

Senior Mentor Report March 2, 2009

Greetings,

Week one is in the books and for those of us who are still playing I have some information that may be helpful.

- MAKE SURE THAT YOUR TEAMS HAVE ALL OF THE UPDATED SOFTWARE. You will not be able to practice on the playing field until this is taken care of. (No there will not be additional Internet connections for your teams at the site.)
- 2. Teams that use Windriver shouldn't use LabVIEW FRC Software update 3.0a.

Windriver teams need to use-

FRCNIWRUpdate3.0a.zip - This installs/updates the imaging tool and Windriver.

WorkbenchUpdate_3.1.1764.exe - this updates their windriver WPI libraries

3. LabVIEW teams need to use-

FRCLabVIEWUpdate3.0a.zip - This installs/updates the imaging tool and updates LabVIEW

4. The website with links to all the updates: www.usfirst.org/frccontrolsystem

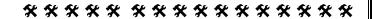
Be aware that there was static building up on the field.

If you have a second cRIO I would bring it along.

Ball breakage was not as bad as I expected. There was a group of volunteers who were able to fix them over the event. Do not forget to bring your releases and have the cover sheet filled out prior to checking in at the pit admin desk.

Week one events ran long. Bring patients and gracious professionalism.

-Nancy Mc



Missing BeachBots Balls

If you ended up with some blue and yellow balls at the Pre ship scrimmage can you contact Chris Husmann or myself. The team worked hard to make the balls and would like to be able to practice with them.





Announcement from the FLL Planning Committee

2009 FLL events:

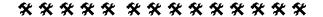
3/13-14 FLL demos at FRC LA Regional in Long Beach

4/15-18 FLL World Festival in Atlanta 4/? Pirate-theme FLL event at Six Flags Magic Mountain

4/25 Local FLL event at El Camino College in Torrance

4/25 Local FLL event at Discovery Science Center in Santa Ana

5/7-9 US Open FLL Championship in Dayton Ohio 5/? Pirate-theme FLL event at LEGOLAND



2009 FIRST Consent and Release Form

(Needed prior to all competition participation by all team members.)

We also want to let you know the 2008-2009 Consent and Release form is now posted at:

http://www.usfirst.org/uploadedFiles/Community/As set/2008-

2009%20FIRST%20Consent%20and%20Release %20Form.pdf



FIRST Scholarships

The Southern California Regional Robotics Forum (SCRRF)

will award \$500 scholarships to two Southern California

FIRST students for their first year of college study in the field

of math, science or technology. The award is non-renewable

and will be recognized at the FIRST Championship in Atlanta.

Student Eligibility Requirements:

- □ □ High school senior
- □ □ Actively participates on a Southern

California robotics team

- o FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) team or
- FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) team
- □ □ Participates in one or more Southern

California regional events:

- o December 8, 2007 Los Angeles FTC Championship Tournament
- o December 15, 2007 San Diego FTC Championship Tournament
- March 6-8, 2008 San Diego Regional (FRC)
- March 20-22, 2008 Los Angeles Regional (FRC)

Submission Requirements:

- □ Students write a 500 word essay titled "The Impact of FIRST on my Future Goals."
- □ □ A copy of their high school transcript.
- □ □ Letter of recommendation from one of the adult members of their team stating that the applicant has demonstrated the values of FIRST and is a member in good standing.
- □ □ All materials need to be delivered or post marked by April 1, 2009 to:

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The new 2008 2009 FIRST Tech Challenge game has been announced.

See list of Spring events at the end of this news letter for events in Los Angeles, Dan Diego and Las Vegas.



Vex World Championship Dallas, TX April 30- May 2, 2009

Ralph Mills will be your best source for information. ralphmills@aol.com

You can also find additional information at www.robotevents.com

**** **Upcoming Events** Spring 2009

- Los Angeles Regional "FTC" March 7, 2009 CSUN. Satellite Student Union North Part of Campus.
- San Diego Regional FRC March 5-7, 2009
- FRC Los Angeles Regional Long Beach Convention Center March 12-14, 2009
- **₩** *FIRST* Championship Event Georgia Dome Atlanta Georgia April 16-19, 2009



If you have news that I can share with the *FIRST* teams you are welcome and encouraged to send it to me.

If you would like to write on a particular topic I am happy to provide space in this newsletter.

Reminder # 1: Bring your shipping labels for home or your next destination.

Reminder #2: Don't forget your FedEx freight

bills.

Reminder # 3: Bring extra goggles for visitors to your pit.

Reminder # 4: Only 3 people may enter on Thursday at 7:45. Everyone else waits outside. No, you can't have extra people come in to help carry stuff in. The purpose is to have a small group only come in to uncrate the robots and allow the show company time to get the big crates out of everyone's way.

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