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The Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, Inc.

RRV Section Meeting

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For IEEE Members

When May 22, 2003

Where

Hamilton Sundstrand Park,
Area 2, North Pavilion (see
map on page 2), on Newburg
Road north of the Chrysler
Plant in Belvedere.

Agenda

6:00 PM Social
6:30 PM Dinner
7:30 PM Elections

Program

Picnic and RRVS officer elec-
tion. You are cordially invited
to attend the Annual RRVS
Picnic on May 22, 2003. The
RRVS will provide the food
and drink **FREE OF CHARGE
TO IEEE MEMBERS**. In ad-
dition, 2004 RRVS elections
will be held.

Meal/Reservations

Dinner will be shish kabobs
(chicken, beef or vegetable)
plus fruit, margaritas, pop,
dessert and more! Please

make your **dinner reserva-
tions** by calling **Ginger** at
815-394-5696 or sending
her an email (**ginger.
spinasanta@hs.utc.com**) by
Tuesday, May 20, at noon.
Please include the following
information: your name,
phone number, email ad-
dress, IEEE member number,
and dinner choice (chicken,
beef or vegetable). Dinner is
FREE for members and stu-
dent members, \$10 for non-
members and \$2 for non-
members student. Unem-
ployed members may call one
of the officers for special ar-
rangements.

Note

The meeting is open to the
general public. You need not
be an IEEE member. Guests
are welcome. However,
please call to enable us to
make appropriate arrange-
ments.

**Chicago/Rockford IEEE
Consultants
Network Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 20, 2003. The optional informal dinner is at 6:15 PM at Bakers' Square (270 E. Northwest Highway and North Court), and the meeting at 7:30 PM at the Palatine Public Library (700 North Court, Palatine, IL. Ms Sandy Bundy will make a presentation on "Making a Good Impression: Dress for Success". Go to <http://www.drblank.com/coaction.htm> for more info.

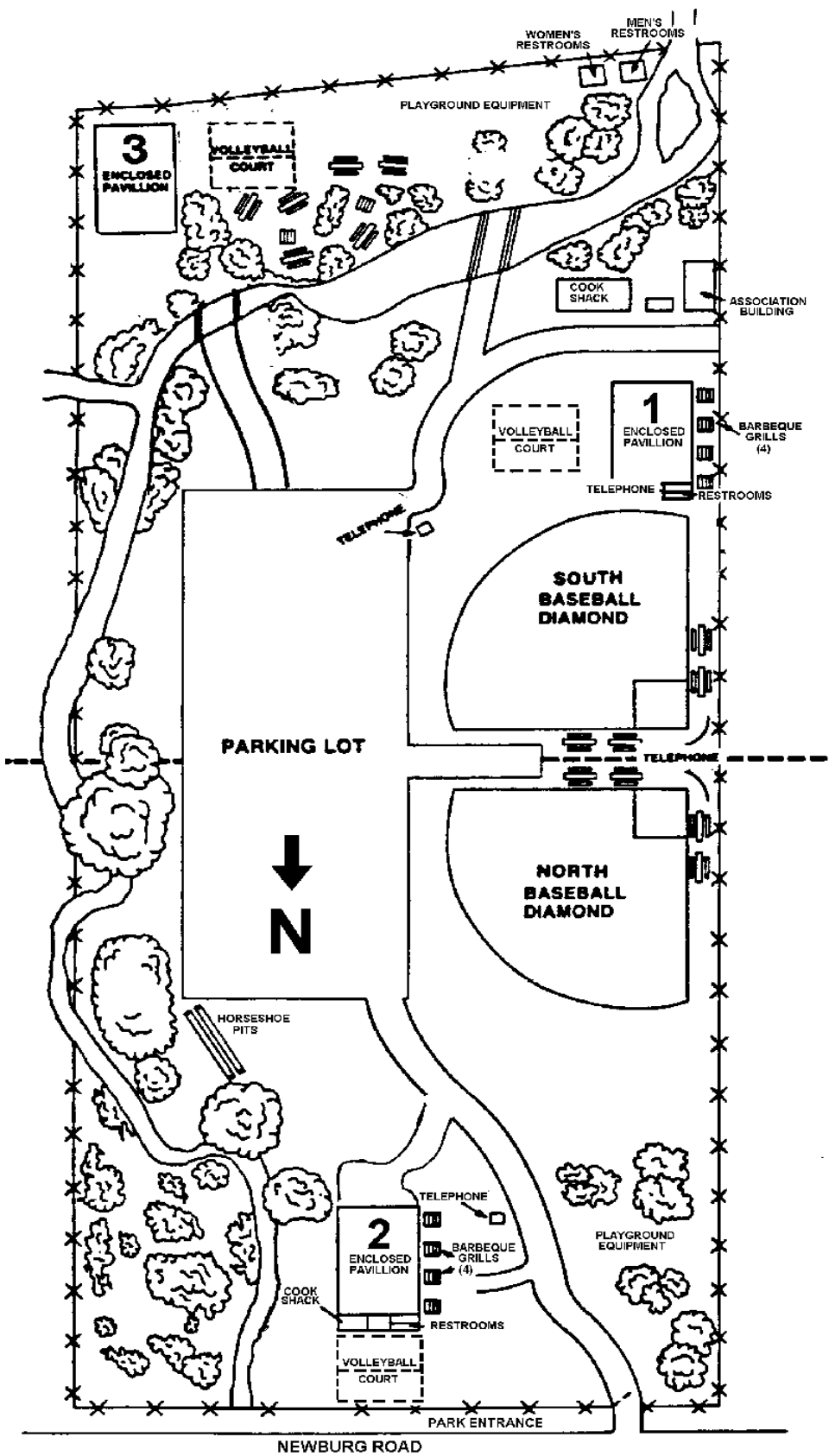
April Meeting Recap

Mr. Joe Slezinger gave a very informative presentation on the History of the Diesel-Electric Locomotive, with many additional insights contributed by the audience. This was another joint meeting with the RRV Chapter of the ASME. Joe's many pictures of the evolution of the Diesel-Electric, along with his factoids made for an interesting meeting.

Submissions to *Event Sense*

Send articles and job ads to the *Event Sense* editor, Bob Parro, via e-mail (preferred), or fax. Please make submissions by the twenty-fifth of the month. All submissions are subject to editing for style, clarity, and space considerations.

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Hamilton Sundstrand Park

2002/2003 YEAR-IN-REVIEW

^ September 2002

Professor Hirofumi Akagi from the Tokyo Institute of Technology spoke about using state-of-the-art Power Electronics for Improving Power Quality in Japan.

^ October 2002 ^

RRVS Executive Committee member Professor Joe Etminan from Rock Valley College discussed Programmable Logic Controllers for Multi-Axis Machine-Tools.

^ November 2002 ^

Professor Philip Krein from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign presented the Nature and Promise of 42V Automotive Power at the annual RRVS Student Branch meeting held at NIU in DeKalb.

^ January 2003 >

Dr. Michael Haiji-Sheikh explained The Role of Engineering in Nanotechnology.

March 20, 2003 >

Mr. Donald Palac, manager of NASA's Future Propulsion Systems, gave an awesome slide and video presentation on Space, First Steps...And Beyond.

March 27, 2003 >

Pacific Scientific graciously provided RRVS members with an excellent tour of their motor and motor drive manufacturing facilities in Rockford.

April 2003 ^

Mr. Joe Slezinger presented the History of the Diesel-Electric Locomotive.

< February 2003

Mr. Brian Kluck, advanced math and science teacher at Christian Life High School, gave an impressive presentation on Robots in the Rock River Valley, with slides, pictures, videos, testimonials from student team members and industry mentors and a live demo of last year's robot. His team's efforts were part of the US FIRST Robotics Competition. Brian and his team took 6th overall in the national competition.

May 2003 >

Annual picnic and election of RRVS officers at Hamilton Sundstrand Park in Belvedere features shish kabob on the grill.





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