

Sitting in the Chair

by Fred Jones

Happy New Year!

On behalf of the Denver Section Executive Board, the Executive Committee, all of the Society Chapter Officers and the members of the Denver Section, I would like to thank Dave Richmond for a job well done. Dave's leadership improved the financial stability of the Section and charted a new course for us into the age of electronic communications. Dave will remain on the Executive Board as the Junior Past Chair and his counsel will be valued.

Five members of the Executive Board and I were fortunate to attend the Sections Congress '96 which was held in Denver this past November. For me it was energizing to meet and exchange ideas with more than 500 electrical engineers from nearly every country in the world. The IEEE is truly becoming a global organization, with membership outside of the United States growing at almost 4% per year.

It was also encouraging to learn that the concerns of the Denver Section are not unique or falling on deaf ears in Piscataway. Most of the U.S. Sections are faced with a static or slightly declining membership, financial instability and a chronic lack of volunteers to serve as Chapter and Section officers.

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The Denver Section is healthy compared to most sections across the country. Our membership has been stable for many years at approximately 4800 members, including students and affiliates. We presently have 11 active Chapters representing 16 Technical Societies. Our budget is approximately \$35,000 again this year, much as it has been for the past few years. We owe some of our membership and financial stability to the economic stability of Colorado. The engineering communities in some states have been devastated by downsizing.

A large part of our income in the past has come from conferences held locally. We have enjoyed more than our fair share of conferences in Denver over the past few years. Once again, we owe some of our success in that area to living in an attractive and vital city that people like to visit. We are expecting a decline in conference income over the next few years however which will definitely hurt us financially. We believe we can manage this loss of income successfully by reducing our major expense, the publication and distribution of the RockIEEE Overlook newsletter. We are in the process of making the Overlook available on the Denver Section Web Page to those who prefer an electronic copy rather than a hard copy.

I think the health and stability of the Denver Section is primarily due to the hard work and strong leadership of the many volunteers who

A Note From Dave Richmond

January and the New Year brings changes in personnel in the IEEE Denver Section. It was my honor to serve as the Denver Section Chair in 1996. Fred Jones has assumed the office as of January 1997. Fred has been an active member in the Section for many years and has held various offices on the Executive Committee and Board. Please join me and welcome Fred to his new office. I would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped the Section have a very prosperous 1996.

have preceded me. Conferences don't just come to Denver because we are a nice city, and speakers don't just show up at technical society meetings hoping that someone will ask them to talk. It takes a few people willing to put in a few hours of their time to "make it happen." Only you, the Denver Section Members, can keep us healthy and stable in the future by stepping up and volunteering a few hours of your time each month to help "make it happen."

If you think you can squeeze a few extra hours out of your busy schedule each month, contact me, or contact any of the Section Officers listed on the back of the Overlook. We have some important positions at both the Chapter and Section levels that need your leadership.

Lasers and

Thursday, January 16, 1997 NCAR 1850 Table Mesa Dr., Boulder, Colorado

Electro-Optics

An Evening with Milton Chang and New Focus

Schedule 6:00 - 6:30 New Focus Product Demonstration

6:30 - 7:00 Milton Chang, "How to Win DOD Contract"

> 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. Social with Snacks

7:00 - 8:30 p.m. "How to Commercialize Your Invention"

Call Andy Aust at 497-3942 for additional information.

> **Upcoming LEOS Meetings** to be held at NIST in Boulder.

February 20, 1997 Dr. Kam Lau, Berkley University "Microphotonic Adaptive Opto-electronic Packages"

March 20, 1997

Dr. Tingye Lee, New Focus "Evolution & Revolution in Lightwave Communications

April 17, 1997 Dr. Kevin Lear, IEEE/LEOS Distinguished Lecturer "High-Efficiency Vertical Cavity Surface Emitting Lasers"

May 15, 1997 Dr. Gary Bjorklund, OSA Speaker Title to be determined.

Meetings

Joint Antenna & Propagation/Microwave Theory & Technology, Geoscience & Remote Sensing

Thursday, January 16, 1997 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. NIST 325 Broadway, Boulder, Colorado

Speaker

Dr. Robert Johnk National Institute of Standards & Technology Electromagnetic Fields Division Fields and Interference Metrology

"NIST Time Domain Electromagnetic Metrology "

Call Richard Gever, 497-5852 for additional information.

Joint Power Engieering /Industry Applications

Upcoming PES Events

January 29, 1997: Joint Sections Meeting "Professional Development & Education"

February 20, 1997: Field Trip - Trigen Cogeneration Facility

> March 20, 1997: "Overvoltage Protection"

April 17, 1997: Seminar - "Industrial Grounding"

May 15, 1997: Tony Jefferson - "Adaptive Var Compensation"

September 18, 1997: Jim Gorman - "Design E Motors"

Aerospace & Electronic **Systems**

Wednesday, January 15, 1997 6:30 -7:00 p.m. Social (Auditorium) 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Program (Conf Rm.)

Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp. Aerospace Systems Division 15600 Commerce Street Boulder, CO 80306-1062

Speaker

Dr. Dennis Ebbets Systems Engineer, Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp.

"Making Hubble Work in Orbit"

The IEEE Aerospace and Electronic Systems Chapter is pleased to host a presentation by Dr. Dennis Ebbets about the challenges that faced the Hubble Space Telescope (HST) engineering team when the optics did not function properly. Dr. Ebbets' discussion will cover:

- * An overview of the Hubble mission
- * The instruments: Scientific goals; what they measure
- * What was wrong with the Large Telescope Optics?
- * How did Ball Aerospace design the optics fix?
 - technology employed
 - special analysis & simulation
- implementation challenges
- * New work in progress; next mission

Dr. Ebbets is a systems engineer on the Ball Aerospace Hubble Telescope Team. His contributions cover the range of instrumentation, optics, and astronomical research. Dr. Ebbets received his bachelor's degree in physics from Wesleyan College in West Virginia, and the PhD in Astronomy from the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Call John Tsucalas at 798-5769 by Monday, January 13, 1997 for additional details, and to confirm time and location of this meeting.

January 1997

Joint Section Meeting January 29, 1997

Denver Section Meeting

Joint Meeting with PES/IAS Chapter



JOINT MEETING

DENVER SECTION

PES/IAS JOINT CHAPTER

All Society Chapters Invited

Event:

Professional Development and Educational Presentation

Section Awards

Where:

Ramada Mile High at 1975 Bryant

(Just NE of Mile High Stadium)

Time:

6:00 - 6:45pm

Social Time

6:45 - 8:30pm

Dinner and Meeting



Reservations:

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Company - 303-388-6322 NLT January 27th

Presentation:

Engineers --- Fundamentals of Marketing Yourself and

Your Company/Organization

Speaker:

Mr. Bob Beale, President, Beale International (Management and

Marketing Consultants)

Mr. Beale has exceptional engineering, management, marketing, and accounting backgrounds. His consulting, speaking, and marketing experiences have taken him worldwide. These endeavors include Russia and other former USSR republics, European countries, as well as every state in the USA. One of his current clients is the Denver Broncos. Mr. Beale is an excellent speaker and an authority in this field. It will be an evening well spent in expanding your professional development and knowledge.

Please Post This Announcement on Your Bulletin Board

Denver Section Hosts Sections Congress '96

by John Martin, Chairman Sections Congress '96 Local Organizing Committee

November 1-4, 1996, the Denver Section hosted Sections Congress '96 at the Marriott City Center Hotel. Co-hosts were the Pikes Peak Section and Region 5. Members of the Denver and Pikes Peak Sections comprised the Local Organizing Committee for this event.

SC'96 was the fifth in this series of highly-regarded meetings which are held every three years. Previous Congresses were held in Boston, MA; Anaheim, CA; Toronto, Canada; and San Juan, Puerto Rico.

There were 643 attendees with 508 delegates representing 228 Sections from all over the world. Delegates were present from six of the seven continents and from such remote places as Moscow, Russia; Hong Kong; Tokyo, Japan; New Delhi, India; Bulgaria; and Queensland, Australia.

During the Opening Ceremony, delegates were welcomed by IEEE and local dignitaries. Also, they were treated to a keynote speech by former astronaut, Dr. Ronald Sega, who is now the Dean of Engineering at the University of Colorado - Colorado Springs. The next two days were devoted to tutorials and workshops at which delegates learned how to utilize the resources of the IEEE to maximize their effectiveness such as IEEE volunteer leaders. Also, caucuses were held at which delegates identified the issues which they felt most needed to be implemented by IEEE leadership. The four issues voted as having highest priority all involved electronic communications. During the closing ceremony, delegates were treated to an animated, high-tech, presentation by Jim Watson and IEEE President-Elect Charles Alexander on the opportunities of Section leadership in the near future. IEEE President Wallace Read in his closing address said that "we are truly molding a new engineering culture" and listed the key components of the 21st century engineer.

As Chairman of the Local Organizing Committee, I have received many positive comments about our Congress and no negative comments. I hope that all the members of the Denver Section who "made it happen" are enjoying a true sense of accomplishment for the success of this event.

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From the Editor by Pete Koloditch

Recently, I accepted the task of editing the RockIEEE Overlook newsletter. As your new editor, I will have the pleasure of assisting in the transition to an electronic newsletter and E-Mail notification system. This process will take us from the slow and costly present mailing system to a full function Internet Home Page, supplemented by E-Mail.

As part of the information requested for our yearly IEEE membership renewal, each of us was asked for an E-Mail address. We hope the IEEE database compiled from this information will soon be made available for all the local sections to use. From this information, we initially intend to send announcements and special event notification to all those with an E-Mail address. Eventually, we plan to use the E-Mail system to supplement our Internet home page to provide 100 percent coverage to the section and its subsections. This transition will be slow, but will accelerate as more and more members have access to either E-Mail, or the Internet. Of course, we already have an Internet home page with a scanned copy of the RockIEEE Overlook, courtesy of the DU engineering students. This can be found by searching IEEE USA and working down through the IEEE Home Page, Local Activities (Home Pages), Region 5, Sections in Region 5, Denver Section. Or you can go straight to the Denver Section site via http://www.engr.du.edu/ieee/den3

Sometime next year, we plan to construct a complete electronic version of the newsletter, to replace the scanned version.

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1997 IEEE MTT-S INTERNATIONAL MICROWAVE SYMPOSIUM
DENVER, COLORADO JUNE 8-13, 1997

Microwave Week comes to Denver!

1997 marks the historic return of the IEEE MTT-S International Microwave Symposium (IMS) to Colorado. As a major telecommunications hub of the wireless, cable TV, and spaceborne TV industries, Denver is a great reflection of the new, commercial face of the RF/microwave industry. A comprehensive program including hundreds of technical presentations and dozens of workshops, as well as the largest exhibition in the industry, will review the latest advances in RF and microwave technology, with particular emphasis on wireless communications. Ten thousand registrants attended last year's symposium! It all comes together the week of 8-13 June at the Colorado Convention Center. So, come join us at the world's foremost microwave technical conference and exhibition!

Technical Workshops

The 1997 IMS provides an exciting and timely workshop program to augment the continuing education of engineering professionals. These workshops offer the opportunity to interact with specialists during extended full-day and half-day sessions, as well as over lunch and during refreshment breaks. This year, you can chose from among 24 workshops that range in format from tutorials on emerging technology to working forums where experienced professionals examine critical issues within their fields. In addition to hot technical areas such as point-to-point television distribution and personal communication technology, this year we introduce workshops to cover business issues and teach timely workplace skills. You will find new workshops on FCC procedures, emerging business issues in the rapidly changing microwave industry, and training for World Wide Web site development. See the back side for more details. In addition, six lunchtime Panel Sessions will feature interactive discussions of topical issues.

Plenary Session

The 1997 IMS Plenary Session highlights two telecommunications infrastructures that will revolutionize the microwave/RF industry. Mr. Shant Hovnanian, CEO of CellularVision, U.S.A., will address the future of the local multipoint distribution system (LMDS), a cellular video network poised for rapid growth. CellularVision pioneered LMDS and operates a growing 28 GHz

consumer network in New York City. Pioneering a spread spectrum personal communications system (PCS) in the same city is Omnipoint Corp., whose Chief Scientist, Mr. Robert Dixon, will also address the Plenary Session. Mr. Dixon, author of the key text on spread spectrum technology and a well-known lecturer, will discuss the impediments to real technological innovation in PCS in a talk posing the question, "Will the Real PCS Please Stand Up?" The IMS Plenary Session, on Tuesday morning, June 11, is a rare look into your microwave future.

ARFTG Conference Goes Video

The Automatic RF Techniques Group (ARFTG) presents its 49th Conference at Denver's landmark Brown Palace Hotel on June 13. This year's theme, "Characterization of Broadband Telecommunications Networks," highlights the microwave/RF aspects of new television distribution networks. The meeting covers advanced digital cable television as well as microwave and cellular TV (LMDS and MMDS), with speakers representing the leading edge of those industries. Mr. Syd Fluck of HP CaLan serves as the Keynote Speaker. An accompanying exhibition features the latest in instrumentation.

RFIC Symposium

The RFIC Symposium will focus on highly integrated RF ICs and subsystems. Papers will describe original work on analog, mixed-signal, and mixed-mode ICs and subsystems. Commercial and military applications will include wireless communications, broadband communications, analog and digital mobile communications, intelligent transportation systems, broadband access modems, and radar systems.

Hundreds of Exhibits

As in the past, Microwave Week includes the premier exhibition in the industry. With hundreds of participating companies, this is a golden opportunity to display and view the latest products and talk to your customers and suppliers. A Microwave Historical Exhibit and University Exhibits will aslo enliven the hall.

Additional Information

For more details and registration information, see our Web Site at http://www.boulder.nist.gov/ims, or contact Michael Janezic at 303-497-3656.



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Microwave Application and Product Seminars (µAPS)

In 1997, we continue the tradition begun in 1996 by again presenting μAPS , a forum for technical product application seminars by exhibiting companies. The purpose of the Microwave Application & Product Seminars is to provide technical information and background related to commercially available products of interest to the microwave engineering community, including design, manufacturing, marketing, and management

professionals. These presentations provide attendees with another means to learn more about new products and techniques that can immediately benefit their work. µAPS gives practitioners direct access to practical technical information by those who know the equipment and techniques best.

All μAPS sessions are conducted on the trade show floor adjacent to the exhibits. The seminars are open to all Microwave Week regisrants at no extra charge. There is no pre-registration required. Individual presentations will be 30 minutes in length with time for questions and answers.

	MORNING	LUNCHTIME	AFTERNOON	EVENING
Sun 6/8	A A SAL CONTRACTOR	Full-Day Workshops	RFIC Reception	
Mon 6/9	Full-Day \	Microwave Journal/ MTT-S		
	Half-Day Workshops	RFIC Panel	Half-Day Workshops	Reception
Tue 6/10	IMS Technical Se	IMS Rump Session		
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Wed 6/11	IMS Techn	Industry-Hosted Reception		
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Workshops 5 PM 12 PM 1 PM 8 AM WSA The Emergence of Multipoint Distribution Systems (MMDS, LMDS) Sunday WSB Low Voltage, Low Power Consumption RFICs for Wireless Communication Products June 8 Measurements for Silicon and GaAs Telecommunication ICs WMA State-of-the-Art Filter Design Using EM and Circuit Simulation Techniques Monday WMB Microwave and Millimeter Wave Optoelectronic Integrated Circuit Modules: Manufacturing and Applications June 9 WMC Nonlinear Measurements and Modeling WMD Cryogenic Packaging of Electronic Subsystems and Their Applications WME System Requirements for Ferrite Components WMI Ferrite Devices and Measurements WMJ EM Waves in Artificial Structures (PBG's) WMF Next Generation Mixed Signal Testing WMK Digital Frequency Synthesizer: WMG Millimeter Wave Opportunities for Automotive Technology and Application and Radio Applications WML Telecommunications and Spectrum Policy for the WMH Emerging Business Issues in Microwave Engineer Microwave Technology WFA Low-Cost Millimeter Wave Products: Design and Manufacturing Issues Friday WFB Power Amplifier Design for Digital Wireless Systems June 13 WFC Interconnects and Packaging for RF Wireless Communications Systems Nonlinear Frequency-Domain Device Modelling WFG Optical Amplifiers in Microwave Systems and Circuit Simulation Epitaxial Materials Manufacturing for WFE Applications of Artificial Neural Networks to **HEMTs** and HBTs Microwave Design WFI WWW Page Design WFF Quasi-Optical Power Combining

Advanced fees are \$80 for Full-Day and \$50 for Half-Day. Prices include meals, breaks, and a bound set of notes.

For the latest information, visit http://www.boulder.nist.gov/ims!



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CALL FOR PAPERS

49th ARFTG Conference Denver, Colorado June 13, 1997

Characterization of Broadband Telecommunications Components and Systems

In conjunction with the International Microwave Symposium, the Automatic RF Techniques Group will hold its 49th Conference at the landmark Brown Palace Hotel in Denver, Colorado on Friday, June 13, 1997. The conference technical theme is "Characterization of Broadband Telecommunications Components and Systems."

Telephone and cable television service providers are converging in their efforts to provide high-bandwidth, two-way, full-service networks to homes and businesses. Much of the proposed infrastructure is wireless or based on coaxial cable. These systems demand RF components and subsystems of exceedingly high performance.

The Conference's Keynote Speaker, Syd Fluck of HP CaLan, will open the meeting with an address entitled "RF Measurements for Broadband Networks." We solicit additional original papers, particularly on the topics of:

- components and subsystems for hybrid fiber/coax telecommunications networks
- mixed digital and analog video on cable systems
- LMDS and MMDS systems and components
- wireless local loop
- PCS over cable television systems

We especially seek papers on test requirements and methods, test equipment, and performance results. Measurements of interest include frequency response, group delay, distortion (including composite triple beat and composite second order), ingress, interference, carrier-to-noise ratio, in-channel response, adjacent channel power, and the long term characterization of digital modulation in terms of error vector magnitude, bit error rate, errored seconds, severely errored seconds and the time distribution of error bursts.

Papers are also invited in other areas of automated microwave and RF measurements, including network analysis, nonlinear characterization, and noise.

Presentations will be 20 minute talks using transparencies or 35 mm slides. Authors are requested to submit three copies each of a one page abstract and a 500 to 1000 word summary, including illustrations, to allow evaluation with regard to the interests of the participants and the quality and novelty of the work. This submittal is due to the Technical Program Chair no later than **March 14, 1997**. Final deadline for full camera ready papers is April 25, 1997. Additional information can be obtained from the Conference Chair.

For information on an outstanding exhibition opportunity, please contact the Exhibits Chair.

http://www.boulder.nist.gov/ims/arftg

Charles R. Wright Receives William W. Middleton Award

Charles R. Wright, Past Chairman of the Denver Section, was recognized by the Regional Activities Board during Sections Congress '96 on November 4, 1996 here in Denver. Charles was presented the William W. Middleton Distinguished Service Award for his "exemplary contributions and dedicated service in preserving the history of electrical engineering and presenting this history to the public". This award, which can be awarded no more frequently than every three years, is awarded to honor an individual, who over a long and sustained period of leadership contributed in an exemplary manner to the Regional Activities Board, its activities and achievements. The award was presented by Raymond D. Findlay, IEEE Vice President of Regional Activities.

Student Section Paper Contest

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