

Distinguished Lecturer Dr. Larry Chasteen Visits St. Louis

Dr. Larry Chasteen traveled to St. Louis on 11-13 Sept 2-13. He was met by Jim Leonard, Past Chair of the STL AESS Chapter, at the St. Louis Airport . From there Jim drove Larry to lunch and then down to Rolla, MO., home of Missouri University of Science & Technology (MS&T). They checked into the local Holiday Inn and then proceeded to the MS&T Campus, where they were met by Dr. Steve Watkins, MS&T ECE Professor. With help from Dr. Watkins, Larry set up his projector in classroom EECH 102, in the Electrical & Computer Engineering Building. Students filed in and signed the roster. We had 35 students (17 IEEE Student members, 18 Student guests); also 4 IEEE Members (Dr. Watkins, Dr. Chasteen, Dr. Kelvin Erikson (ECE Dept Chair), and Jim Leonard). Dr. Chasteen made his presentation and afterward, answered many pertinent questions regarding NMD. The students were very perceptive. Jim was given a list of attendees.

Jim Leonard reminded the student that they could join AESS as student members and that Dr. Watkins could assist.

After the presentation, Jim Leonard provided dinner at Colton's for Dr. Watkins, Dr. Chasteen and students David Macke and Joseph Strathman. Joe was just completing a second engineering degree in ECE with support from the USAF and is scheduled to attend OCS starting the first of next year, with assignment to Holloman AFB. David Macke is just completing his Masters in ECE and has accepted a job from Boeing starting in one week.

On Thursday, Sept 11, 2013, Jim and Dr. Chasteen had breakfast at the Holiday Inn and then joined Dr. Watkins for a tour of the ECE dept and the MS&T Campus. One lab had the UAV featured on the cover of the May, 2013 Issue of Systems Magazine. Dr Watkins described the current research on UAVs and his and David Macke's effort in imaging. (A request for AESS funding is active). Dr. Watkins then provided a walking tour of the MS&T Campus, including a visit to the "Stonehenge ½ scale rock formation".

Jim then drove Larry back to St. Louis (about a two plus hour drive), where he took Dr. Chasteen to lunch at the Lewis & Clark's Restaurant located in St, Charles on the Missouri River. They ate on an outside balcony where the river was visible. They then visited the statue of Lewis and Clark and their dog "Giant", commemorating the start of their journey up the Missouri River.

Jim dropped Dr. Chasteen at the Renaissance Airport Hotel where he could check in. Jim went home for some honeydews and returned to pick up Dr. Chasteen and go to Washington University at St. Louis for another NMD Presentation to a joint AESS/St. Louis Section Meeting. We had 3 IEEE members and 3 guests. Presentation time was 7 pm- 8:30 pm. Bob Becnel, past STL Section Chair was in the audience and asked many penetrating questions. One member of the audience was involved in the 747 Laser program. After the meeting, Jim drove Dr. Chasteen to his hotel. On the following day, he returned to Dallas.