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RRV Section and IAS Chapter Meeting

Making Fun: Your Future in Video Games

WHEN Thursday, February 19,
2009

WHERE

Rock Valley College, Woodward
Technology Center, Room 142. I-
90 to Riverside Blvd., exit and go
west to Mulford Rd. Go south to
2nd light, turn east into RVC. Fol-
low road to left to last building on
right.

AGENDA

4:00 PM Game Trials Open to All
6:00 PM Networking
6:30 PM Dinner
7:30 PM Presentation

PROGRAM

Students will have a chance to
play the game and talk to a video
game designer during the 4-6:00
PM window! Come, see and play
"Guitar Hero" on a 72 inch and a
64 inch TV (equipment provided
by Best Buy). During the presen-
tation, David will discuss his, and
potentially your, career in video
game design.

SPEAKER

David A. Rodriguez, Senior
Designer at Vicarious Visions, an
Activision/Blizzard Studio respon-
sible for "*Guitar Hero: On tour*"
and "*Guitar Hero: World Tour*".
David is a 1993 graduate of Rock-
ford College with a BFA in Musical
Theater.

MEAL INFORMATION

Dinner will feature Grilled Chicken
Breast and a vegetarian entree.
The costs are: member: \$5, non-
member: \$10, student members:
\$2, student non-members: \$5.
Please make **dinner reservations**
by **calling Ginger at 815-394-5696**
or sending her an email
(ginger.spinasanta @hs.utc.com)
by Tuesday, February 17, at 5pm.
Please include the following: your
name, phone number, email ad-
dress, IEEE member number, and
choice of entree. Unemployed
members may call the treasurer for
special arrangements.

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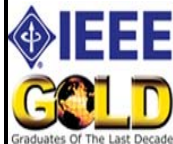
The meeting is open to the general
public. You need not be an IEEE
member to attend. Guests are wel-
come. Please call Ginger at 815-
394-5696 for questions.

January RRVS Meeting Recap — Design for Reliability of Energy Processing

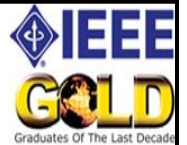
Dr. Alejandro Dominguez-Garcia, an assistant professor at the University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign, presented a talk on research about the problem that failure mode analysis is always done under nominal conditions due to the large scope of the analysis that is required. Variation of load or power supply voltage can have an effect on the severity and even the nature of the response to a particular failure mode. It is therefore possible to conclude that the performance of a power converter, for example, may be acceptable with a particular failure even though the converter may not operate properly with worst case input voltage or under lightly loaded conditions. The research developed less computationally intensive methods of failure mode simulation than the obvious method of attempting to simulate the system under every possible combination of input voltage and output load.

March RRV Section Meeting Preview — Engineering Aspects of Electromagnetic Shielding

Sergiu Radu, Principal Engineer at Sun Microsystems, leads the EMC Design group in Menlo Park, California. He will introduce basic shielding concepts, insisting on their practical limitations, and present the typical engineering problems associated with shielding. Among the aspects discussed will be the materials used for shielding, chassis resonances, shielding integrity problems (seams, joints, apertures, perf patterns), aperture coupling and shield's grounding.



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RRVS Calendar

February RRVS Section Meeting	NATIONAL ENGINEERS WEEK	February 19
Making Fun: Your Future in Video Games, Rock Valley College, Rockford, IL		
March RRVS GOLD Meeting	(see page 2)	March 20
Bowling at Forest Hills Lanes, Loves Park, IL		
March RRVS Section Meeting		March 26
Engineering Aspects of Electromagnetic Shielding, Rock Valley College, Rockford, IL		
April RRVS Section Tour/Meeting		April 30
Ingenium Testing, Rockford, IL		
May RRVS Section Picnic/2009 Officer Elections		May 28
Hamilton Sundstrand Park, Belvidere, IL		


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