



Senior Mentor Report August 24, 2009

Hi Everyone,

With August coming to an end and school starting back this is a good opportunity to welcome back old friends and welcome new friends into our robotics family. There have been some changes that I would like to make you aware of. After seven year of chairing the Los Angeles Organizing committee I have retired, but will still be involved as the Senior Mentor. Ric Roberts from Raytheon has stepped up to take the reins and is already working with the committee to plan another event down at the Long Beach Convention Center next March.

The San Diego group is going to host the fall workshop this year down in Escondido. The hope is that in the future we will alternate counties and resources. There will be more information later in the newsletter.

Tarek Shraibati and I will no longer host the FTC event. We have someone new who is back in Manchester for training this week and I will have more information coming shortly.

I have enjoyed all of the jobs over the last seven years but am glad to see some new folks stepping up to help out. I will still serve as the Senior Mentor for the greater Los Angeles area and will still be involved with my own teams.

All my best,

-Nancy Mc

FIRST Senior Mentor Los Angeles

A Request from Jim Beck
FIRST Regional Director:

Please contact Jim Beck our California Regional Director for FIRST if your FRC team is interested in participating at the Rockwell Automation show at the Anaheim convention

center on November 11 or 12 ,2009.He needs four teams to demonstrate last year’s game on a half playing field. Rockwell will cover travel costs and accommodation services for the participating teams. Approximately 3-5 team members and a mentor are needed to represent each team. You will be demonstrating your robot over the course of the day with another Lunacy robot. Your robot must be capable of picking up and depositing or firing moon rocks. Trailers are required, and moon rocks will be supplied. Contact Jim at llbeck@yahoo.com.



Annual Fall Classic

Only three teams were registered for SCRRF Fall Classic 2009 as of 8/20. Early Registration is \$150 until 9/3/09. Late Registration is \$200 between 9/4/09 and 9/14/09. Registration will be \$250 at the door. \$25 discount available for each key volunteer provided. We'll need six scorekeepers, four referees, game announcer, FMS operator and queuing support. If you are interested in volunteering or participating, please contact David Brinza by e-mail: team980@ix.netcom.com.

San Diego Organizing Committee to Host the Fall Workshops for 2009

The Fall Workshop is scheduled for Saturday Nov 7, 2009. The location will be at Escondido Charter High School. This is a "Save the date" message. As soon as more information is available I will be glad to provide you with updates.

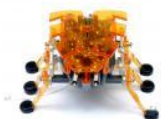
Notes From Manchester:



Association will choose to invest in projects that best serve our nation's students and support the mission of the Air Force Association.

The Educator Grant program promotes aerospace education activities in classrooms from kindergarten through twelfth grades. The program encourages development of innovative aerospace activities within the prescribed curriculum.

Grant applications must be completed and submitted online at <http://r.listpilot.net/c/afa/48fk4d1/14wbu>



4. Don't forget about the Hexbugs.

They worked well for teams last year. Information can be found at <http://www.vexrobotics.com/hexbug-fundraiser.shtml>

5. Also do not forget that all of those bottles add up during build session lunches and dinners. Recycle!

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Kickoff 2010



We are pleased to announce that USC will again host kickoff and Kit pick up on January 9, 2010. More will follow as the date approaches.

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FIRST Scholarships



Invite new team members and parents to check out all of the scholarship opportunities that are available to FRC and FTC teams.

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FLL

1. **Kickoff for Smart Move will be September 3, 2009**
2. **There are already more than 4,000 FLL teams registered.**
3. **For more information on FLL events in the Los Angeles area please contact LeRoy Nelson at leroynelson@earthlink.net**

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FTC

1. Kickoff for the 2009 2010 Game Announcement will be Saturday, September 12, 2009.
2. FTC Teams can register in TIMS on the *FIRST* website.

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I Know Many FRC Teams also Play Vex

With so many teams involved in multiple platforms I am glad to provide competition information to support your school programs. Ralph Mills will be your best source for information. ralphmills@aol.com

The game for 2009 2010 is Clean Sweep and can be found at www.vexrobotics.com

You can also find additional information at www.robotevents.com

