



Common Ground

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President's Message

by Tom Lee

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I wonder. Back in 1987, did our Chapter's founders, Tony Adrian, Bob Harding, Gary Johnson, Joel Weidendorf, Merle Weight and Cathy Lichter, have any thoughts about how long the "North Central Chapter of the ESD Association" was going to last?

Back on September 10th of this year we celebrated our Chapter's 20th anniversary with a sit-down dinner meeting at the "Wildfire Grill" in Eden Prairie. At this meeting we were honored with the presence of two of our founders, Merle Weight and Tony Adrian.

Our Chapter is very proud of our continued success in membership and technical training offerings. Our founder's "ground rules", of what an ESD Chapter could offer and the ways it would run the business of the organization, were indeed wise decisions. They have kept us active and strong.

To honor our "Charter Members", the Chapter made a motion and voted unanimously that evening, to give Merle and Tony, a "Lifetime Membership" to our Chapter. Their annual Chapter dues have now been paid forever.

I would like to say a special "thank you" to Craig Zander for submitting a very nice article about our Chapter's 20 years of success to the ESD Association's publication, "Threshold". It made front page too! Thanks, Craig.

This coming December 3rd the Chapter will continue the mission of our founders with the election of a new Chapter Secretary and Vice President. I hope to see you all again there.

2007 Chapter Meeting Schedule

by Tim Jarrett

March 5th

- The Chapter's annual Membership Dinner Meeting was held at the Holiday Inn Hotel in Bloomington, MN
- Technical presentation: "Controlling ESD in Automated Equipment" was presented by Donn Bellmore of Universal Instruments

May 9th & 10th

Program Manager Courses - Holiday Inn Hotel, Bloomington, MN

May 9th - Full Day Class

- "How To's of In-Plant ESD Survey and Evaluation Measurements" presented by Steve Halperin of Stephen Halperin & Associates, Ltd

May 10th - 1/2 Day Class

- "Clean Room Considerations for the Program Manager" presented by Chris Long of IBM

May 10th - 1/2 Day Class

- "Air Ionization: Issues and Answers" presented by Arnie Steinman of MKS, Ion System

June 11th

- Meeting Site: Restronics, Edina, MN
- Technical presentation: "Why Bad Things Happen to Good Chips" was presented by Vladimir Kras of 3M

September 10th

- Meeting Site: Wildfire Grill, Eden Prairie

Presentations

- Chapter History – Merle Weight
- ESD Association Update – Dave Swenson

December 3rd

- Meeting Site: Boston Scientific, Arden Hills, MN
- Technical presentation – Charvaka Duvvury, Texas Instruments

Additional meeting details will follow via e-mail announcements. If you are not on the chapter's list, please contact Tim Jarrett [tim.jarrett@guidant.com]

We also strongly encourage all chapter members to consider hosting a future meeting. In addition, if you have a static related control topic you'd like the local board to cover during a future meeting, please contact Tim Jarrett.

Membership

by Bernie Reiland

We presently have 60 members and looking for a few more. The 2008 membership drive starts January 1, 2008. Emails will be sent out the first part of the year to start the drive. If you know anyone that is interested in the North Central ESD Chapter, send them our way. People who join now are good for calendar year 2008.

Secretary's Report

by Kevin Duncan

The North Central Chapter of the ESD Association celebrated its 20th Anniversary with a special meeting held on September 10th, 2007 at the Wildfire Grill in Eden Prairie, MN.

The celebration began with registration from 4:00 to 4:30 pm.

Chapter President, Tom Lee gave a brief introduction and a welcome to visitors. We had 24 members present.

At 5:00 pm, a family style dinner with the following variety of items was served:

- Starters: Grilled Chicken and Portobello Mushroom Skewers & Jumbo Shrimp Cocktail
- Salads: Caesar Salad & Wildfire Chopped Salad
- Main Courses: Roasted Herb Chicken & New York Strip Steak
- Potatoes and Vegetables: Fresh Vegetable of the Day & Wildfire Cheddar Double Stuffed Potato
- Desserts: Triple Layer Chocolate Cake & Classic New York Style Cheesecake

At 6:00 pm, Tom Lee, called the business part of the meeting to order and asked for the following Officer Reports:

Secretary's Report: Kevin Duncan, Chapter Secretary, reported the meeting minutes from the June 11th meeting held at Restronics Northland in Edina, MN.

Membership Report: Bernie Reiland, Membership Chairman, reported that as of today the Chapter had 58 registered members.

Treasure's Report: Tom Lee reported for Jack Chandler, Chapter Treasurer, that the Chapter is "sitting pretty good" and able to cover expenses as they occur.

National Delegate's Report: Tim Jarrett reported for Dale Parkin, National Delegate, that upcoming 29th EOS/ESD Symposium will be held September 16-21, 2007 at the Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim, California. There will be several new tutorials this year.

Merle Weight gave a presentation on the North Central Chapter of the ESD Association and its 20th Anniversary. The presentation included information about the Charter Members, Current Board Members, Past Presidents and Companies that have provided local support over the years.

At 7:00 pm, Dave Swenson, Sr. Vice President of the ESD Association presented on the ESDA and congratulated the North Central Chapter for its involvement in the ESDA for the past 20 years.

At 7:30 pm, motion was made to close the meeting.

Web Site / Newsletter Editor

by Tom Lee

We ran out of server space for our web site! That happens when your ESD Chapter is as alive and as active as the North Central Chapter is. We're currently working with our web master to move to a newer server which will provide more storage at a better cost.