



## Senior Mentor Report March 10, 2009

*Greetings,*

*Notes from Ric Roberts, our lead inspector  
from Raytheon:*

1. *Bring laptop with software*
2. *Bring a printed copy of the building materials*
3. *Read update 13 on the inscription*
4. *Make sure you followed the instructions on making your bumpers*

*\*\* Do not expect that you will have Internet access to download programs for your robots! Take care of this BEFORE you arrive on site.*

*As teams are waiting in the queing line please do the following items listed: (We have bright yellow laminated cards for each team to serve as a checklist.)*

- a. Is you Wireless Brige connected to cRio?
- b. Please tounch metal Frame of Field BEFORE touching operator console
- c. You are responsible for making sure the trailer is connected securely
- d. Power Up instructions
  1. Connect Operator Console (Touch metal fram first)
  2. Place robot on field
  3. WAIT for team number to appear above driver station
  4. THEN turn on robot

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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

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### 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](http://www.usfirst.org/uploadedFiles/Community/Asset/2008-2009%20FIRST%20Consent%20and%20Release%20Form.pdf)

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### FIRST Scholarships

The FIRST Scholarship opportunities listed below are constantly updated as new scholarships are offered and as we receive updated listings from last year's scholarship providers. (Last year's scholarships that have not yet been updated are marked "Not Yet Confirmed".) Be sure to check back frequently. If you have questions about a specific scholarship, contact the school or organization directly.

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

A huge Thanks to everyone who made our event last weekend a success. 23 teams played at CSUN and the event went off without a hitch.

Look for some of the demonstration teams at the FRC regional this weekend in Long beach.

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

Ralph Mills will be your best source for information. [ralphmills@aol.com](mailto:ralphmills@aol.com)

You can also find additional information at [www.robotevents.com](http://www.robotevents.com)

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### Upcoming Events Spring 2009

- FRC Los Angeles Regional Long Beach Convention Center March 12-14, 2009
- FIRST Championship Event Georgia Dome Atlanta Georgia April 16-19, 2009

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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.

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**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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