

# **AI Summary - Robot Builders Night Virtual for May 27th, 2025**

Video at <https://youtu.be/3jr84gNdK4A>

## **Key Discussion Points**

### **DPRG Presentation and Activities**

- Paul Bouchier shared his plans for a presentation to the Homebrew Robotics Group, covering DPRG's activities and his experiences with the ROS2 linorobot2 project
- The presentation will showcase the Roborama contest and other DPRG contests, highlighting community engagement and technical progress.

### **AI and Camera Technology**

- A discussion on camera technology suitable for robotics applications was held. Doug Paradis recommended PixieCam for basic applications, while also highlighting more advanced options like MaixCam and OpenMV.
- Michael Ivson and Doug discussed the use of Husky AI cameras versus other AI-capable optical devices.

### **Competition Dynamics**

- A debate on the fairness of allowing multiple robot entries by a single competitor in contests like Sumo and Six-Can ensued. Although various views were presented, it was concluded not to limit such entries presently.
- The idea of revisiting scoring methods and rule adjustments for competitions was proposed to enhance competitiveness and fairness, including revisiting timing rules as tie-breakers.

### **Technical Challenges and Projects**

- Kyle Woolsey shared progress on his robot project involving Lidar and stepper motors, discussing power distribution solutions and control elements.
- The discussion touched upon the utility of using screw terminals vs. breadboards for more reliable power connectivity.

### **Troubleshooting and Website Management**

- Doug Paradis discussed ongoing challenges with the DPRG website, outlining issues with WordPress and strategies for resolution, including contemplating changes to the database management and plugins.

## **Future Events and Collaborations**

- An announcement about a visit to RobotLab headquarters for the next meeting, and coordination for a RobotLAB HQ South Lake tour.
- There was a mention of a prospective work day to prepare Robie for an outreach event scheduled for Moonday in July.

## **Referenced Links**

- [RobotLab Dallas](#) - Provided by Ponder SomeMore
- [XV Lidar Controller First Release](#) - Provided by Paul Bouchier
- [XV Lidar Controller Visual Test](#) - Provided by Paul Bouchier
- [StickersBanners](#) - Provided by Carl Ott
- [PCB Power Distribution](#) - Provided by Paul Bouchier