WATERLOO TECHNICAL SOCIETY
Meeting Minutes - 11 February 2003

The 11 February 2003 meeting of the Waterloo Technical Society was held at the Greenstreets Restaurant located at the Cedar Falls Holiday Inn, with 33 members, 2 speakers, and 24 guests attending. President Brian Carlson called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM. The meeting was the annual Valentines Program for spouses and friends. Guests were introduced and past presidents and honorary members, and current officers were recognized. Co-Secretary Roger Mott read the minutes from the 8 January 2003 WTS meeting. Co-Treasurer Dave Berry presented the financial report with an initial balance of $655.27. Income for the period was $41.85 with $65.27 in expenses. Resulting in a balance of $631.85 for the month ending 31 January 2003. There were 64 paid members as of this meeting.

Old Business:
None

New Business:
None.

Program:
Rod Blocksome and Tom Vinson
Mr. Rod Blocksome is a graduate of Kansas State University, 1968, BSEE and 1973, MSEE. He has been an employee of Collins Radio and Rockwell Collins for 34 years in Design Engineering and Management. Mr. Blocksome is currently a Senior Systems Engineer at Rockwell Collins doing advanced communication work. Mr. Vinson could not attend this year's update but Rod brought his wife Elizabeth. A brief resume of Tom Vinson is contained in the meeting announcement.

At last February's WTS meeting, Mr. Tom Vinson and Mr. Rod Blocksome discussed their involvement with the Earhart Analysis Team and their analysis in locating the plane wreckage of Amelia Earhart that went down 2 July 1937. Article in last years Courier is listed below.

http://www.waterlootechnicalsociety.org/CourierEarhartMystery.txt

Rod presented the update information for the Spouses night meeting this year. The two went on a exploration mission with the folks from Nautico. Thirty-Four crewmembers were on the specially rigged Research Vessel Davidson out of Sitka, Alaska. The ship dragged a sled loaded with electronic equipment to survey the ocean floor like mowing a yard. Problems with excessive fuel consumption cost them 5 days for refueling, and then a hydraulic failure in the wench ended the mission. The sled was pulled behind the ship with 5 miles of cable at ocean depths of 3.5 miles. Mission had to be aborted after 630 of the 1000 square mile search area were surveyed. Nothing was found except a previously unknown mile diameter volcano flue with ridges projecting 400 feet above the ocean floor. Otherwise, the sandy bottom yielded nothing. Plans are under way to finish the survey. Recent Courier article URL is listed below.

http://www.wcfcourier.com/topnews/030217earhartsearch.html

Nautico.com link is listed below which contains many photos of the recent mission.

http://www.earhartdiscovery.com/

The meeting ended at Greenstreets with Brian Carlson presenting Rod with a plaque. The meeting at Greenstreets was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Mott and Jim Hein, Co-Secretaries