WATERLOO TECHNICAL SOCIETY
13 FEBRUARY 2002 MINUTES
(SPOUSES NIGHT)

The 13 February 2002 meeting of the Waterloo Technical Society was held at Greenstreets located at the Cedar Falls Holiday Inn with 32 members and 32 guests in attendance including our three speakers and their wives,

Tom and Karen Vinson,
Rod and Elizabeth Blocksome,
and
Charley and Marcia Snodgrass

all of Rockwell Collins in Cedar Rapids. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by President Jerry Mohling. It was great to see so many members with their spouses at a meeting.

Following the introduction of guests, Past presidents and Honorary Members were recognized. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Co-Treasurer Dave Berry which showed 31 Jan 02 balance of $350.21; during January there were receipts of $151.18 and expenses of $88.46 with a current membership of 68. The minutes of the 09 Jan 02 meeting were presented by Co-Secretary, Tim Schoenfelder. There was no old business or new business.

Tim Schoenfelder, Febuary Program Chairperson, then introduced Tom, Rod, Charlie and their wives. The three presenters each had a separate part of the presentation.

- Tom described the background, history, geography, etc.
- Charley described navigational aspects of the Amelia Earhart Flight.
- Rod then went through the radio signal analysis and wrapped it up with a series of maps and audio (simulations) of Earhart's final hours near Howland Island.

All three presenters then entertained questions from the audience.

Two special guests included Peg Nelson from Waterloo who talked to Amelia Earhart about 1 year before she embarked on the tragic flight and Joel Palmer, a Waterloo Courier Newspaper Reporter who wrote a story about the presentation that ran in the following day's newspaper. This story is posted at the Waterloo Technical Society website and the text from it is included with these meeting minutes as a record of the meeting content.

Interestingly, several Waterloo Technical Society Members had described seeing Amelia Earhart either at the Iowa State Fair or at some other time before she had embarked on this last journey.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Schoenfelder

Co-Secretary