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newbies

This year Cybersonics Technology Team welcomes many new additions to the team. The team has twelve new members that are sure to be a great help during the hectic build season.

Samantha Koenig, a freshman, is in Public Relations/Marketing, or P.R. Marketing. She is always willing to help anyone with anything, and she always has a positive attitude even when things seem bleak.

Alexia Skoriak, who is also a freshman, is a new addition to animation.

She is always on top of her game, and she never stops until she gets the job done. She will bring many great ideas to animation.

Monica Perone is a member of P.R./marketing as well; she is a vivacious freshman and is always working on something. She always comes to Cybersonics with a positive, gleeful attitude.

Aaron Nathans is also new this year. He is a freshman in inventor and animation. He is great at building on and off the computer, and enjoys every minute of it. He is sure to help out both Inventor and animation.

Kent Ridge is a new freshmen in manufacturing as well. He is helpful to all and contributes many new ideas. He also keeps us all entertained with his endless supply of funny stories.

David Schad is new to Inventor and animation this year. He is funny, has a bubbly personality, and everyone enjoys having him on the team. He will be a big help to everyone in both Inventor and animation this year even

though he is just a freshman.

The teams' new programmer is Olivia Dermody and one of the new freshmen to the team. Olivia is also excited to work with the animation team. Olivia will be an excellent addition to both areas as she is great at math and both areas focus heavily in this area. Olivia is a great new addition to the team this year. She will bring many new and interesting ideas that will help program the robot.

Jarrett Tranauskas is new to manufacturing and he is a freshman. He is sure to keep the team laughing during the hectic build season with his sense of humor. He is outgoing and always has something to say about everything.

Troy Rutherford is another freshman inducted into manufacturing this year. Troy is great at everything manufacturing

and has many new, sometimes funny; ideas. He keeps the whole team animated with his wit.

Alex Brown is new to Inventor this year. He is a freshman and he is a great asset to this year's team. He is already very dedicated and proud to be on the team. Cybersonics Team 103 is glad to have him.

Lee Roach is in manufacturing as well. He is a senior this year. Although he is a senior, he is new to the team this year. He really enjoys Cybersonics, and he is a hard worker that is sure to make the team better.

This year Cybersonics Team 103 is very lucky to have all these new members. They all bring different but innovative ideas to the table. The team is glad to have all of these 'newbies' to help us, and they are confident that they will have another successful year.

Samantha Koenig



The "Newbies" in Cybersonics

Cyberonics Team 103 just finished one of their biggest and most successful fundraisers, the annual Basket Bingo. The bingo was held on October 25, 2009 at Palisades High School. Every year, the Basket Bingo really helps Cyberonics. It is a huge fundraiser that requires many hours of preparation and a whole lot of teamwork.



Baskets at the Basket Bingo

The team began preparing for the Basket Bingo long before it actually took place or any tickets were sold. The team members began by selling bingo tickets and collecting items for the differently themed baskets. The basket themes

included Chocolate Lover's, Gardening, Junk Food, Dental Care, Baking, and many more.

The team members spent long hours working on the baskets to make them absolutely perfect. Team members also asked local businesses to donate items such as gift cards to be used as door prizes.

On October 25, the team arrived at noon to begin getting everything together. Baskets needed to be put on tables along with pumpkins and mums. The bingo machine was set up and the food lay out. So much needed to get done, but no team members were daunted. They

hurried to get everything ready for the bingo, talking, laughing and working. Soon all of the work was completed and it was time for the doors to open and the fun to begin.

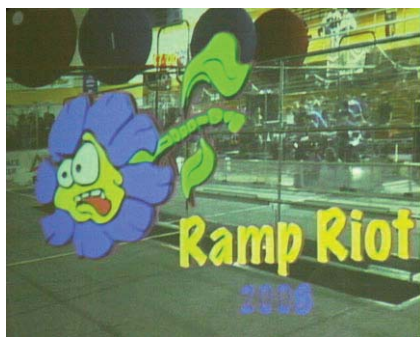
The attendees began arriving early, getting their cards together and wondering if they were going to be one of the lucky ones to win a great basket. Everyone was eagerly anticipating the beginning of the bingo. While they waited, they talked to team members and other attendees of the bingo. It seemed as though everyone was having a great time.

The Basket Bingo is one of Cyberonics Team 103's biggest fundraiser, and they're proud to say it was again a success. They already have great plans for next year and can not wait for the next Basket Bingo.

Ramp Riot 2009 is fast approaching, and Cyberonics Team 103 is busy getting ready for this big off-season competition that takes place on Saturday November 14th, 2009. Ramp Riot is one of the largest off season events in Pennsylvania, as well as the favorite of the Cyberonics Team. The whole team is very excited about going to Ramp Riot. It is the first full team competition that Cyberonics will be attending. It is exciting and every team is very spirited at the event. The team gets to mingle with other teams and just have a good time.

The new freshmen on the team get to learn what a real

competition is like. Last year, this small competition is where everyone had learned what they knew about competitions. Everyone had been ornamented



with blue and white, excited, but not exactly sure what for. All the videos had been watched and the drivers had practiced long before. It wasn't real for any of the freshmen last year until they walked into the arena. Everyone was bustling around, and the freshmen had walked in, full of awe. Hopefully the freshmen this year will also appreciate this competition.

This year, the Cyberonics Team is busily preparing for

Ramp Riot. The drive team is practicing, trying to get every shot perfect. Manufacturing is making sure that the robot is in top condition. The team is also getting pumped up for the competition, thanks to spirit coordinators Megan Kish and Robert Small. They are busy teaching the team cheers and keeping everyone motivated for the quickly approaching competition.

All the team members, new and old alike are anticipating this event, waiting for it to arrive on November 14th, 2009. Amongst the team members, chatter goes on about the eagerness of fellow peers, all prepared achieve the best we can, whether it be driving the robot, networking, scouting, or simply cheering on the drivers and prospective alliances.

Although the Cybersonics Technology Team only had one summer fundraiser for the 2009-2010 robotics season, it was a great success. The Cybersonics Walk-A-Thon on August 16th, took place from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, at the Palisades High School Walter T. Rohrer stadium. Each team member had to get volunteers to sponsor them for each mile. Some sponsors gave a straight donation to the team member but most of the donators gave a certain amount according to how many miles were walked by the team member they sponsored. There are 11 new team members this year and they all showed up bright and early that Sunday morning ready to walk for a cause. Later, mentor Rob Reilly fired up the grill and served hotdogs

and hamburgers for everyone that afternoon, while team members quickly finished their current lap to eat and talk to one another.

The walk was a great chance for sponsors to meet the team members and the new team members to meet the veterans. There was much singing along with the music, talking and a lot of fun. Mentor Rob Reilly was the DJ for the day and the music never stopped. It seemed as though every song was dedicated

to a team member. The music made the day pass by quickly, and it gave everyone something to talk about, although there was hardly a lull in the conversation.

The team sends a huge thank you to all the parent

supporters who brought water, snacks, and other drinks. The team stayed hydrated and cool all day long even though the walk took place in the smoldering heat. All in all, the Walk-a-Thon was a success and the team



Team members at the Walk-A-Thon

got off to a great start with fundraising for the 2009-2010 robotics competition season.

current fundraisers

by Darby Codd

This year, Cybersonics Team 103 is doing quite a lot of fundraising to help with the teams' annual cost. Cybersonics has conducted a Scarecrow Making fundraiser at the surrounding elementary schools, and a Barnes and Noble book fundraiser that will take place on November 16, 2009.

The scarecrow fundraiser took place on Monday, October 19th, Tuesday, October 20th, and Wednesday, October 21st. The fundraiser took place at the three elementary schools in the Palisades School District. Monday afternoon the team was at Tinicum Elementary School. About 22 students arrived to begin building the scarecrows. It was an exciting day for the students and the members of the Cybersonics Technology Team.

The second day of the fundraiser took place at Springfield Elementary School, where 20 excited students were anxiously awaiting the teams' arrival. The third day the team went to Durham-Nockamixon Elementary school and was met with about 22 kids. To make the scarecrows, students in Palisades High School brought in old jeans, shirts and any other clothing that they had lying around. The elementary students were allotted to pick the shoes and shirt that they wanted to use for their scarecrow. The team members then helped the students stuff the shirts and pants and then they would safety pin them together. They would then make the head by filling a plastic bag with newspaper and covering it with burlap. The kids would then decorate their

burlap covered heads however they wanted. It was a fun day for all the kids and the team members.

We are also preparing for the Barnes and Noble Book sale fundraiser. It will be taking place on Monday November 16, 2009. Cybersonics Team 103 will be at the Barnes and Noble at the Promenade Shops in Saucon Valley from 4:30 that afternoon until 8:30 that night. The robot will be there, and there will be many activities set up for kids of any age. Please help and support the team and be there.

All in all, fundraising is a great way to help out the team and meet many new people. The team is very excited about our next big fundraiser, Spaghetti Dinner, and any other upcoming fundraisers in the future.



From the Editors' desk...

It is hard to believe that we are back in school and that we are already working on the newsletter, new fundraising ideas, and getting the team ready for the upcoming season. The past year has been a learning experience for the whole team, and we are ready to jump in this build season with great, new, innovative and interesting ideas that are sure to bring us to the top. We have a lot of new kids on the team that are helping us to be better than ever before. Everyone on the team is anxiously waiting to see what the new game this year will be, and having fun fundraising and hanging out with other teams at the off-season competition at Wissahickon High School, Ramp Riot. Hopefully this year we will achieve our high expectations and hopes.

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what's the word with 103?

by Darby Codd and the kids of Team 103

Question: This season, what are you looking forward to the most?

Team Answers:

Megan Kish - Our Florida Regional, which will hopefully be a lot of fun.

Samantha Koenig - Just having my first competition and the Florida Regional.

Rachel Stoczko - Competing in all of the regionals.

Word of the Month: Enthusiasm - What does it mean to us?

Jonathan Weaver - Enjoying the team before the season.

Bryan Teatzner - Our team has a lot of enthusiasm for the upcoming season.

Robbie Small - Giving your all to make the team even better than ever before.

Darby Codd - We're all very enthusiastic about getting all of the fundraisers together, because Basket Bingo was such a success. We are getting ready for the season and having a lot of fun doing it.

a quick thank you

the newsletter team

Cybersonics Team 103 would like to take a moment to thank everyone that helped support the Basket Bigno, the Walk-A-Thon, the Scarecrow Fundraiser. It takes a lot of team effort, but effort from sponsors, parents and mentors. The team thanks each and every one of you for your help in keeping them prepared and ready for our fundraisers and competitions.

Without your support, Cybersonics Team 103 would not be who they are today. It is a huge team effort that includes many people off the team too. A sincere thank you goes out to everyone that has helped Team 103. They really appreciate all the hard work and dedication from sponsors, mentors and parents. Thank you!



Kelly and Phil Szymanowski excited at Basket Bingo

Upcoming Events:

- Spaghetti Dinner- Dec. 1, 2009 Springtown Fire Company
- Florida Regional- March 8-14, 2010
- Philadelphia Regional- March 25-27 2010
- Nationals in Atlanta Georgia- April 14-18, 2010

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