reliability Tradeoffs Tuesday Topic: MICROWAVE THEORY AND TECHNIQUES-17 Dr. Barry W. Boehm June 21 Speaker: Frequency Stability: Implications for State-of-the-Art Micro-Time: 6:30 p.m. Topic: Hacienda Hotel, El Segundo, California Location: Performance Reservations & Speaker: William Smith Sam Lehr (213) 535-2905 6:00 p.m. Social Hour, Information: Time: For reservations send check for \$11.50 to: 7:00 p.m. Dinner, Los Angeles Computer Society 8:00 p.m. Speaker P.O. Box 1285 Los Angeles Air Force Station Location: Pacific Palisades, CA 90272 Officers Club, Daedalion Room El Segundo **ELECTROMAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY SOCIETY** Reservations & Reservations are necessary for both the dinner and the meeting (S27)Information: Please call C.W. Swift at (213) 989-1133 by Friday, June Reservations & Information: Fred J. Nichols (213) 870-9383 NUCLEAR AND PLASMA SCIENCES SOCIETY (SE **ENGINEERING IN MEDICINE AND BIOLOGY SOCIETY** Reservations & (S18) James P. Spratt (213) 640-0480 Information: Reservations & Information: Andrew Lisiecki (714) 975-1800 **ORANGE COUNTY SECTION (516)** ENGRG. MGMT., EDUCATION, PROFESSIONAL Meeting information not available at press time

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JUNE 155

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agricultural applications'

2. Robert E. Owen, Ph.D., Manager of Operation and Marketing, McGraw-Edison/Altran. "Broadcast Radio System for Distribution Control and Load Management Communications" Cocktails 6:00 p.m.; Dinner 7:00 p.m.; Presentations 8:00

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Windpower - Utility and Entrepreneur Perspectives Session:

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Electric Power Research Institute Date: Wednesday, July 20, 1983 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Time:

**Panelists** 

Name & Topic Company Affiliation

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Thursday

June 16 **S07 RELIABILITY** Topic: Spacecraft Reliability Speaker: Atle Steen, TRW Time: 6:30 p.m. (Dinner)

Location: Hacienda Hotel 525 N. Sepulveda Blvd.

El Segundo (South of L.A. Airport)

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Thursday June 16

Topic:

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY SECTION Legal Considerations and Patent Rights in Engineering

Speaker: Robert P. Egermeier

6:30 p.m. Social Hour, 7:15 p.m. Dinner

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In 1975 the Chamber established "The Kitty Hawk Youth Award" which the Northrop Corporation agreed to sponsor annually. The award consists of an appropriate plaque and a contribution of \$2,000.00 to the recipient for continued efforts in aviation/aerospace endeavors.

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Presentation of "The Kitty Hawk Youth Award" will be made in cooperation with the Northrop Corporation at the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce Wright Brothers Banquet on 9 December 1983.

## SPACECRAFT RELIABILITY

A special meeting on Spacecraft Reliability by the Los Angeles Council, IEEE Reliability Society will take place on June 16, 1983, at the Hacienda Hotel, 525 N. Sepulveda Blvd. El Segundo. (A few blocks south of the Los Angeles Airport). The meeting will feature a presentation by Atle Steen of TRW.

Atle Steen will provide a summary of experienced TRW spacecraft reliability over the past ten years. His discussion will include methods of analysis and results obrained for predictions vs experience. These methods include reliability modeling and trade-off analysis to alternate designs using system analysis techniques. He will discuss studies for a 25 Kw in-orbit power station funded by NASA: availability analyses of multi-orbit, multi-payload satellite communication systems subject replenishment, launch, and manufacturing constraints; and demonstrated rebility and failure rates of launched TRW spacecraft. Atle Steen holds B.S., M.S. and Engineer's degrees from M.I.T., and he coauthored the paper "Reliability Modeling of High Voltage Batteries" in **ECEC** Proceedings, 1982. Prior to TRW, Mr. Steen was a senior ocean engineer with Kennecott Exploration of San Diego, for six years.

A dinner at 6:30 p.m. will precede the ecting. For information, please call Sam Lehr at (213) 535-2905.

## **AFTER PCB, WHAT?**

Speaker: Mr. John Heitler,

Dow Corning Corp.

Date: Wednesday, June 8, 1983 Time: Attitude Adjustment: 5:30 p.m.

> Dinner :7:30 p.m. :7:30 p.m.

Meeting

Place: Taix Restuarant

1911 West Sunset Blvd. Los Angeles, CA.

The Industry Applications Society, Chapter 34, June 8, 1983 meeting will be held at the Taix Restaurant, Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA. The speaker will be Mr. John Heitler of Dow Corning Corporation.

John is a graduate of Indiana University's Chemistry Department with a B.A. degree and concentrations in Biology, Physicis, and Business. For the last year he has been the Down Corning Transformer Specialist responsible for retro-filling PCP transformers in Southern California. He also had the opportunity to work closely with different engineering groups at Southern California Edison Co. and the Department of Water and Power on a new insulator coating.

Mr. Heitler will discuss two relatively new Dow Corning electrical products. The first will be the Retro-Sil System. He will briefly describe the need, function and implementation of the product which has the capability of removing PCB's from a PCB filled transformer. This presentation will address the impact of the product to the consulting engineers.

The second portion of his talk will be about Dow Corning Q3-6539, Insulator Coating. He will cover the historical differences and cost and performance advantages of the product. Other possible applications would include conductor and switchgear coating.

## L.A. COUNCIL **ELECTION RESULTS**

The Teller's Committee met May 2 to count the Los Angeles Council ballots that ran in the April Bulletin.

Of the 282 ballots received, five were not validated by signature or membership number. Counting the 277 valid ballots confirmed the following officers for the 1983-84 year:

Chairman Audrey J. Smith Vice Chairman Myron Kayton Secretary Jerry C. Aukland Treasurer William E. Murray PACE Chairman Karl H. Hering Members at Large Gene H. Hostetter Harold H. Wilson

## **COMPUTERIZED SNOW** SKI RELEASE BEING DEVELOPED AT UC **DAVIS**

A computerized snow ski-release binding that may reduce injuries while giving the skier better control has been designed by engineers at the University of California, Davis.

"This is the first digital-computer controlled ski binding that has been developed in the world," said Maury L. Hull, associate professor of mechanical engineering at UC Davis and project coordi-

This new computer-controlled binding, which has been field tested at the Boreal Ski Area, incorporates three basic systems: 1) a dynamometer, 2) a release mechanism, and 3) a computer. The dynamometer converts the loads between the boot and the ski into proportional electrical signals. These signals are input to the computer which solves mathematical equation models of the leg. When a dangerous condition is detected, the computer issues an electrical release command to the binding, thereby releasing the boot from the ski.

The task of traditional mechanical bindings is both to clamp the skier's boot to the ski and to release the ski from the boot should injury to the skier's leg become imminent. According to statistics cited by Hull, 90 percent of skiing injuries to the leg are attributed to binding release malfunction. This statistic represents about 250,000 injuries annually in the United States. Despite two decades of design innovation and development of purely mechanical bindings, there has been no notable decrease in the injury rate, according to Hull.

"Skiers are prone to at least five different severe leg injuries," explains Mac-Gregor. "Each injury occurs under a different specific set of loading circumstances. For complete skier protection, binding releases must be sensitive to each set of circumstances and current mechanical systems are not well suited for this requirement.'

According to Hull, the new computer controlled binding offers numerous advantages over its mechanical counterparts. One advantage of the new computerized binding is improved skiing control. To gain the shock absorption capability necessary to prevent premature release, mechanical bindings must allow movement between the boot and the ski. This is a disadvantage to the skier, however, because the lack of rigid attachment between the boot and ski impairs skier control. In computer controlled bindings, however, shock absorption capability is

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## OFFICE AUTOMATION AND THE WORKPLACE

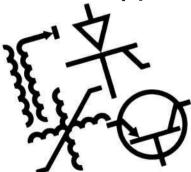
A national survey examined for the first time secretaries' and managers' perceptions of office work, productivity and office automation. The survey, sponsored by Honeywell and conducted by Response Analysis, a research firm in Princeton, N.J., questioned 1,264 secretaries and 937 managers from 443 companies with 100 or more employees. Results are based on a computer-generated random sample, drawn by Dun & Bradstreet, of "information-intensive" businesses throughout the U.S.

(1) The term "information-intensive" is used to characterize businesses that regularly process substantive amounts of information.

## **Summary of Major Findings**

Managers and secretaries identify communications as the key to improving office productivity. Bosses were more likely to say that more automated equipment would increase productivity, while twice as many secretaries cited the need for more of a team relationship. Managers and secretaries who work in automated offices show a high level of satisfaction with their automated equipment. Twice as many secretaries as managers cited the need for more training and instruction. Secretaries are almost exclusively female (99%); managers are mostly male (84%).

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## Summary of Findings By Issue Relationships Between Bosses & Secretaries

- Managers tend to overestimate the time that secretaries spend on traditional tasks and underestimate the time spent on nontraditional tasks.
- Half of the managers report wasting more than 10 percent of their time on minor tasks and do not delegate these tasks to secretaries, either because the nature of these tasks makes them impossible to delegate (50%) or that they think their secretaries are already too busy (37%).
- Fewer than one in four secretaries say they are too busy to take on extra duties.

## **Productivity**

- Nearly twice as many bosses as secretaries say that more automated equipment would help the office become more productive. On the other hand, twice as many secretaries as bosses say that more of a team relationship between managers and secretaries is needed.
- Both managers and secretaries blame each other for unnecessary interruptions that keep them from being more productive.
- Managers and secretaries agree that productivity could be improved by minimizing unnecessary interruptions, better organization of work flow and fuller use of secretaries' abilities.
- The most frequent suggestion for increasing the productivity of automated equipment is more and better training.

### Automation

- Use of automated equipment is not yet widespread. More than half the offices surveyed to do not have word processing and fewer than one in 10 managers use a personal computer. At least 75 percent of the secretaries do not have access to personal computers, electronic mail and computerized scheduling and filing, while two-thirds do not have memory typewriters.
- Users, particularly secretaries, say that more and better training is the single most important change that is needed when introducing automated equipment into the office.
- Among non-users, managers are more positive about automated equipment than secretaries. Younger secretaries view the prospect of automated equipment more favorably than older secretaries do.
- Secretaries and managers who work in automated offices show a high level of agreement on office automation. Ninety percent say that automated equipment makes their jobs easier, makes routine tasks go faster and improves the flow of work through the office.

- Satisfaction varies with the level of automation: secretarial and managerial users from companies with high and medium levels of automation are more satisfied than those with a low level of automation.
- Forty-six percent of the secretarial users say that half or more of their daily secretarial work is automated. Seven in 10 secretaries say that it would be difficult or they could not handle the work load without the equipment.

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achieved by filtering techniques and the boot-ski connection is nearly rigid.

A second advantage is a simpler binding. The design of mechanical bindings is complicated by spring loaded mechanisms which resist boot forces while at the same time offer the travel necessary to absorb shock loads. Such complexity both drives up cost and limits reliability. Computer controlled mechanisms, on the other hand, have just two modes of operation, locked and unlocked.

A third advantage is the elimination of the effects of friction. Release levels of computer controlled bindings are not influenced by friction, whereas mechanaical bindings cause friction build-up between the boot-sole and the ski.

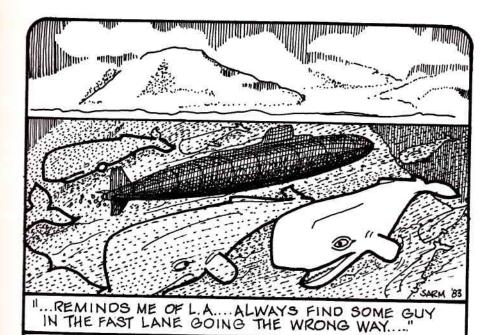
The fourth advantage is the performance of the release mechanism. The release accuracy of mechanical bindings is limited because they don't monitor twisting and forward bending movements of the lower leg. Computer bindings do measure various movement combinations of the ankle joints and knee.

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## Tuesday, June 21, 1983

PLACE:

Barrister Restaurant 500 W. Mission Blvd., Pomona Take I-10 to Garey Ave. go south on Garey Ave. to Mission. Turn right on Mission. Restaurant is approximately ½ mile on south side.

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IEEE Foothill Section

## PROPOSED IRS CHANGES TO ALTER RULE ON SOFTWARE AS R&D EXPENSE

New proposed Internal Revenue Service regulations would change the long standing classification of computer software development expenses as currently deductible research and development expenses for Federal income tax purposes, the tax service director of a leading CPA firm pointed out today.

In order to qualify under proposed rules, the expenses must be "incurred for new or significantly improved computer software," it was noted by Paul D. Koehler, director of tax services for Fox & Company, one of the nation's largest CPA firms.

In addition, such expenses must not be for develoment of software "the operational feasibility of which is not seriously in doubt," he said. The new proposed definition would change rules which have existed since 1969.

Koehler, whose firm offers counseling on acquisition of computer hardware and software in addition to the conventional accounting, auditing and tax services provided by CPA firms, stated that public hearings will be held on the proposed regulations on April 19, 1983.

According to Keohler, under previous regulations the costs of developing software were considered so closely to resemble the kinds of expenses deductible as research and experimental expenditure as to warrant tax accounting treatment similar to that accorded such costs. The new rules not only cast doubt upon the current deductibility of such expenses, but also do not define the proper cost amortization period for software costs.

Besides deductibility, the new rules also affect the amount of qualified research

credits allowed taxpayers. This nonrefundable direct credit against taxes otherwise payable is limited to incremental expenditures over a base period that, when fully implemented, will include the preceding three taxable years. In defining the types of incremental expenses which qualify for the credit, the same definition used for purposes of the deduction generally applies.

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## **IEEE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

## **Part-Time Teaching Positions Open**

Each semester the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department of the California State University, Northridge, employs parttime lecturers to teach a variety of courses from lower division to first year graduate levels. In addition to standard EE courses, they include courses in engineering for non-engineering majors, interdisciplinary courses in digital systems, and a number of specialized courses. There is usually a special need for instructors for lecture and laboratory courses in the area of pulse and digital circuits and microprocessors. Anyone who is interested in teaching part-time should send a recent resume, a statement of what courses you wish to teach, and the hours you are available for teaching, to Dr. Edmond S. Gillespie, Electrical and Computer Engineering Department, California State University, Northridge, Northridge, CA 91330. Equal opportunity and affirmative action employer.

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## CORPORATE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

#### ELECTR. ENGRS

LSI/VLSI, Ana/Dig, RF/MW/ Ant, MOS/CMOS, Ga As, ATE, Logic Des, P/S, EW. Radar, Magnetics, EMI/ EMP, ECM, Video, Sig Proc, Crypto, Laser/Op, I/O ASW, Disk Drive, Read/Write, Gate Array, Servo, IFF, Trav Wave Tube to 60K

## MECH/ELECT

E/M, Pkg, Mach Des, Med TWT. NASTRAN, Magnetics, AC/DC, Finite Anal. Spec., Stress, Robotics, Liaison, Hydro/Mech, HVAC, Calc, Ctrls/Inst, Aero/Mil, Est, ASME, CAD, Mat, Structures, Wave Guide Sub Sta. ANSI to 55K

## MFG/IND ENGRS

Cost Est, Fac, Methods Pkg. Tooling, Process, New Pdt Intro, Assy, NC/CNC, Machining, E/M, Eq Just, Stds, Layout, CAM, Mfg Planning, PCB, Weld, Sheet Mtl, Metallurgy to 44 K

#### SALES/AP ENGRS

Field Svc, Customers Support to 36K +

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## QA DIR/TEST

Rel/Maint-Components, ATE, Prog, MIL, NDT, Stat Anal, Mech, Sys. E/M, MRB, DOD Fail Vendor Audit, Anal, Des Review, ASME, Elec to MID 40's

### DESIGN/DRAFT

CAD, Layout, Prog, CAM, E/M, PCB, Checkers, Tool to 32K

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#### OTHER OPPS

Program Mgmt, Purchasing Contracts, Tech Writers, Facilities to 38K +

## **AEROSPACE**

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## LAC/PACE REPORT . . .

The LAC/PACE meeting was held on Tuesday, 19 April 1983 at 6:15 p.m. in the IEEE LA Council office. In attendance were Gene Kopp, Don Giddings and Karl H. Hering.

The following topics were discussed, with the indicated results:

Company benefit package — rabled for future action.

(2). Alien engineers' employment — a LA Council wide meeting, consisting of a panel discussion of this issue, is being organized by Eugene Kopp.

(3). Portable pensions — a study is recommended whether the existing IRA plans are sufficient, how much is job mobility reduced, and the needs for presentations on financial planning for retirement.

(4). High school/college engineering career planning — suggest an effort for Section involvement (The San Fernando Section's approach is a good example).

(5). Support of legislation and policy statements — need to get in contact with the legislative analyst's office and the legislative liaison.

(6). Shortage of engineers — need a position paper written that will discuss the myth and the why.

(7). Salary scales — a new survey is required to determine LA area pay scales and then relate to the national salary levels.

(8). Member data bank — the importance of a computerized member mailing and status file was discussed. It is urged that such a file be implemented.

It was recommended to hold an LA area-wide PACE meeting at least once a year.

It was decided to hold future LAC/PACE meetings at the DWP building in downtown Los Angeles on the third Wednesday of every month. These meetings are scheduled from 7:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. as follows:

May 18, 1983 Room 871 June 15, 1983 Room 871 July 20, 1983 Room 871 August 17, 1983 Room 772 September 21, 1983 Room 871 October 19, 1983 Room 772 November 16, 1983 Room 772 December 21, 1983 Room 772

Any IEEE member is welcomed to attend and is encouraged to volunteer and participate. Each Section should send a representative to the LAC/PACE meetings.

Karl Hering Acting LAC/PACE Chairman

## ... AND CORRESPONDENCE

To: Mr. Karl Hering

Acting LA Council PACE Chairman

From: Mr. Donald E. Giddings

Metro LA Section PACE Chairman

Subject: Engineering and Science

Manpower Bill

The Los Angeles Metro Section of the IEEE believes there is no crisis shortage of engineering manpower in the United States as portrayed by the conclusion of a survey made by the American Electronics Association (AEA). Senator John Glenn viewed the survey by AEA as having flaws that are associated with an industry where optimism runs ramport. Robert Borden, at the USAB workshop on November 16, and 17, 1981, indicated that engineering salaries are not shooting upward as one would expect if the shortages are as dire as stated by AEA. There is more of a problem of underutilization of engineers than a shortage of them.

Therefore, we request that the Los Angeles Council of the IEEE urge the IEEE Headquarters to cease and desist supporting the position that a crisis shortage of engineers exists.

Please inform this Section of your action. We would appreciate copies of correspondence directed to the IEEE Headquarters.

## MEETING IN LOS ANGELES, MARCH 17, DISCUSSED THE USAB TASK FORCE ON REGISTRATION

William E. Murray

The Los Angeles Council was honored on March 17 with a visit by Joel Snyder, Chairman of the IEEE USAB Task Force on Registration. The purpose of this visit was to acquaint the local IEEE leadership with the USAB activities in the area of professional engineering registration and to review the preparation of questions for the Electrical Engineering Registration examination. A very active and useful discussion was conducted. We felt that this important subject should be reported to you.

We, the IEEE members, have been requested to assist in the preparation of realistic examination questions requiring professional judgement, thereby to replace problems that are presently considered too academic; at best, the type found in textbooks for senior-level courses. It was noted that the National Council of Engineering Examiners (NCEE) recently found it necessary to reject one examination entirely, because it was judged to be too much like an EE Senior class examination

Recently, the content of the professional EE examination was challenged by Ralph Nader under the Consumer Protection Act and the Freedom of Information Act. Consequently, a major effort is now in progress to develop exams that are representative of the needs for registration to protect the public.

IEEE conducted a survey of 10% of our U.S. members, using a questionnaire developed with the assistance of the SAT (Scholastic Apritude Test) staff. This 10% random sample is considered representative of the entire membership. The results were analyzed and reported in a three-volume report. It was discovered that, as expected, most licensed Professional EE's are employed in the power engineering field. However, a total of 704 engineering specialties were identified in this field.

Each examination was developed in the past as a Test Syllabus, but now each is contained in a Test Specification. The Test Specification has been developed for the October 1983 exam, but preparation of the Test Specification for the Oct-Nov, 1984 exam is still in progress.

The IEEE USAB is now soliciting members to build up a cadre which will help NCEE to prepare a data bank of questions of more professional quality. These new questions will be offered to NCEE, which will pay \$50 to the author of each

question accepted for use. This offer was advertised in both the SPECTRUM and the EE Times and will soon be advertised again. By law (Consumer Protection Act?), these ads must be public — not restricted to IEEE members alone — and they must cover a cross-section of professional activities and geographical areas. Camera-ready copies of the SPECTRUM article will be sent soon to every Section and Council Chairman.

It was suggested that teachers of PE exam courses and registered engineers listed in current rosters should be invited to participate in the proposed cadre. A workshop for those interest in writing questions also was suggested as a cost-effective means of building up a cadre of authors.

The IEEE is now represented on two NCEE committees; Liaison Committee and the Professional Examination Advisory Committee. Only those societies that have licensed specialties are on the Advisory Committee.

Mr. Snyder briefly reviewed the present scope and content of a typical exam as follows:

There are 19 questions in the specialty field (e.g. Electrical Engineer) in each exam, plus one engineering economics question which is common to all specialty exams. The examinee must select eight questions. The present content of the 19 questions for the Professional EE exam is: Power (8 questions), Electronics (6), Control Systems (3) and Computers (2).

It was noted that NCEE presently uses the mean raw score less 1/4 (sigma) to define a minimum acceptable or passing score for each problem, this method of evaluation has been challenged and is no longer considered to be legally defensible, so NCEE now plans to go to a Panel of Experts to define a minimum qualifying (acceptable) score for each question.

Under the "question data-bank" plan, each preparer must make a profile for his/her proposed original question; for example, a 5 may be considered "unqualified", a 6 may be "marginally qualified" and a 7 may be "qualified", with a perfect score of 10.

In addition, the level of professional judgement required to solve the problem must be defined by the preparer on the basis of four levels of difficulty. The goal for future exam questions is to have strong design and judgement requirements. For example, the question may require the examinee to select one of several designs, then to analyze and justify the choice. Each question should require 30 to 40 minutes to solve, by a qualified examinee.

Further interesting discussions covered the registration process, the makeup of state examining or professional registration boards, industrial exemptions, independent consulting verses employee design work in licensed fields, professional engineering internship, experience requirements, certification programs for skills maintenance and license renewal. It was concluded that our members' views on these topics are likely as diverse as the 704 specialties and the many types of careers which we occupy. Nevertheless, it was agreed that continued dialogue on these and related topics will be necessary to arrive at an acceptable national professional licensing program and to guide USAB in formulating and maintaining acceptable positions and policies.

## IT WORKS! LAC HISTORY IS ALIVE

We ran an article in the May Bulletin, listing the early chairmen of the Los Angeles Section of AIEE. We also asked for help in filling in gaps in our records. Well, bless him, Mr. Ken Dauwalder, a former Director of AIEE and retired telephone company EE called the office the other day with the bulk of the missing list. We certainly appreciate his deligent research.

YEAR	NAME
1934-1935	Fred Garrison
1935-1936	O. W. Holden
1936-1937	J. C. Gaylord
1937-1938	W. F. Grimes
1938-1939	David Hall
1939-1940	Mark A. Sawyer
1940-1941	J. M. Gaylord
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1943-1944	Lloyd F. Hunt
1944-1945	Pual L. Johnson
1945-1946	Earl S. Condon
1946-1947	E. W. Morris
1947-1948	H. D. Strong
1948-1949	Bradley Cozzens
1949-1950	E. L. Bettannier
1950-1951	J. H. Vizian
1951-1952	E. J. Sadler
1952-1953	E. W. Rockwell
1953-1954	C. A. Wells
1954-1955	G. T. Harness
1955-1956	W. S. Peterson
1956-1957	P. L. Savage
1957-1958	H. A. Lott
1958-1959	E. Dale Barcus
1959-1960	Fred Foulon
1960-1961	Robert Milmoe
1961-1962	L. L. Grandi
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Just to complete the record, next issue we'll list the Los Angeles chairmen since the merger that formed IEEE.

And, to allay the fears of those of you who commented, the sketch of the emblem that will go on the Los Angeles Council banner we ran last month was only a working drawing. The final product will have a much more finished appearance!

SANTA MONICA BAY SECTION MEMBERS: SEE BALLOT ON PAGE 5 VOTE!