
Newsletter Greenville Section

November 1997 Meeting Notice

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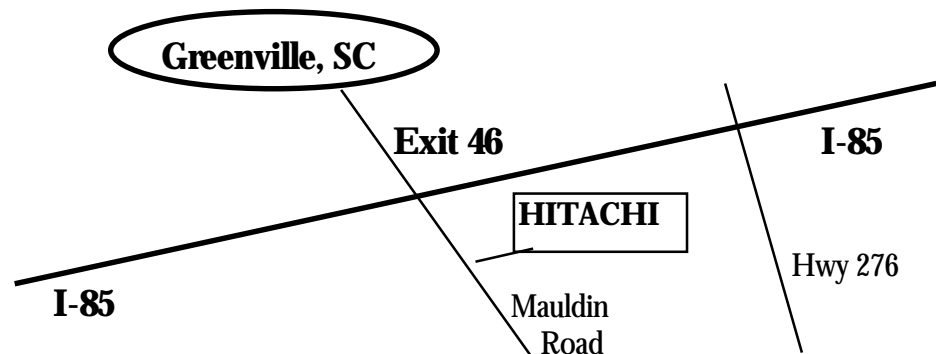
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Tour of Hitachi Picture Tube Manufacturing Facility

Date: Thursday November 20, 1997
Time: 5:30 p.m. to ~ 8:15 p.m.
Place: Hitachi Electronic Devices
Mauldin Road, I-85 Exit 46, Greenville, SC
Cost: \$10.00 per person for ASME members and visitors
\$ 5.00 per person for students

Reservations: By 12:00 noon 11/19/97 Tour limited to 1st 40 reservations
Call 864 370-5119 - Greenville Section Voice-Mail
or George Schneider or Jim Batton (phone #'s listed at left)



Hitachi Electronic Devices (USA), Inc. was established in February 1990 for the production of color picture tubes (CPT). Production began in November 1991. In September 1993 construction began on an addition to the facility for the production of projection ray tubes (PRT). PRT production began in September 1994. In 2/94 the facility produced its 1 millionth CPT and in 2/97, it's 1 millionth PRT kit.

Join the Greenville Section of ASME in experiencing one of the premier manufacturing tours in Upstate of South Carolina. We will begin with a box dinner @ 5:30 p.m. A short introductory video presentation will start about 6:15 p.m., then small groups will tour the facility for ~ 1 hour. A question and answer period will follow.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

The October meeting, a presentation and tour of the Shriners Hospital for Children's Motion Analysis Lab and Prosthetics and Orthotics Workshop, was entertaining and informative. The good work done for children by the professionals at Shriners is truly amazing. Our thanks to Dr. Jon Davids, Dr. Anita Bagley, and Mr. Ed Skewes, of Shriners, for their time and efforts.

The program this month is a tour of Hitachi of Greenville. I have heard comments from other professional society members that Hitachi provides a wonderful presentation and tour. Don't miss this opportunity to advance your engineering knowledge and network with other local mechanical engineers. Hope to see you there.

Jim Batton

Government Relations

TECHNOLOGY CAN CUT POLLUTION WITHOUT HIGH COST, GOVERNMENT STUDY SAYS

A new study sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy concludes that the United States could reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by the use of technology, thus avoiding the huge costs to the economy and painful American lifestyle changes predicted by opponents of a proposed international climate change treaty. The study is the latest in a series of activities aimed at bolstering the Clinton

administration's push to gain support for an aggressive U.S. approach to limit greenhouse gas emissions. The full text of the study can be found on the World Wide Web at www.eren.doe.gov/carbonstudy.

Recently, the President took the unusual step of trying to enlist the support of the nation's weather forecasters to in his effort to convince the American people that global warming is a real threat to the nation's well being. "You, just in the way you comment on events you cover, may have a real effect on the American people," the President said, in a meeting with more than 100 of the forecasters.

In comments after the meeting, none of the forecasters would commit to changing reporting styles to accommodate the President.

The United States and other developed nations will meet in December in Kyoto, Japan, to discuss a global climate change treaty that would place binding limits on certain nations' emissions of greenhouse gases, believed by many scientists to cause global warming. It is anticipated that developing nations, such as India, China, and Mexico, will be spared binding limits on emissions, a plan decried by business groups in the United States, who feel that a global treaty should live up to its name.

Honors and Awards

Congratulations to Roy Allen, Greenville Section member, for receiving a Certificate of Achievement for extraordinary contributions advancing Performance and Test Codes technology. Roy received the award at the ASME Summer Annual Meeting for his work in gas turbines.

ASME COMMUNICATIONS NEWS

NEW VOICE-MAIL MESSAGE SERVICE

Get your section news with the new ASME Greenville Section Voice Mail. Information will be posted on monthly meetings and programs. Just call, listen, and leave your comments or make your meeting reservations! Your input is valuable to us.

Last month we asked for input on the type of **professional development courses** that the Greenville Section should host. We received some responses, but encourage more of you to give us a call.

To listen or leave messages,

Call: 864 - 370 - 5119