

Pittsburgh Section

For Region 2 Fall Meeting

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Pittsburgh Section Activities

- Educational Activities & Continuing Education Courses
 - Fundamentals of Engineering (F.E.) exam review course

Pittsburgh Section Activities

- Awards Banquets/Ceremonies
 - History Dinner – Dr. Rich Thompson spoke on “Eating our Food Corn”, a thought-provoking presentation suggesting that we are not fostering new development

Pittsburgh Section Activities

- With help from John Meredith and Ralph Wyndrum, the Section:
 - Invited Ron Hira to lecture on Outsourcing
 - Successfully discouraged efforts by a local university to promote outsourcing.
- Congressional visit days
 - Pittsburgh Section volunteers have gained great insight into the legislative process at the congressional visit days.

Pittsburgh Section Activities

- Robot Car Race
 - The Pittsburgh Section sponsors a Robot Car Race at the local Science Center
 - Students use Lego Mindstorm kits to build and program robot cars
 - At the end of the day, a race is held and prizes are awarded to the winners
 - The Race has been a great success in drawing together engineers and young people

Pittsburgh Section Affinity Groups

- **New Affinity groups**
 - **The Pittsburgh Section started a Women In Engineering (WIE) affinity group 18 months ago**
 - **Struggling with low attendance and lack of interest**
 - **Please share your ideas**
 - **The SSIT affinity group is doing well**