

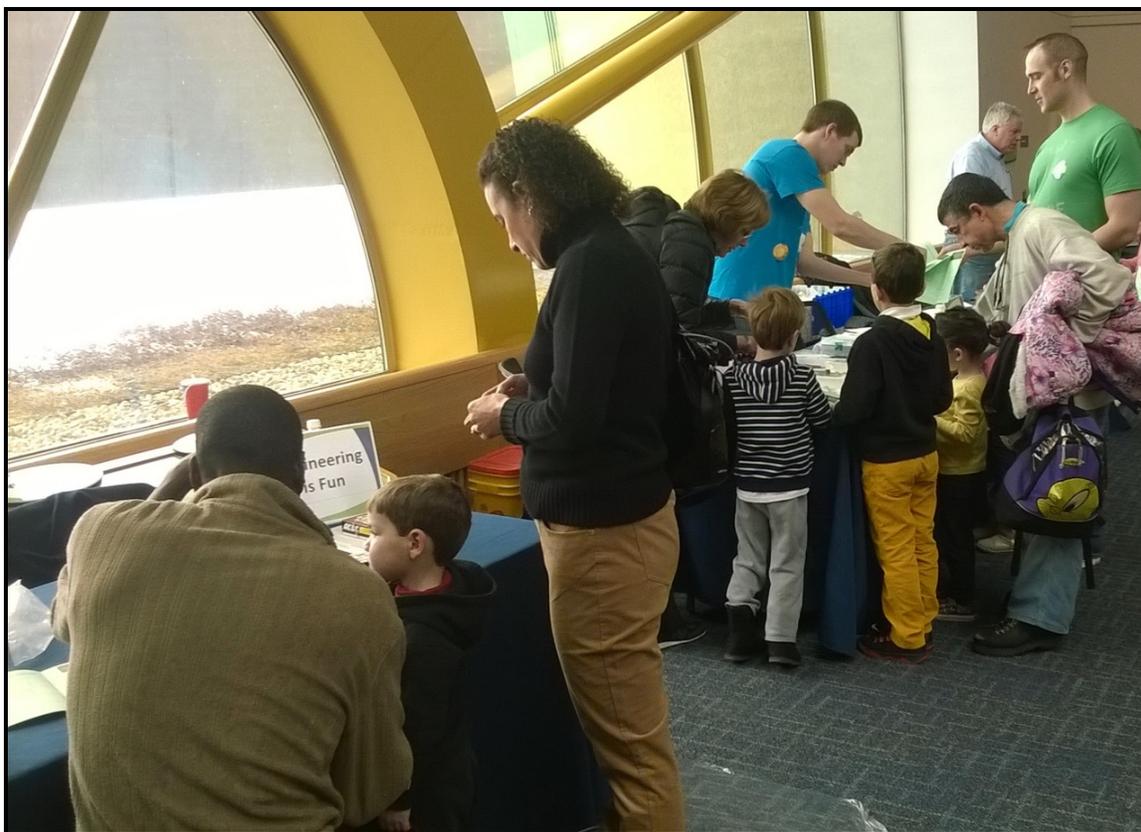
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IEEE hosts National Engineer's Day at the Children's Museum

by: Jonah Crespo

The snow accumulated quickly in Indianapolis but that did not stop visiting families and the engineers of IEEE and SWE from converging on the Children's Museum for Engineer's Day. A yearly tradition, Engineer's Day is an event that introduces kids, teenagers, and parents to the life of an engineer. Children were guided on a tour to "Complete the Circuit" which led them to a handful of activities. Some of the activities included building a flashlight, comparing the energy used in light bulbs with a hand motor, building a bridge, creating a robo-wheel, and playing engineering related games. After each activity, an electrical component sticker was rewarded. Once all the components were collected, the circuit was completed and a yo-yo was awarded! Additionally, the families were entered into a drawing to win one of many engineering related toys such as a Kenex set or a children's chemistry set. Overall, Engineer's Day was a great success. Kids were introduced to science and engineering in a fun way and the engineers and students of IEEE and SWE were able to give back to the community.



Aerial Robotics Team at Purdue IEEE Student Branch

by: Darius Pang

The Purdue University chapter of the IEEE is a student organization devoted to technical achievements and social events with a lot of history. The chapter is split into several committees, one of which being Aerial Robotics. This year's Aerial Robotics team is competing in the Seafarer Chapter of the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International's 13th Annual Student Unmanned Aerial System Competition. The goal of the competition is to spark interest in unmanned system technologies and careers. This year's challenge is to create an aircraft suited for a search and rescue mission for firefighters during a forest fire.

First, Purdue's Aerial Robotics team split up into the Aero-Mechanical and Electrical sub-teams. Together, the sub-teams are using engineering steps to analyze, design, fabricate, and demonstrate the system's ability of completing autonomous aerial operations under given specified mission and time constraints.

There is a finalized design (See Figure 1) for our UAV and it is now a matter of putting the vehicle together. This is where funding from the Central Indiana Section IEEE is much appreciated. Manufacturing of the fuselage and wings along with the basic flight test algorithm, ground station software, and writing drivers for the GPS and airspeed sensor are on track to be completed this month, giving us the first prototype. Below, Figures 2 and 3 display a life size model of the UAV and a printed circuit board with some sensors the teams have designed and fabricated.

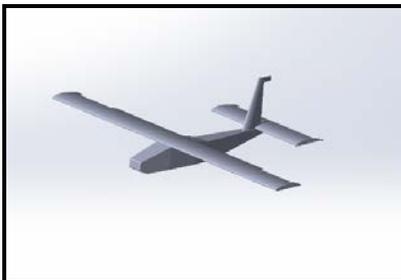


Fig1: CAD Design of UAV



Fig2: Physical Model of UAV

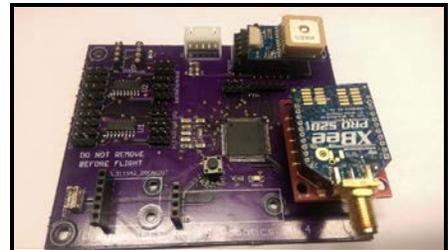


Fig3: Printed Circuit Board w/ Sensors

The competition will be held June 17-21, 2015 at Webster Field in St. Inigoes, Maryland, where Purdue's Aerial Robotics Team will be competing against other universities.

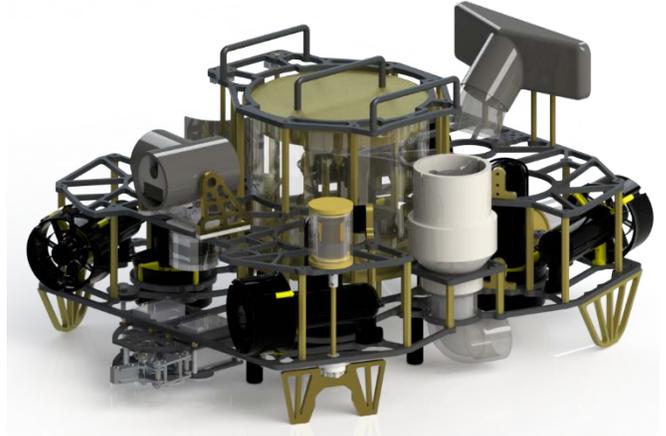
For more information about Purdue IEEE and the Aerial Robotics Team visit purdueieee.org. More information about the competition can be found at <http://www.auvsi-seafarer.org/>.

Purdue IEEE Student Branch

Remotely Operated Underwater Vehicle Prepares for Competition

by: Sophia Strong and Kyle Rakos

The Purdue IEEE ROV team is making preparations to compete for the seventh year in the MATE (Marine Advanced Technology Education) Center's International ROV (Remotely Operated Vehicle) Competition. The ROV team is composed of students from Purdue University, mostly in various facets of the engineering department, who design, build, and control this remotely operated vehicle.



ROV X7 modeled in SolidWorks

Last semester brought in the largest influx of new members in the team's history. Initial meetings, led by new captain Kyle Rakos along with new team leads Josh Berg, Matt Molo, and Evan Widloski, saw sizes of over 35 potential members. As members committed, there were still large numbers of students, primarily freshmen, who began learning the process of building a ROV from the ground up. In order to train new members as well as provide a practice vehicle for use before the competition, the team began work on a prototype ROV.

This prototype used a modular frame to allow attachment of new tools in order to facilitate testing before the final vehicle is assembled. Additionally, it was designed to utilize old electronics combined with new electronics for testing purposes. This vehicle has been immeasurably helpful in training new and old members alike. This prototype vehicle should see its first full pool test within the following weeks.

In the midst of the prototype development, the mission rules were released. This year the mission will take place in St. John's in Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada from June 25-27, 2015. There will be three separate tasks at various locations. The various tasks provide a much greater level of difficulty, something the team feels prepared to accomplish. Therefore, in parallel with the development of the prototype vehicle, design work has been done on ROV X7. The mechanical design is nearing completion and large parts have already been sent out for machining. Final electronic design work has commenced and software is continuously being refined.

The ROV team is looking forward to the regional competition at the end of the semester and is even more excited to go to Canada during the summer. We would like to thank our sponsors for all of their support. Additionally, we would like to thank all of those who have spent time providing technical and administrative knowledge to the team. With their help, the ROV Team is planning for the most advanced and capable vehicle yet!

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In addition to the popular Professional Development Career workshop, the Professional Engineer's Ethics and Indiana Law Continuing Education Units, and the emerging technology talks given by innovation leaders, we are planning on adding several half and full day workshop tracks on topics such as Electric Vehicle Technology, Mobile Application Development, Smart Grid, and Software Engineering. In addition, we are planning a Student Poster session to allow local Graduate and Undergraduate students opportunities to show off their research. This will be a good opportunity for you to brush up on your skills, learn about emerging technologies, and will provide many opportunities to network with local professionals and industry leaders. Mark these dates in your calendar now!

Save the Date!
Sunday July 26th
Annual Central Indiana Section Baseball Outing



Enough cold and snow, think of a beautiful summer afternoon enjoying food, family, friends, and even a cold brew on the warm but breezy 1st base terrace of Victory Field watching the Indianapolis Indian's take on the Louisville Bats. Mark your calendar now!

Power & Energy / Industry Applications / Power Electronics Society News

Earl Hill, Chair, PES/IAS/PELS

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The PES/IAS/PELS is off to an active 2015, beginning with its February meeting on Transformer Design and Manufacturer presented by Ronnie Minhaz, PE of Transformer Consulting Services. The section plans to hold a four week spring short course on Solar Integration taught by industry vendors and utility representatives. Topics include the solar integration overview and financials, the customer perspective, the utility perspective, and system analysis for impacted utility distribution circuits. The meetings will be four consecutive Tuesdays, beginning March 10, 2015 and take place at Indianapolis Power and Light's Morris Street location. The short course will be free of charge, but advanced registration is requested.

Also planned for March is the annual Electric League of Indiana Exposition to be held on March 12, 2015 at the Crane Bay Event Center in Indianapolis. The Expo is a great opportunity to network with other folks in the electrical industry and to see many of the great new products in the industry. On April 14, 2015, a tour of the Indianapolis Airport solar farm is tentatively scheduled, with specific details forthcoming at the Section website. Finally, on April 16, 2015, Dr. David Crandell of Indiana University's School of Informatics and Computing will present Place Recognition in Diverse Social Image Collections at the Hoosier Energy Headquarters building located in Bloomington, IN. This presentation will describe the speaker's recent work in visual place recognition, where the definition of "place" can depend on the task at hand. Detailed event information and advanced registration for all events are available at www.cis-ieee.org.

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6&7 Nov. 2015	CIS	Section Conference	Indianapolis Marriott North
26 July 2015	CIS	Annual Baseball Outing	Victory Field

... Check the [Section web page](#) for details and current information.

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