
May 2004

Rock River Valley Section

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The Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, Inc.

RRV Section Picnic and Section Officer Elections

THE MEAL IS ON US! (For IEEE Members)

When May 27, 2004

Where

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

Agenda

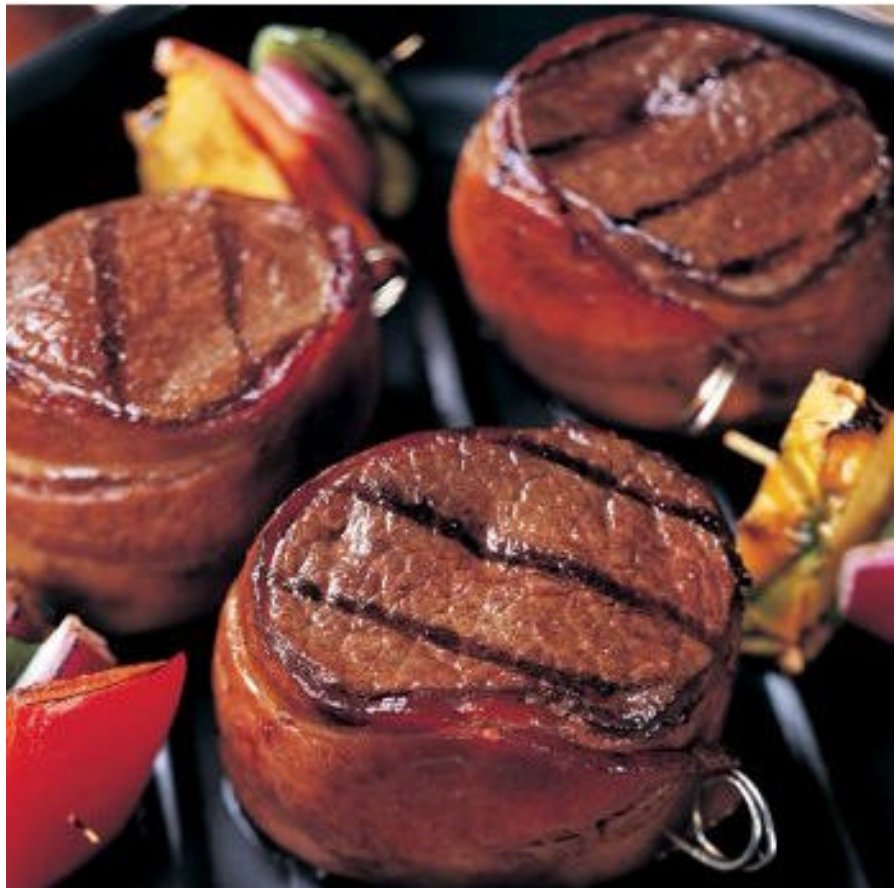
6:00 PM Social
6:30 PM Dinner
7:30 PM Elections

Program

Picnic and RRVS officer elec-
tion. You are cordially invited
to attend the Annual RRVS
Section Picnic on May 27,
2004. The RRVS will provide
the food and drink **FREE OF
CHARGE TO IEEE MEM-
BERS.** In addition, 2005
RRVS elections will be held.

Meal/Reservations

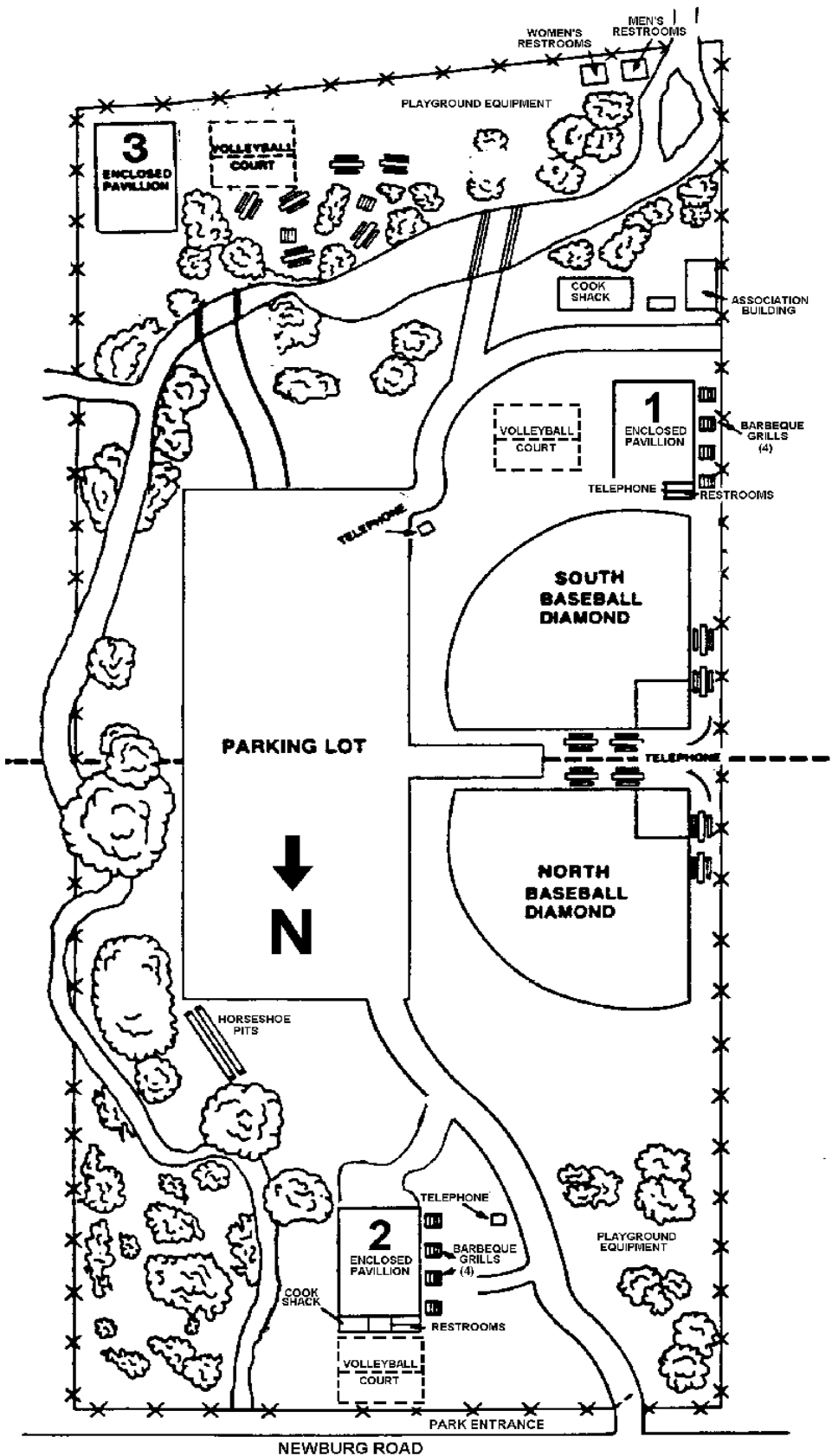
Dinner will be **fillets, chicken
and veggie burgers**, veggies,
fruit, pop, dessert and much
more! Please make your **dinner
reservations** by calling
Ginger at 815-394-5696 or
sending her an email
(ginger.spinasanta@hs.utc.com)
by **Tuesday, May 25,**
at **noon.** Please include the



following information: your name, phone number, email address, IEEE member number, and dinner choice (chicken, beef or vegetable). Dinner is FREE for members and student members, \$13 for non-members and \$2 for non-member students. Unemployed members may call one of the officers for special arrangements.

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 arrangements.



Hamilton Sundstrand Park

Chicago/Rockford IEEE Consultants Network Mtg

The next meeting will be on Monday, May 24, 2004. 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). Karen Preston will make a presentation on "Work Life Balance—Get Automated". Go to <http://www.drblank.com/coaction.htm> for more info.

Seminar on Consulting

A seminar on "How to Start and Expand a Successful Consulting Practice" will be held on Saturday, June 12, 2004, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm, at Rock Valley College. Details at <http://www.drblank.com/seminar.htm>

Passing the Changed Professional Engineering Exams

There have been many recent changes in the examinations for PE registration. The changes and strategies for passing the exams will be reviewed in an informative seminar at Rock Valley College on Saturday, June 12, 2004, from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm. Details at <http://www.drblank.com/seminar.htm>

April Tour Recap

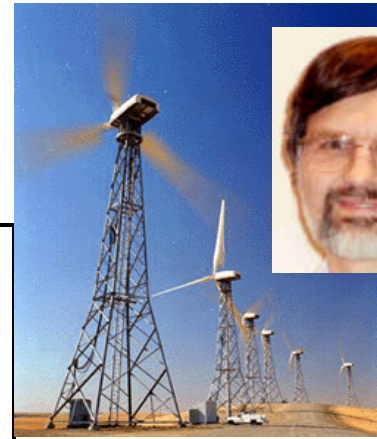
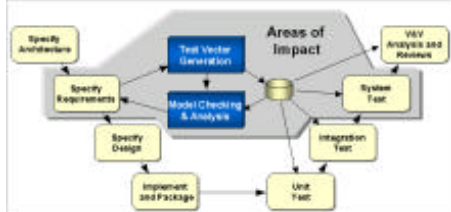
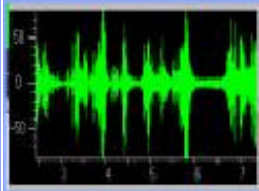
RRVS members had the red carpet rolled out for them by executive and operations management at South Beloit's Minarik Automation and Controls during a company overview and tour.

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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2003/2004 YEAR-IN-REVIEW



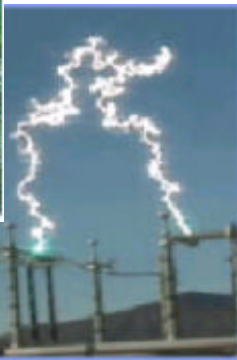
^ September 2003 ^
 Sen M. Kuo, Professor and Chair at the Department of Electrical Engineering at NIU, gave a fascinating presentation about Applications of Active Noise Control.

^ October 2003 ^
 Mark Blackburn, Ph.D, Software Productivity Consortium Fellow, gave an interesting talk on Model-Based Analysis and Test Generation for Complex Systems.

^ November 2003 ^
 Don Zinger, Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering at NIU, discussed Wind Energy and Power Systems.



^ January 2004 ^
 Jack Kozik, Director of Network Services Architecture Department in the Mobility Solutions Group of Lucent Technologies, gave a very relevant (especially to cell phone users present) presentation on High Speed Mobile Data Services and Technology.



<< February 2004
 Tom Overbye, professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering UIUC, gave a captivating and revealing presentation, Electricity Deregulation and the August 14th Blackout, on the impact of deregulation on the electrical generation and distribution industries, and in particular the role deregulation played in the August 14th blackout.



^ February 18, 2004
 US Congressman Don Manzullo discussed legislative issues of interest to IEEE members at a special IEEE RRVS PACE meeting.

^ March 2004
 Mitra Dutta, professor and head of Electrical and Computer Engineering UIC spoke on Homeland Security and Science & Technology.

^ April 2004 ^
 Minarik Automation and Control, a private company in South Beloit specializing in design and manufacture of motor drives for the under 2 HP market, hosted a tour of their facilities after providing attendees with an informative company overview.



^ May 2004 ^
 Annual picnic and election of RRVS officers at Hamilton Sundstrand Park in Belvidere features steak, chicken and veggie burgers on the grill.



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Calendar

May Section Picnic/Elections May 27
Annual RRVs Section Elections and Picnic at Hamilton-Sundstrand Park



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