



# CONNECTION

Greater Kansas City Chapter #92

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## 1 – APRIL MEETING DETAILS: TOUR OF HONEYWELL AT 6:00 P.M. TUESDAY, APRIL 19

Honeywell is a leading global provider of integrated avionics, engines, systems and service solutions for aircraft manufacturers, airlines, business and general aviation, military, space and airport operations. Please join us for a tour of the Honeywell, Inc. corporate office center and manufacturing plant for the avionics division (cockpit controls) located in Olathe, Kansas.

**Location:** 23500 W. 105<sup>th</sup> Street, Olathe KS

**Date:** April 19, 2005

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Cost:** Free

**RSVP:** By Thursday **April 14, 2005** to Beth Kelley at 913-599-2384 or at [bethkelley@hotmail.com](mailto:bethkelley@hotmail.com).

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## 2 – PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

March Madness is upon us, which means we are nearing the end of our program year. Our meeting with Jack Miller of Honeywell on March 8<sup>th</sup> turned out to be a very informative session, as he spoke about the implementation of Total Productive Maintenance (TPM) at Honeywell.

For those of us that missed Jack’s discussion on TPM, you will have the opportunity to catch up on what you missed...as we will be touring Honeywell on Tuesday, April 19. For those of you that attended the meeting, it will give you a chance to experience Honeywell firsthand.

Also, don’t forget to mark your calendars for our annual community service project at Union Hill Cemetery on Saturday, May 14. We have had a great turnout the past few years...and hope this year will draw an even larger group. It is a rewarding experience as everyone is very appreciative of the work we do!

Coming up in June/July we will be having our officer’s meeting to elect our new officers for the 2005/2006 year. Please keep this in mind, if you are interested in getting more involved in the Kansas City Chapter. If you have any questions, please let me know, it would be great to see you there!

Aaron Cross

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## 3 – UPCOMING EVENTS

## Projected Program Schedule

April 19, 2005                      Honeywell Tour  
May 14, 2005                        Union Hill Cemetery Community Service Workday  
Summer, 2005                        Officer Meeting

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### **4 – MAY MEETING PREVIEW: UNION CEMETERY WORKDAY SATURDAY, MAY 14**

#### **May Meeting: May 14<sup>th</sup> - Community Service Day at Union Hill Cemetery**

Mark your calendar now for Saturday May 14th, 10am to 1pm. Once again we will assist the needs of Union Hill Cemetery in preparation for their Memorial Day celebration. Plans are still being detailed, but projects will include clearing out one of the vaults, digitally photographing historic headstones, headstone cleaning, and updating a new database with burial information. Spouses, families, and friends are welcome to attend. Lunch will be provided. Look for additional information in the newsletter next month. RSVP to Beth Kelley at [bethkelley@hotmail.com](mailto:bethkelley@hotmail.com).

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### **5 – REGION V PAPER CONFERENCE RE-CAP**

*Article Submitted by Cole Knudsen, KSU IIE Paper Conference Chair*

*Note: The KC Chapter donated \$1,000. \$500 of it went to the second place award, being presented by Keith Johnson in the picture below.*

Kansas State University student members of the Institute of Industrial Engineers hosted the institute's 46th annual Region V Paper Conference March 3-5. The primary focus of the two-day event was the presentation of technical papers written by students, as well as workshops focusing on career choices and employment opportunities. Through planning and hard work, the conference turned out to be a huge success. K-State seniors Kent Meinhardt and Sarah Odgers, both Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering majors, took second place in the technical paper competition with their entry "Ergonomic Improvement Process at Caterpillar Work Tools Inc". First and third places went to students from Wichita State University. The theme for the conference, "Oh, The Places You'll Go" (taken from Dr. Seuss), spurred great excitement among all participants and allowed the hosting committees to have an edge of creativity. Listed below, a few quotes from conference evaluations express the overall attitude and accomplishments of the conference:



*"Had a great time...it was my first conference and it was a blast! EXCELLENT TIME!"*

*"It was wonderful."*

*"Awesome job!! Loved the theme."*

*"I'm really impressed with the planning and organization of each event and the timely manner of presentations and breaks. This event overall was fabulous from the group activities to the great food."*

A special thanks and appreciation go out to the IIE KC Chapter for all their support and for helping with the conference. Without their assistance and encouragement, the conference would not have been the quality that it was. The IIE KC Chapter is full of very talented people, especially Anita Ranhotra. While providing much of her time and energy, she was a major contributor to the success of the conference. Thanks Anita!!

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## 6 – MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Region 5      Chapter 92      Membership 121

*Welcome New Members – Tracy Maxwell, Steven Sturis and Joshua Puett!*

Tracy Maxwell - Tracy is a Manufacturing Process Improvement Engineer with Hallmark Cards, Inc. in Topeka. She is a graduate of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, with a BSIE and MSIE. Originally from Little Rock, AR, Tracy has lived in Topeka for six years.

Steven Sturis – Steven graduated from Kansas State University in 2000, with his IMSE degree. He is currently working at Sprint in Network Planning, where he works on planning the telecommunications network. Steven is residing in Overland Park and is our chapter’s Webmaster.

Sara Keimig – Sara is an Industrial Engineer for Garmin International, a leader in Global Positioning System technology and an innovator in consumer electronics. She works to improve processes and layouts for the Operations Division and the Warehouse. Sara is a May '04 IMSE graduate from Kansas State University and is originally from Atchison, KS. She currently resides in Kansas City and also has a sister and brother-in-law who are IEs in the KC area. In her spare time, Sara enjoys cooking, gardening, and spending time with family and friends. *Sara joined a few months ago, but her bio was inadvertently left out of the newsletter until now. Welcome!*

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## 7 – THE CHAPTER ACTIVITY REPORT (CAR)



In last month’s issue I stated that the chapter would be receiving the Silver award for the 2004 CAR. There was an error with one of the calculations in the CAR worksheet. By correcting this we were awarded 4 additional points. That moved us up to Gold status. This was also confirmed to me by our RVP. So congratulations to our chapter members for this great accomplishment! Let’s try and maintain this level again for 2005.

Keith Johnson  
President Elect

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## 8 – NEWS FROM HEADQUARTERS

### **IIE Annual Conference**

The IIE Annual Conference will be in Atlanta at the CNN Center’s Omni Hotel from May 14 through May 18. You can save over \$350 if you register by April 1. Check the IIE Home Page for more details.

**Sign up to be a Mentor at the Conference**

Do you remember your first professional conference? Wouldn't you have benefited from having a seasoned professional to show you the ropes? Now, thanks to IIE's Conference Mentoring Program, you can give a student the benefit of your experience.

Sign up for a half-day on Monday or Tuesday to have a student join you as you make your conference rounds. Enjoy the keynote speaker, attend sessions or a plant tour, enjoy networking in the exhibit hall ... with your student! Help a student make the most of his or her conference experience by sharing a half-day of your time, doing the things you already do at IIE's Annual Conference.

To sign up, go to <http://www.iienet.org/forms/form.cfm?id=197>. Students can also sign up to request a mentor online at <http://www.iienet.org/forms/form.cfm?id=196>.

**Link to the National IIE Home Page:** <http://iienet.org>

**Link for Membership Renewal:** <http://web.iienet.org>

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