



FROM THE CROW'S NEST

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TEAM NEWS

This month, the iPirates' mentors, Dick McKinley and Jeff Demaray, had to opportunity to attend a mentor day camp in Clarkston, MI. The event was held by FIRST team 27, Team RUSH.

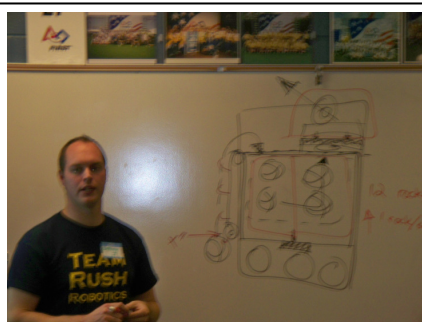
Team RUSH (Respect, Unity, Spirit, Heart) has participated in FISRT since 1997. According to lead mentor Kylie Hughes, the team originally met in a garage. Team RUSH is now located at Clarkston High School, with 35 members.

This event gave mentors from several teams an opportunity to toss around different ideas on running teams.



Our mentors along with other teams, busy at work with Team RUSH

Both of the iPirates' mentors considered the day camp a success. They returned to the team inspired, with several new ideas as well as a renewed appreciation for FIRST.



Anthony Lapp makes a point at the mentor camp regarding robot planning and design

MONROE BED RACE

For one day in October, team 1528 became team 17. Have no fear, though, it was only to participate in a local bed race. Three shipmates gave mentor Dick McKinley a ride through the streets of Monroe on a bed.

The Monroe Bed Race program is sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church of Monroe. So far, this program has delivered over 900 beds and cribs to needy children in the county. The iPirates are happy to support such a cause, and they are grateful to all who participated in the event.



Cameron Neal (rear), Emily Kern (front center), and Jake Raymond (right) prepare to push Mr. McKinley down the street.

The team finished the race at a respectable one minute and 29 seconds. The Monroe High School Cross Country team, finishing at 45 seconds, was happy that the iPirates did not bring their "superior technology" to the event.

For more information, visit <http://www.bedracetoaidchildren.org>

PARENT'S NIGHT

The iPirates is more than just students and mentors. It also includes parents, and on Monday, November 2, many of the shipmates' parents came together and held a meeting with the team at Monroe High School. The team was able to display their robot from last year's competition.

At the meeting, the parents discussed when to bring food during build season. Several presentations were given by students and mentors. Co-captain Tim Kennedy talked about how the team works, while freshman Austin Washington explained his excitement for being involved in such a program.

The iPirates express their gratitude to the parents that sacrifice their time and money to keep the team running.

EDITOR'S NOTES

The Editor of The Crow's Nest wishes to apologize for the late newsletter this month. An improved release schedule is in the works and should be in place very soon.

With that said, the December issue of the newsletter will be released very early due to Christmas Break rapidly approaching. Watch your inboxes for a new issue soon!

Additionally, the Shipmate of the Month section had to be removed this month due to space restrictions. This section will be returning either this month or next.

The editor offers his humble gratitude to the subscribers that have remained patient through this team's transitional period as well as the editor's prolonged illness.

—Brandon Dusseau, Editor

FIRST LEGO LEAGUE

Monroe High School is hosting *Smart Move: Mission Possible*, the 2009 FIRST LEGO League challenge, a meet involving elementary and middle-school students using vehicles they're designed and built to address various future transportation issues. The event starts at 9 a.m. on Saturday, November 21, at Monroe High School's Gymnasium.

The cost of energy has led many of us to think about alternate transportation. Some of us are considering more efficient vehicles and many now keep our cars maintained to reduce costs. The future of transportation is in a state of flux with new technologies competing with older technologies. With all the challenges, many feel transportation is an impossible mission.

In *Smart Move*, students will consider modes of transportation beyond their daily routine and streamline their options by making smart. This event is free to attend, and the students, coaches, and shipmates hope to see you there!

PARTNER ON DECK

The sponsors of the iPirates give the team the ability to pay the \$5000 needed to participate in FIRST events. Their continued support is important to the iPirates, and in turn, the team tries their best to get the name of their sponsors out there. This month, we recognize Iceberg's One Hour Heating and Cooling. With the winter season approaching quickly, people are going to need repairs on heating systems, and waiting on a service representative is the last thing anybody wants to do. Iceberg knows how busy people are, and strive to provide one hour service to their customers. Iceberg has several locations, including one on Telegraph Road in Monroe. For more information, visit <http://www.onehourheatandair.com>.

MARKETPLACE

The iPirates would cease to exist without the support from their wonderful partners. The team offers their gratitude for all that these businesses do for them.

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