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Greater Kansas City Chapter #92

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## 1 – SEPTEMBER MEETING DETAILS: Garmin Tour on September 22<sup>nd</sup> – Space Limited!

The IIE group tour for the month of September will be at Garmin in Olathe, Kansas on Wednesday, September 22. Garmin is a worldwide leader in Global Positioning Systems (GPS), providing products used in all types of equipment and facilities including aircraft, cellular phones, boats and cars. The tour information is as follows:



**Company:** Garmin

**Date:** Wednesday, September 22

**Time:** 4:00 p.m. sharp!

**Place:** 1200 East 151<sup>st</sup> Street, Olathe, KS 66062 (approximately I-35 and 151<sup>st</sup> Street)

**Cost:** Free

This is an exciting opportunity to visit the manufacturing and warehousing facility of one of the United States’ premier electronics companies! So don't wait...reply to Aaron Cross at [aaron\\_d\\_cross@yahoo.com](mailto:aaron_d_cross@yahoo.com) by Friday, September 17. Due to tour limitations, **only the first 16 respondents** can be accepted! Directions will be provided for those on the RSVP list prior to the tour.

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## 2 – PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

I hope everyone enjoyed the mild summer. With September here, not only is it time for football season to start, it’s time to start another successful year of programs and tours for the Greater KC Chapter of IIE. Our yearly summer planning session was held July 15<sup>th</sup>. We had an excellent turnout and accomplished all of our goals for the 2 ½ hour session. Discussion points included:

- Review of last year’s achievements
  - Increase membership by 15% (Including 24 new members from the Meet and Greet)
  - Received the Silver Award from Nationals for our Chapter Activities Report
  - Received the Gold Award in the Newsletter Competition
  - Generated over \$1,000 profit from our Six Sigma Conference
- Election of officers for the 2004 – 2005 term
- Voted to sponsor and donate \$500 to the Region 5 Student Technical Paper Competition held at KSU this Spring

- Developed a detailed agenda of activities and programs for the 2004-2005 term

Please take time to review and mark your calendars with the upcoming schedule of events. We have an exciting year ahead, and I hope you will take advantage of the tour and meeting opportunities starting with the Garmin tour on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

In addition, just around the corner in early October is our annual student Mentor Day. In the morning, we'll tour Gear For Sports with IIE students from both KSU and MU, and in the afternoon, we'll provide the students the opportunity to "job shadow" us, by showing them life in the working world. I would like to encourage everyone to participate. It's a great program that we, and the students, enjoy and find very beneficial.

Finally, if you have any questions about any of the upcoming events or about involvement in IIE, please don't hesitate to give me a call, 913.383.3187 or send me an email at [aaron\\_d\\_cross@yahoo.com](mailto:aaron_d_cross@yahoo.com). I look forward to guiding our IIE Chapter this year.

### 3 – OCTOBER MEETING: October 7<sup>th</sup> is Student Mentor Day!!!!!!!

Fall is here! Time for school, football, and the annual Student Mentor Day! The Greater Kansas City IIE Chapter hosts this event each year for students from Kansas State University and the University of Missouri.



This year, Mentor Day will be held on Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 am with a tour of GEAR For Sports in Lenexa, Kansas. For over twenty-five years GEAR For Sports, Inc. has been a leader in the custom-logo sportswear industry. The company has nine distinct divisions to focus on the individual needs of its customers.

After the tour, we will gather for lunch at The Pizza Maker in Lenexa with the other mentors and students. Lunch will cost \$6.50 per person. This includes pizza, pop and salad. In the afternoon, students will accompany their assigned mentors to their workplace to learn about the mentors' companies and careers.

Our chapter's Mentor Day is always a very popular event, and a unique event to IIE. The success of this event depends on YOU, and we encourage you to participate this year. If you would be able to host one to two students for this year's Mentor Day, please let us know by **September 24<sup>th</sup>**. Contact Kyle Grabill at 913-636-2991, email [kdg6666@ksu.edu](mailto:kdg6666@ksu.edu) or Andrea Prouty at 913-685-6250, email [andrea.prouty@protiviti.com](mailto:andrea.prouty@protiviti.com) to submit your name and company. Details will be sent out the week before Mentor Day.

Thank you! We look forward to seeing you all on October 7<sup>th</sup>!

### 4 – UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Projected Program Schedule

September 22, 2004	Facility Tour – Garmin
October 7, 2004	Student Mentor Day – tour of Gear for Sports
November 2004	Nestle-Purina Tour
December 2004	Joint Meeting with ASQ – Possible St Luke's (Baldrige Recipient)

January 2005	Target DC Tour (Topeka) Possible joint meeting with KSPE
February 2005	Annual Conference – ThinkReliability (Root Cause Analysis)
March 2005	TPM Speaker
April 2005	Kansas City Star newspaper facility tour
May 2005	Union Hill Cemetery Community Service workday

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## 5 – REGIONAL PAPER CONFERENCE AT KSU

### KSU IIE Chapter Plans Region 5 Student Paper Conference

The students of the Kansas State IIE Student Chapter are currently planning the Student Technical Paper Conference for all Region 5 member universities. The conference will be held March 3-5, 2005, at the university in Manhattan. Thanks to the generous support of Hallmark Cards, Inc. and the Kansas City Senior Chapter, the conference will award substantial cash prizes of \$1000, \$500, and \$250 for the three winning papers. A primary key to success for the conference is ensuring a high number of papers submitted, and with such alluring prizes, we hope that students will be eager to participate. In addition to the competition, educational seminars will be offered for the benefit of all students who attend. If any you have regular contact with student chapter members, please encourage them to participate. Also, if your company is interested in assisting with sponsorship of the conference or has any questions, please contact either Cole Knudsen ([crk5858@ksu.edu](mailto:crk5858@ksu.edu)) or Kenneth Norton ([kbn6886@ksu.edu](mailto:kbn6886@ksu.edu)).

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## 6 – MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Region 5      Chapter 92      Membership 121

*Welcome new members – Randall Angell, Joe Beveridge, John Bing, John Drake, Jessica Johnson, Zachary Roberson, and Greg Waid!*

Randall Angell – Randall and his wife Barb (a chemical engineer) have taken 5 months away from their careers as automotive supplier engineers to try something new. They are temporarily in Kansas City as they venture on a bicycle (tandem) ride across North America (from the Arctic Circle to Key West). To complete their goal, they did a "clean break" and sold their house and quit their jobs. They began their 5 months of cycling on May 20 and expect to complete the ride by October. They are currently 56 percent of the way through their trip. You can check out their website at [www.TEAMANGELL.com](http://www.TEAMANGELL.com).

Joe Beveridge – Joe is a recent graduate from Iowa State University. After taking time off to travel the US, Joe moved to Kansas City. He is originally from Ankeny, Iowa and is not currently working in the IE field, but is looking for an opportunity to do so. In his free time, he enjoys volleyball, basketball, soccer and surfing.

John Drake – John is a May 2004 graduate from Kansas State University in Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering. He is originally from Great Bend, KS and is now living in Topeka, KS and working as an Industrial Engineer for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas. His work consists of work scheduling including work measurement, documentation, maintenance, and development, as well as maintaining and further developing a production reporting system and workflow analysis. John has a two-year-old boxer dog named Cooper and in his free time he enjoys playing softball and golf, going to lakes, and snow skiing. John will also become a father soon, with the expected arrival of a baby in late October.

Jessica Johnson – Jessica is also a May 2004 graduate from Kansas State University in Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering. She is originally from Bonner Springs, KS and is now living in St. Joseph, MO and working as a Management Trainee for Nestle Purina PetCare Company. She works with department managers, supervisors, and technicians on projects contributing to the company and serving as a learning tool for development as a manager. Jessica often visits her parents and younger brother in Bonner Springs and is a die-hard KState fan.

Greg Waid – Greg is an IE graduate from MU and has worked at Honeywell for 14 years. He is also a certified Black Belt and has worked with many other companies in the past, doing Lean Manufacturing consulting. He grew up in Columbia, where his father was an engineering professor at MU. Greg is an avid triathlete and swimmer, having completed an Ironman competition. He also enjoys traveling around the world, coaching, and working with youth.

\*\*Note to all members – If you would prefer that your contact information not be listed in the upcoming Joint Engineering Council directory, please contact Aaron Cross by Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>.

## 7 – NEWS FROM HEADQUARTERS

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

**IIE is looking for Nominees:** As a part of National Engineers Week 2005, one person age 30 or younger from each discipline of engineering will be featured in a full-page *USA Today* ad, as well as being profiled in other media. IIE Nationals is looking for up to five young engineers to nominate for this award. If you are an IIE member age 30 or younger and would like to try for this award, send two or three paragraphs describing you, your work, and your engineering accomplishments to [jgaboury@iienet.org](mailto:jgaboury@iienet.org). Be sure to include your name, title, company, and daytime contact information, as IIE will be contacting the top five finalists for additional details. The submission deadline is Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. *Adapted from the August 2004 eBrief.*

## 8 – FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS

### IIE KC CHAPTER 92 FISCAL 2004-2005 BUDGET (4/1/04 - 3/31/05)

BEGINNING BALANCES:	\$7,668.15	04/01/04
ESTIMATED CLOSING BALANCE:	\$7,546.15	3/31/2005

TAX CODE	INCOME	'03-'04 BUDGET
	001 Dues Rebate	\$1,860.00
1	002 Investment Income	\$18.00
2	003 Contributions Received	\$0.00
3	004 Conferences (Income offset 207)*	\$2,500.00
4	005 Monthly Meetings (Income offset 206)	\$0.00
5	005a Mentor Day (Income offset 102)	\$0.00
5	006 Newsletter (Advertising)	\$250.00
6	<b>INCOME GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,628.00</b>

## EXPENSES

### EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT

	102 Mentor Day (Exp offset 005a)	\$0.00
5	102 Paper Conference Sponsorship	\$500.00
	104 General Scholarship Fund	\$1,000.00
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### MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT & RETENTION

	203 First Time Guests	\$25.00
5	204 Honors & Awards	\$25.00
5	206 Monthly Meetings (Exp offset 005)	\$0.00
4	207 Conferences (Exp offset 004)*	\$2,000.00
	208 Monthly Meetings (Ex only)	\$100.00
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10		\$2,150.00

### OPERATING EXPENSES

	301 Stationery & Supplies	\$30.00
15	304 Newsletter Postage	\$5.00
6	305 Community Affairs **	\$200.00
12	311 Engineering Societies	\$110.00
13	312 Officers and Chapter Meetings	\$150.00
14	403 President to National Conf./ Registration	\$550.00
13	313 Miscellaneous (includes website fee)	\$55.00
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		\$1,100.00

### EXPENSES GRAND TOTAL

**\$4,750.00**

INCOME - EXPENSES EXCESS/(DEFICIT)

**(\$122.00)**

**INCOME - EXPENSES (Excluding Union Hills)**

**\$78.00**

\* Conference Income is offset by Conference Expenses (Estimated Net Profit is \$500)

\*\* Approx \$800 of checking account balance remains for the Union Hills Cemetery Project

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## 9 – MONTHLY EXTRA



Around the turn of last century, a nutrition book contained a typographical error. A decimal point was misplaced in the value of iron for spinach, so that spinach appeared to have ten times more iron than it actually did. As iron is associated with strength, this may have been the basis for Popeye's eating spinach.

Source: "James' Interesting Facts" - <http://www.sentex.net/~ajy/facts/food.html>

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