

A Note From The Fair Director

Hello All,

A quick note while Mr. LaBanca and the students prepare their newsletter. See some of Bob and Sue Wisner's photos at:

<http://web.mac.com/bobwisner/iWeb/ISEF%202007/ISEFSunMon.html>

We arrived in Albuquerque safe and sound Sunday afternoon and hit the ground running. After a southwest style buffet dinner, we headed over the Albuquerque Convention Center to check project status. Dayton Horvath had a minor violation that he corrected very quickly and then it was on to pin trading for the students. I suspect that they will have many photos to share as the week progresses.

Monday: Setting up the projects and clearing rules and safety were the morning's activities. Minor adjustments and updates by the students were made to their displays to reflect very recent research work that they completed after shipping their displays in late April. Science is on the march with the CSF students to be sure.

Monday afternoon, Wynn and Bob gave a workshop on CSF's new online registration that was developed by Ernie Gagnon, Wynn Müller, and Bob Wisner. A small but interested audience and some great discussions on how things are done by different fairs. George Hansel took his AP Exam on Electricity and Magnetism. Gauss' Law was featured. Then it was off to the Opening Ceremony at the New Mexico Fairgrounds. The outdoor dinner and activities were interrupted by a thunder storm that resulted in 3,000 of us being herded into a hall for safety from the bolts of lightning that were heading our way. Not to worry about entertainment, Puerto Rico and Brazil immediately started up a celebration of their own. And a soccer game sprung up in another area. The storm passed and we were directed into the Tingsley Coliseum for the Opening Ceremony. The pre-show was outstanding with native southwest dances and music. This was followed by the country-by-country Shout-Out. The keynote address was by MIT's Dr. Angela Belcher, a materials scientist, whose multidiscipline group is literally growing new batteries- amazingly exciting research! Craig Barrett, Intel's Chairman of the Board closed out the evening with congratulations and encouragement to the students- Just keep Following Your Passion!

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