ICARUS Newsletter

Welcome to the 1st edition of the ICARUS Newsletter! Every week, we will show off all the great things that the ICARUS Team is accomplishing. First, I would like to introduce everyone to our most recent team members.

New ICARUS Team-Members

Steve Warren – steve.warren@icarusuav.com
Title: Communications Engineer
Steve is a Computer Engineer, a recent graduate of SIU-Carbondale and also just started a job at EMAC Inc, a company that designs Embedded Systems. Steve will be working on the next generation ICARUS Communications Protocol. Welcome Steve!

James Chaklos – james.chaklos@icarusuav.com
Title: Test-Stand Engineer
James is a Masters student at SIU-Carbondale in the Industrial Technology program, and has lived and breathed the field of robotics for many years. James will be leading the Test-Stand System. Welcome James!

Business News
The ICARUS Business Team is currently in talks with some seasoned veterans of Boeing and a Boeing robotics development team. The Business Team is also diligently working on a business plan, grant applications and creating some new Marketing Swag. Keep it up guys!

New Website
The new website has been launched. Go to www.icarusuav.com for information about ICARUS, contact information, research information and much more. Currently it is a Wiki page, but with the coordinated efforts of the Marketing Team it will soon be a much more attractive while still very useful program. Show this off to your friends!

Project Management
We will be using an online-based program for Project Management, called dotProject. Please make sure to log any work you do in this system so everyone can stay on track of what everybody is doing. Don't know how to use this software? That leads to…

Employee Handbook
An Employee Handbook is being developed by the Business Team. In it, you will find responsibilities and expectations of each ICARUS Team-Member, along with several guides, including one for the new Project Management website and another for the SVN Repository. This will be a continually evolving document, so check back here often.

That's all for now folks! If you have any questions/comments/concerns, or want to submit information to the next ICARUS Newsletter, e-mail me.

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