

# FWEC

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Engineers News

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## Past Tours

**June - Tin Caps game.** All you can eat, Thirsty Thursday, Jake the Dog, and Fire Works.

**May - Science Central.** We had an interesting and informative night at Science Central where Martin Fisher, Executive Director, shared his vision of a possible new exhibit, Science On a Sphere <http://sos.noaa.gov/>. This project will be the first to use floor space on the West side of the building. The evening included pizza and beverage, presentation, private viewing/demonstration GE's new generation exhibit, and a pitch for projects needing engineer's skills.

## Membership & Dues

Our treasurer, Ryan Stark, will be soliciting dues and scholarship contributions in with this October newsletter. **We will be in special need of academic assistance donations this year since we are losing the help of our largest donor.** Please send dues and contributions to treasurer:

Ryan Stark, 828 West Oakdale Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46807.

Questions? Call him at (260) 456-0809.

FWEC runs great tours! Invite your co-workers to a meeting and ask them to join – \$10/yr. Memberships on our web site, [www.FortWayneEngineersClub.org](http://www.FortWayneEngineersClub.org). Feel free to post this newsletter at your place of business!

## October Tour: Tippmann Enterprises

**When:** This Tippmann Sports LLC paint gun production facility tour is arranged by David Skaggs, Senior Manufacturing Engineer at Essex and is set for Thursday, October 28th at 4:00 PM during their regular day work hours.

**Directions:** Located at 2955 Adams Center Rd., Fort Wayne IN, but due to construction on 930 and Adams Center Rd, please take Meyer Rd to Moeller Rd to Adams Center Rd.

**Info on The Tippmann Company – Denny Tippmann Jr.:** Tippmann Sports is the world's leader in high-performance paintball products and produces high-quality, durable paintball markers and accessories at affordable prices. Technology evolves at a rapid rate and Tippmann, as innovators in the industry, revolutionized the game by developing the first semi-automatic paintball markers making paintball one of the fastest growing sports in the world. Tippmann is passionate about the sport, and excited watching it grow and working to find new ways to reinvent themselves. As Tippmann evolves with the game, a vital component to the design process is keeping the sport safe. Like quality and durability, if the product is not safe, Tippmann won't put their name on it. Enjoy browsing the website, [www.tippmann.com](http://www.tippmann.com).

**History:** Originally a manufacturer of collectible, half-scale replica machine guns, family-owned Tippmann entered the paintball industry in 1986 when gun law changes forced them to re-evaluate their business. They were afraid that paintball was just a passing fad, but was a natural transition for the company - after all, they knew how to make guns, and paintball markers shared the same basic principles as their machine guns. They entered the paintball industry with a goal: to make high-performance, durable products that people could afford. Because of their experience, Tippmann's products were light years ahead of the competition. They built the very first semi-automatic and full-automatic paintball markers, and the sport never slowed down. Tippmann went from having eight employees in 1986 to 120 today, with offices in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Buffalo Grove, Illinois.

## November Tour: Fort Wayne GM Assembly Plant

**Our sincere apologies for the dropped GM tour. The cancellation came in late from GM.**

**When:** Thursday, November 30th at 6:00 p.m. (rescheduled from September 30th)

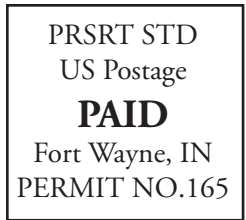
**Directions:** 12200 Lafayette Center Rd, Roanoke, IN 46783-9628. Highway 24 to Roanoke, and left on Lafayette Center Road to the plant (on the left). Or from I-69 take 96B to Lafayette Center Rd, the plant will be on the right.

**Info:** The Fort Wayne Assembly Plant recently upgraded to be able to build ¾ ton pick-up trucks – they had built only ½ ton trucks previously. We will be touring the assembly line. Try to make this tour, especially if you haven't seen it before. PS No open toe or heeled shoes are allowed in GM.

**Treasurer, Fort Wayne Engineers' Club**

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## FWEC Slate for Board Members and Officers

FWEC is still putting together the slate for officers and board members and we will be voiting with our November newsletter. We are looking for members that would like to become more involved and address our challenges. If you are a website person or feel you would be good at making contacts with interesting companies to set up tours, you may be our person! We are in need a new Vice President, Secretary, and two new board members, as well as some committee members. Here is a list of their responsibilities:

The **Vice-President** is responsible for club tours, but gets a lot of help from the club. After one year, the Vice-President becomes President and runs meetings, works with committees, and directs club efforts. After that you can join the Board to continue and help out.

The **Secretary** takes minutes and sends them out and helps compile and mail the newsletter.

**Board members** attend monthly board meetings and work on projects they are interested in and serve a three year term. Monthly board meetings are usually held the first Tuesday of the month from September to May.

None of these jobs requires a lot of work and have added benefit of a nice resume item. If you are interest, please reply by e-mail to jimd3130@aol.com. In addition, we are forming a **committee to redesign the website**. If interested, we would be happy to have you.

**Present officers and board members:** *President: Dave Skaggs, 413-6246. VP: Elizabeth Garr, 486-0158. Treasurer: Ryan Stark, 456-0809. Secretary: Jim Delaney, 484-8104. Board Members: 1st year: Cecil "Gene" Dominique, 436-0876; Daniel Delaney, 420-1399; 2nd year: Jack Phlipot, 438-0258; Patrick Delaney, 485-5427; 3rd year: Ellsworth Smith; Mary Gynn, 693-3147. Past Board: Rob Cisz, 480-0279; Jon Rowe, 244-5336. Communications: Pat Delaney, 485-5427. Past President: Cecil "Gene" Dominique, 436-0876. Past Past President: Terry VanDaele, cell 417-1352. Past Treasurer/Resident Engineer: Dan Ewing, 432-9847. Past Past Past President: Ryan Stark. Past Past Past Past President: Dan Delaney. Engineer's Week Representative: Jake Dinius, 637-9326.*

If you'd like to become more involved, please give us a call!!

## Joke

**You might be an engineer if:**

You take a cruise so you can go on a personal tour of the engine room.

In college, you thought Spring Break was metal fatigue failure.

The computer store salesperson can't answer any of your questions.

You have saved every power cord from all your broken appliances.

You know what http:// stands for.

You still own a slide rule and know how to use it.

You window shop at Radio Shack.

Your laptop computer cost more than your car.

You've already calculated how much you make per second.

You've tried to repair a \$5 radio.