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**The Institute of  
Electrical and Electronics Engineers  
Denver Section**

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## Engineers Week

# The Qualities of an Engineer

by Darrell Sabatka

National Engineers week, February 14-20, showcases "Engineers: Turning Ideas into Reality". The 43rd celebration focuses on the engineer's contribution to developing and conserving our energy resources, and to making energy work to improve our lives.

I recently read an article which was an excerpt from the address by a University Regent Chairperson to the College of Engineering commencement. The following excerpt is the research by a recognized lay person to identify "the qualities of an engineer".

"Engineering is a challenging field that offers many opportunities to young men and women. Engineers build, discover and create. They contribute to the health and welfare of many people. Many personal traits also qualify a person for an engineering career. A person who enters engineering should be:

1. **Curious**, searching for the "how" and "why" of natural mechanical things.
2. **Intelligent**, thinking clearly and using sound judgement.
3. **Imaginative**, picturing difficult situations and suggesting new ideas or new ways of doing things.
4. **Creative**, bringing new facts and methods together to solve new problems.
5. **Industrious**, working hard to complete exacting tasks as quickly as possible.
6. **Studious**, reading widely and extensively to increase knowledge.
7. **Responsible**, completing assignments in a dependable way with a minimum of supervision.
8. **Communicative**, sharing ideas with others and getting along with people."

Engineer's Week is a time to recognize our contributions to the health and welfare of many people.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR !!**

# Society Chapter Meetings and Information

## CS/ITS

### Joint Computer/Information Theory Society

Monday, February 15, 1992

4:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Storage Tek  
2270 S. 88th St.  
Louisville, CO 80028

### IEEE Computer Society Video Seminar

on

*"Engineering Software System Development, Acquisition and Use with Software Reliability Measurement"*

by John Musa

This continuing education seminar presents concepts and discusses applications to show how software reliability measurements can guide engineers and managers in achieving a desired level of software quality. Video notes will be provided to supplement the seminar.

There is no charge for attendance, but reservations are required. Refreshments will also be provided. Attendees must sign-in for access badges at the visitor center.

Please call Bryce Chapman, JC/IT Chair at 673-4762 or Shah Bhatti, JC/IT Vice Chair, at 682-6664 for reservations.

## Joint PES/IAS

### Power Engineering/Industry Applications

Wednesday, February 17, 1993

Brooklyn's Saloon & Restaurant, 572-3999,  
2644 W. Colfax, Denver (under the viaduct)  
6:00 p.m. Social  
6:30 p.m. Dinner  
(optional @ \$10.00, Student members free.)  
7:30 p.m. Meeting,

### Speaker

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## Centennial Subsection

Wednesday, February 10, 1993

7:00 p.m.

University of Wyoming, Room 1062  
Engineering Building, 12th and Lewis, Laramie, WY

For more information, please call Nancy Farrell at (303) 491-6600

## Magnetics Society

Wednesday, February 17, 1993

5:30 p.m.  
Excellence Conference Room, Building 6  
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### Speaker

Dr. Frank Shelledy  
Rocky Mountain Magnetics

### *"Mr. Disk and Tape Heads"*

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For further information, call Dr. Subrata Dey at (303) 673-6494 or Dr. Richard Dee at (303) 673-3976.

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February 14-20, 1993

National Engineers Week (NEW) has usually been scheduled by the NEW Secretariat and the NEW Steering Committee during the week of George Washington's actual birthday (on February 22), which often falls in the same week as the official Presidents' Day holiday.

Please note that in 1993 Presidents' Day occurs on Monday, February 15, a week before Washington's birthday, and the 20-plus-society Steering Committee has approved February 14-20 (Sunday through Saturday) as the week of our celebrations.

Beginning in 1994, the volunteer-composed Steering Committee is requiring that Engineers Week coincide with Washington's actual birthday on February 22.

## "Celebrate National Engineers Week, February 14-20, 1993."

One week each year is set aside to honor American engineers and encourage young men and women to join us in the exciting tasks of finding solutions to today's technical challenges and helping create the world of tomorrow. This year, on February 14-20, thousands of professional engineers will visit the nation's classrooms as part of the successful and ongoing Discover "E" program.

Please join us in this important effort by volunteering to give a presentation on engineering to a science or math class at a local school. Contact your engineering society chapter or headquarters to find out how you can help encourage the engineers of tomorrow.

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1993 President,  
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April 28-30, 1993	Denver	EMC/ESD International	Renae Fierros	(303) 220-0600
June 6-9, 1993	Denver	EOS/ESD Assoc. Stds. Development	Renae Fierros	(303) 220-0600
November 3-6, 1993	Denver	ISSRE (Int. Symp. Software Rel. Eng.)	Rick Karcich	(303) 673-6223
Sept./Oct., 1994	Denver	IAS Annual Meeting	Paul Meisel	(303) 761-6960
September 10-14, 1995	Denver	Petroleum & Chemical (PCIC)	John Nelson	(303) 431-7895
July 27-August 2, 1996	Denver	PES Summer Meeting	Fred Jones	(303) 431-7895
1997	Denver	PES Joint Power Generation	Gary Petersen	(303) 329-1506
May, 1997	Denver	MTT	Hussain Haddad	(303) 460-2114
			John Dunn	(303) 449-1055
			Claude Weil	(303) 497-5305
			Mark Lapchak	(303) 773-4626
August 17-19, 1999	Denver	EMC		

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	ITC 2000	ICC 1995-2000

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