

MAY 1994 MINUTES

At the May meeting, we heard from the members who made it to the NTAAl Artificial Intelligence Extravaganza down at the University of Texas at Arlington. The DPRG had a booth down there where we had several Robots on display. There was quite a bit of interest in how we were actually putting some of their high-falutin' AI theories to real-world practical use. Steve Rainwater, yes, the creator of the magnificent NCC AI-CDROM, and the ~Botman with that weird looking white plastic shell thing on his monster wheeled Robot creation, is our liason with the NTAAl and has info on their organization for the interested. You can contact Steve, either about the AI-CDROM or the NTAAl on the Interocitor BBS or via Internet at srainwater@ncc.com.

We also just received the Media Information Package on ACLYPSE Corporation's latest offering, the ACLYPSE ADR-1 ROBOT Kit. Looks like one of the best kits out lately, and it's less than \$300! See some of the details inside. Bob, if you're listening, how about sending a demo our way? (drool... drool...)

It was decided to seek increased funding and set some more aggressive goals for future group activities. One of the possibilities discussed was seeking corporate funding for a group robot to be entered in a national competition. Steve Rainwater agreed to write a summary of some competitions that the DPRG could take part in for the next newsletter.

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DPRG President

APRIL 1994 MINUTES

At the April DPRG Meeting, we all got the low down on the Austin Group's Robofest, complete with color photos and glowing reviews from those of us who braved the wee hours on the road only to arrive four hours early! Consensus? FANTASTIC!!!

Vincent Gaines, one of our new members, became the Visionary Extraordinaire in charge of construction for the "Group Bot" (we've got to name this thing!) The "GB" Building Committee is forming quickly. If you want to be in on the ground floor of a new creation, sign up now. We still have room for both novice ~Botmen and Gurus, plus everyone in between. Contact Vincent at the next meeting, or you can reach me via Internet

We discussed a new membership dues structure, newsletter subscription rates for non-members, looking for corporate sponsors, and just about any other idea for keeping the coffers full enough to keep mailing out our dear newsletter. In some cases our records aren't complete enough to know whose dues are due when, so if you think that it's been awhile since you've helped out with postage and all, please send in your annual membership dues of \$20. I promise you I won't be grabbin' the cash and headin' for Mexico. Heck, I might not even get as far as South Dallas!

The New and Improved BBS seems to be doing great running on OS/2. Steve Rainwater (the sysop) has added new areas for AI and Robotics, and has many new neat-o files. Call and check it out. Steve also mentioned trying to rig some "special access" for DPRG members. Put that in your pipe and smoke it!

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FEBRUARY 1994 MINUTES

Ed Rivers led us on a mental tour of his automated house, complete with a smart phone switcher which automatically directs a family member's call to the room they're in without disturbing the rest of the house. He also brought details of his latest, a temperature sensor wired into the house's main computer. Weren't we all supposed to be living in "Smart" homes by the end of the 20th century?

Roger Arrick brought his prototype of the "Dual H-Bridge Motor Driver". Susan got Roger's design and using her high-tech equipment was going to turn it into a PCB layout, suitable for sending to a PCB maker for mass production.

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