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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last month's meeting was our annual picnic. We held it in the Garrett's backyard as usual on May 11. We gathered around 3 PM with wives/husbands and family and had a pleasant social interlude and then put the hamburgers and brats on the grill around 5. Attendance was a bit light compared to previous years, but I think we all had a good time. We again thank the Garrett's for their hospitality. A special thanks goes to Vaughn Treude for getting all of the supplies and bringing them over to the picnic.

This month's meeting will be back at Monti's on June 13. Casual social interaction and networking start around 6:30 PM. Dinner will start around 7 or a bit after with the program around 8. Check at the podium to see what room we are in. I will try for the Senator's Room since that seems to fit our needs well, but we can't guarantee that they won't put us in another room.

For our program this month Bill Morgan is going to tell us about flight simulators. Bill puts bread on his table by writing software for these things. Bill's talk is going to be very interesting, and you shouldn't miss it.

We have been trying to mix in some technically oriented programs like Bill's with the programs related more to the business side of consulting that have been the usual fare. We think this might add a little variety to our meetings and make them more interesting. Next month Russ Johnson is going to talk about the work he is doing at ETA Engineering on solar power. Then in August we get back to the business side with a presentation on short term/full time work assignments sometimes referred to as job shopping. These assignments can be used to fill in slack periods, and the work can often be very interesting. I know several people who job shop full time and really like it.

In any case, there is quite a bit of this work available, and we thought it would be worthwhile for our members to be aware of what is available in this area. Ed Koch is going to speak to us in September. Ed has been doing stock and option trading recently, and he is going to talk to us about that and not about his consulting practice as I indicated in last month's newsletter. I understand that Ed's new venture is going quite well. The list for the rest of the year's programs is given below.

We have our programs laid out for the rest of this year, but we need to start thinking about next year. If you know of a potential speaker with a subject that would be interesting to our members, please pass the information on to one of the Board members so that we can fit him into our schedule.

The big event coming up is this Fall's Consultants Workshop that we will sponsor in conjunction with the AICN. The planning seems to be moving along quite nicely. I will keep you informed as things progress.

As I mentioned last month, our web site is up and running. Visit it at www.ieeepacn.com. The basic structure of the site is there, but it still needs a lot of work. We are trying to find a web master who will maintain the site and get the metatags and whatever else is needed put together. We still need resumes from most of our members. Please look at the resumes that are posted on the site and put yours together using the same structure. That way we can cut and paste into our HTML editor without having to rewrite everyone's resume. Until we get our web master in place, send your resumes to me at peverett@everettinfrared.com. Standard Word or WordPerfect formats will work fine. Other formats we'll just have to try.

Clark tells me that the article on non-contact temperature measurement may make it into this month's Advisor if no more problems pop up. The current issue is trying to figure out how to handle embedded figures. I encourage everyone to write an article and send it to Clark at jones8@mindspring.com. Clark will put one article into each issue. It may take a month or two for your article to appear, but it will be published. The Network is still subsidizing the meals at Monti's, and the cost for a very good meal is \$10. Not bad for your choice of filet mignon, chicken or fish. The quality of the food at Monti's has improved substantially. I've had the orange roughly the last few times, and it has been very good. I hope to see you on Thursday, the thirteenth.

Upcoming meetings and programs:

June 14	Bill Morgan will tell us about flight simulation technology, which is what he does to put bread on the table.
July 11	Russ Johnson will talk about the practical applications of solar energy.
August 8	We are planning to have a presentation on using job shop assignments effectively.
September 12	Ed Koch will talk to us about his his investment activities
October 10	Jim Soudriette will talk about management consulting.
November 14	Lane Garrett will talk about the all solar powered building ETA Engineering is doing in Tempe.
December 12	Annual business meeting and roundtable discussion

EDITOR'S NOTES

I'm still having problems getting WordPerfect to behave itself when I ask it to generate a PDF file. I had done some tests back in April before agreeing to take the Editor position, and it worked fine. However, now it refuses to work. I've tried it on two computers now, and don't have a useful file to show for it. Unfortunately, at this point, I don't have any more time to fiddle with it, and so am sending out a "plain text" version. Frankly, I don't expect to have time to tinker with it much for the next couple of months, so expect the July and August editions to be ASCII text files as well. (Any submissions for either July or August should be simple ".txt" files.)

I'm afraid that due to my personal schedule, I'm going to have to set a fairly early deadline for the July edition of The Advisor: 6:00 PM on June 29. I already know that I'm going to have to miss the July meeting.

[Webmaster's note: I converted Clark's text files to PDF files retroactively. – VT]

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