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PE Corner

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Florida Professional Engineer Continuing Education Requirements Change

As I discussed in my last installment, all professional engineers licensed in Florida will be required to obtain a total of eighteen (18) continuing education (CE) course hours in order to renew their licenses. These requirements are officially in effect for the 2015-2017 biennial renewal. The significantly increased CE requirement will make it much more difficult to wait until the last minute to complete your course hours; a practice for many of us in past years.

To avoid the last minute rush, start planning your continuing education now. There are lots of opportunities to earn CE hours. IEEE, as a provider of technical CE hours, offers several seminars a year where CE hours are awarded. The member price for these seminars is often well below the cost of courses offered by commercial vendors. Other opportunities to earn CE hours include publishing technical papers and filing patents for those to whom this might apply.

How about sharing your expertise in your field with other engineers? The first time you teach a course that qualifies for CE hours, the teacher gets double the number of hours! If you are interested in teaching a technical seminar through IEEE, please contact me or Serge Beazile for details.

The FBPE made several other changes to the rules surrounding continuing education. Prior to the current rule change, CE hours has to be taken in a PE's Area of Practice for those hours to count toward license renewal. That has changed in that a PE may now count any course from a Florida accredited provider toward meeting the continuing education requirement. One CE hour may also be earned by serving as an officer for a Board-recognized technical society (of which IEEE is one).

Refer to F.S. 471.017(3) and Chapter 61G15-22 for a full description of the changes related to continuing education requirements for licensed engineers and to the FBPE website: <https://www.fbpe.org/index.php/continuing-education/continuing-education-ce-requirements>

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MILCOM 2015

October 26 – 28

The Premier International Conference for Military Communications

MILCOM 2015 celebrates the 34th anniversary of the premier international conference for military communications. **"Leveraging Technology – The Joint Imperative"** gathers the leading minds of government, military, industry and academia in an interactive forum to further explore and define the benefits that joint-level collaboration bring to current and future communication challenges. The annual conference will take place at the Tampa Convention Center. Leaders from around the world will address the critical role communications plays in military readiness and operations. MILCOM offers industry the opportunity to discuss communications technologies and services with decision makers from all branches of the armed forces, the Department of Defense, federal agencies and multinational forces.

In the MILCOM tradition, the conference will feature an outstanding series of technical presentations, discussions and tutorials, as well as nearly 30,000 square feet of industry exhibits all under one roof. It will include more than 300 unclassified and restricted technical presentations, tutorials and panel discussions led by experts in defense communications. Topics will include the spectrum of command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (C4ISR) technologies and capabilities that address 21st century communications challenges related to national defense, homeland security, disaster response and interoperability. Continuing education credits will be available to all attendees.

For more information please visit:

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***Arc Flash - Updates and Training on NFPA 70E-2015
Electrical Safety in the Workplace.***

Date: Friday, September 25, 2015

Time: Registration & Breakfast: 8:00AM-8:30AM

Seminar: 8:30AM – 3:00PM

Speaker: John Leedy, P.E., Owner, LEEDY ELECTRIC EAST, LLC

Location: Seminole Electric Cooperative, 16313 North Dale Mabry, Tampa, FL 33618

Cost: \$150 Members, \$300 Non-Members, \$100 Students. Includes Breakfast, Lunch, & seminar text, “NFPA 70E – 2015 Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace” (a \$65 value) is included with this seminar.

PDH Credits: Professional development hours will be awarded. Be sure to enter your name and PE number on the signup website as it appears on your license. Florida exempt provider #00015.

Reservations: Online at: <http://time2meet.com/fwcs-pes4/index.html> (Select Reservations)

Make checks payable to IEEE FWCS and mail a check in advance to IEEE PE/IA Chapter Treasurer:

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Questions: Tom Blair at 813-228-1111, ext. 34407 or thblair@tecoenergy.com

Seminar Text A \$65 Value is included with this Seminar.

Your local IEEE PES/IAS Chapter is offering this 6 hour training on Electrical Safety in the Workplace by John Leedy, Owner of Leedy Electric East.

This training session will be devoted to the subject of Electrical Safety in the workplace as it relates to the latest edition of the NFPA 70E-2015 and the updates contained therein. Topics such as “how does electrical safety and the NFPA-70E apply to the workplace” and “what is required to be compliant with the standard” will be covered.

A copy of the standard, NFPA-70E-2015 Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace is included in the training costs.

John Leedy graduated from University of Florida in 1982 with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering with an emphasis in Power Delivery. John worked for Dillard Smith Construction as a protective relay technician. He joined General Electric as a Field Engineer, specializing in Power Substations and DC Electronic Drive Systems in Paper Mills as well as Project Management of Paper Machine Drive System retrofits and substation construction and commissioning. John left GE to join the family business, Leedy Electric Corp, in 1987. He earned his PE license for the State of Florida in 1992 and the State of Georgia in 2013 and received his Masters in Engineering Management from the USF in 2002. John has been working with NFPA 70E regulation since 2002, performing hundreds of Arc Flash Risk assessments throughout the SE United States, training management and employees on the standard. Leedy Electric is located in Mulberry Florida, and has been in business since 1975, specializing in Engineering and Electrical Service for the commercial and industrial industries.

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Author Peggy Hutcheson explores work-life balance in light of career stages -- young professional, mid-career and late career -- and explores a strategy to help achieve balance in each.

For example, regarding young professionals, she writes that, “though balance between the time and energy spent on developing a career, and time and energy to manage an active social and family life is difficult, early careerists can often rely on higher levels of energy to help manage their lives.” She points out that developing healthy eating habits and doing regular exercise will have important positive consequences later, in the lives of young professionals.

“Remember that work-life balance is the state of control, achievement and satisfaction in life,” Hutcheson writes. She suggests being brutally honest about your time and how you spend it, and recommends keeping a diary. Hutcheson believes doing so will help you uncover things that may be preventing you from feeling successful in your accomplishments.

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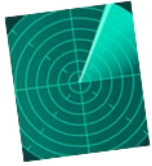
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“Cognitive Radar inspired by The Brain: Theory and Applications”

IEEE Distinguished Lecturer: Dr. Simon Haykin

Tampa, FL – September 21, 2015 at 6:00 pm

The IEEE Aerospace and Electronic Systems Society proudly presents Dr. Simon Haykin, a Distinguished Lecturer for the global AESS society. Dr. Haykin will travel from McMaster University in Ontario, Canada to present his research over the past year on Cognitive Radar, a subset of the Cognitive Dynamic System discipline he has developed. The Cognitive Radar in Dr. Haykin's research closely mimics the visual brain! Practical attributes of Cognitive Radar from an engineering perspective will be discussed.

Dr. Haykin has dedicated his research over the past year to Cognitive Dynamic Systems, including Cognitive Radar and Cognitive Control. During this event, he will concentrate on the Cognitive Radar portion that closely mimics the visual brain. Specifically, the following will be covered:

- The four principles of cognition: perception-action cycle, memory, attention and intelligence, each one of which will be carefully defined.
- Structural composition of Cognitive Radar that will build on these principles, and the role of each principle will be addressed.
- To demonstrate the information-processing power of the Cognitive Radar and its novel control capability, an air traffic control example with deep-corner turn for the experiment will be used. The unique capability of Cognitive Radar will thus be demonstrated using computer simulations.
- With target tracking as the objective, the important properties of the new Cubature Kalman Filter, developed in Dr. Haykin's lab, will be highlighted.

Please read more about the details of this amazing opportunity and register early for this space-limited event at: <https://meetings.vtools.ieee.org/m/35261>.

Food and beverage will be provided. Please contact Jim Cavanaugh with any questions: James.A.Cavanaugh@ieee.org

Cost is \$5 for Student and Senior IEEE members, \$10 for IEEE members and \$20 for non-members.

IEEE Computer Society Conference - Local Computer Networks (LCN)

Sheraton Sand Key Resort -Clearwater Beach, FL - October 26-29, 2015

The IEEE LCN conference is the premier conference on theoretical and practical aspects of computer networking. LCN is highly interactive, enabling an effective interchange of results and ideas among researchers, users, and product developers. Major developments from high-speed networks to the global Internet to specialized sensor networks have been reported at past LCNs.

Conference registration is available via the IEEE online conference registration Web site (<http://www.ieeeln.org/Attendee.html>). Keynote presentations will be delivered by Dr. Robert Metcalfe of University of Texas at Austin and by Professor Muriel Médard of MIT.

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