



ORTOP Newsletter – May 11, 2007



A few Items for you today.

1. ORTOP Workshop Registration Schedule and Link LIVE!
2. Scholarship Update
3. PDXBot – Do more than watch!
4. Super Hyper Quantum Kangaroo News!
5. FLL Registration

1. The ORTOP Workshop Registration Schedule and Registration Link is LIVE! Workshops will run from June – September. New Coaches/Mentors are encouraged to attend. Veteran Coaches switching to NXT are encouraged to attend. Limited to 16 per class.

LINK: <http://www.ortop.org/res.htm#work>

- For our current and soon to be ORTOP Coaches NOT in the Portland Metro area, we would like to do workshops in other parts of the state but we need at least 10 people to commit to a workshop before we schedule it. If you are interested go to the link (Block#5) and let us know to which community you would be willing to travel.
- Also, we are close to posting ALL of the workshop material ONLINE for Download.
- The ORTOP Resource page has been updated with new links and info including Dale Yocum's NXT Tutorial.
- Check it out. <http://www.ortop.org/res.htm#links> And a new video from the State Championship <http://www.ortop.org/res.htm#vid>
- And this was on the NBC Evening News on May 8th: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/18559702/>

2. Scholarship Update – I'm late on getting the scholarship application posted. This should be done by early next week. My apologies.

3. PDXBot 2007 ! May 19th at the Lloyd Center Double Tree Inn in Portland.

<http://www.pdxbot.org/cms/index.php?id=40>

It is FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. NO ENTRY FEES FOR THE COMPETITIONS. This is a REALLY FUN AND REALLY COOL EVENT! It's great to see what other people are doing in robotics.

- ORTOP will have the FIRST VEX Field and FVC Teams with their robots doing the Hanging-A-Round Challenge.
- ORTOP will have a FIRST LEGO League Table and The Pig mice will demo their robot for part of the day and talk about their World Festival experience.
- We are inviting MORE teams to come and demo their NanoQuest robot!
- If you disassembled your NanoQuest Bot – Build a new one and enter the Line Following Challenge, maybe a Sumo contest or if you're really creative Build an ART Robot and compete in the DorkBot Art Robot contest. <http://www.pdxbot.org/cms/index.php?id=39>

Contact Monty Goodson montyg@bittybot.com if you want to compete or demo your bot.

4. Super Hyper Quantum Kangaroos leave tomorrow morning for Bodo, Norway to compete in the FLL European Open.

You can watch them on streaming live video.

http://www.flloec.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=9&Itemid=18

Just in case you miss them, because you have better things to do (like sleep) the team will update their progress at

http://www.flloec.org/index.php?option=com_teams&task=viewTeam&teamid=47&Itemid=80

Table Times (in Norway time which is 9 hours ahead):

Saturday, May 19th at 11:20am and 1:30pm Sunday, May 20th at 10:05am

GOOD LUCK - SHQK!



5. In case you missed it, FLL Registration is NOW OPEN! <http://register4fll.com/>

And Cathy's helpful hints to a successful registration -

http://www.ortop.org/Documents/ortopcoaches_May1.pdf

Lots of great articles about Alternative Energy and the Global Energy Problem in the news. Send me links if you find interesting sites and articles.

Have a Great Weekend!

--Cathy