

## **RSSC Meeting Minutes for August 2009**

### **10:00 Meet, Greet, and Build**

**11:00 THIS MONTH'S CLASS:** *Driver of the Mars Rover* remote navigation by JPL John Wright.

### **12:00 BUSINESS MEETING**

#### **Old Business**

#### **New Business**

Martin Mason, club prez, will be leaving for England and VP Dr. Bruce will take over as acting president.

#### **Upcoming Classes**

September: Modeling biped locomotion by Martin our company president

October: Building A.L.I.C.E. chatbot with Thomas Messerschmidt

November: Animatronics by Tim Louis

December: TBD

#### **Upcoming Contests**

- September: Labyrinth
- October: Robo-Magellan
- November: TBD
- December: (None)

#### **Other Upcoming Events**

- September: RSSC Open House and Pot Luck Lunch
- December: Talent Show
- **THIS MONTH'S CONTEST:** August: Soda Can Pickup (RC and Autonomous)

### **Congratulations to the Winners!**

- ❖ 1st place: 12 seconds, Craig Jeffries' Vx9000
- ❖ 2nd place: 13 Jimmy's Sybout
- ❖ 3rd place: 25 Paul Ashley's robot
- ❖ 4th Place: 33 Ron Rose's robot

Although Bob Huss did not finish in 60 seconds, his robot LINK did eventually find and pick up the soda can by sensors alone. For this superior effort, he won a consolation prize.

### **SHOW AND TELL**

- John showed us his 3D plans for his next robot.
- Paul Ashley is giving FREE robotics classes in Downy for families, building Vex squarebots on Wednesday nights at 7 PM.

- Martin told us how to convert the Vexplorer to a computer controlled robot. Details are on his web page: [profmason.com](http://profmason.com).
- Ron Rose showed the sensor readings on his can pickup contest vex robot.

**MEETING ADJOURNED: about 3 PM**