

2013 FALL NEWSLETTER

Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (STEM)

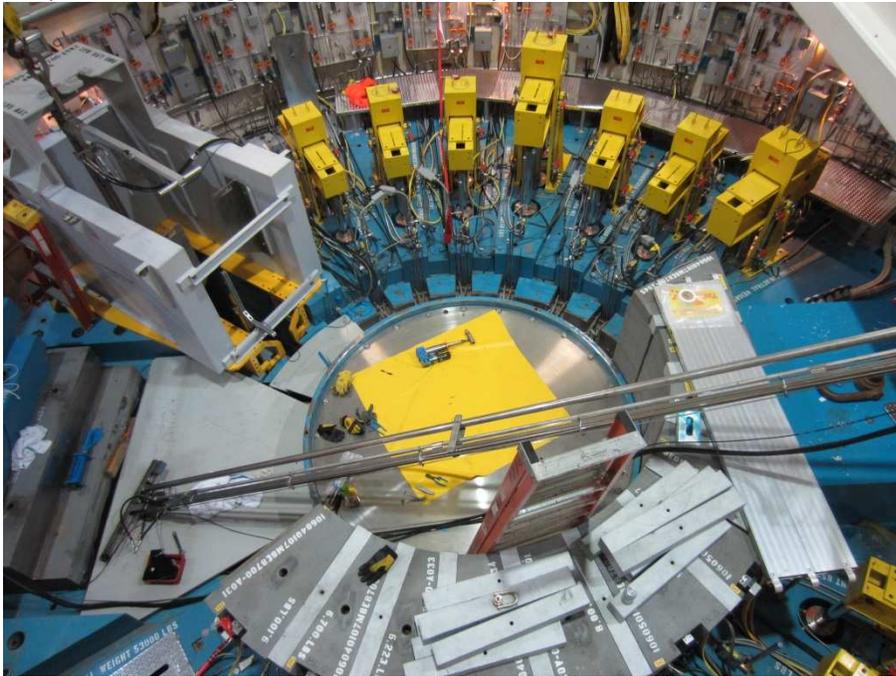
Dr. Jim Bogard had agreed to be the interface between the ETCHPS and L&N STEM Academy, with special attention to the health physics option.. He reports that the academy is in need of mentors, people who are willing to guide young students in a health physics background. This will be an opportunity to encourage young HP students and technicians. Stay tuned for activity announcements.

PROGRAM MEETINGS

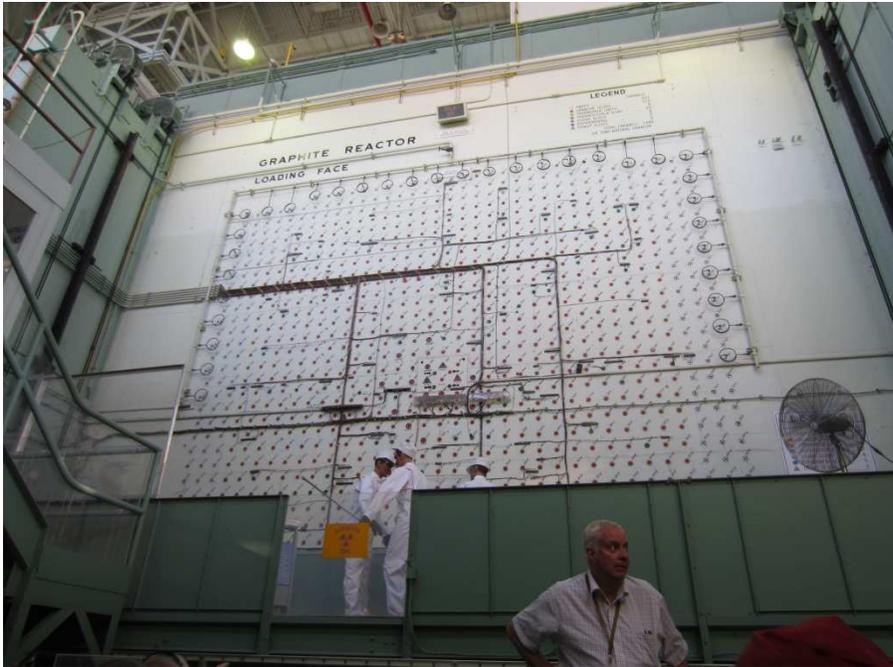
The June 2013 program meeting consisted of a tour of the Spallation Neutron Source (SNS), followed by a tour of the ORNL Graphite Reactor. Because the SNS was in maintenance mode, attendees were able to see parts of the facility that are not normally accessed.



Chapter members gathered in the SNS foyer



SNS target uncovered



Graphite Reactor



Graphite Reactor Upper Level

There was no program meeting in July, as many members were attending the annual HPS meeting in Madison, Wisconsin.

Our annual picnic was the theme for the August 2013 program meeting. The afternoon of August 24th, 2013 greeted chapter members with a sunny and warm atmosphere. Approximately thirty members of the East Tennessee Chapter, Health Physics Society (ETCHPS), met at Carbide Park for a bit of light music, food, and camaraderie. Manuel Diaz, 1st-Year Councilmember, made the arrangements. Activities were sponsored by AmeriPhysics and ORAU.

Food was provided by the Happy Badger catering service. Hamburgers, hot dogs, beans, and drinks were plentiful. Music was provided by the Jay Eric duet, with an eclectic format.

The highlight of the day was the Chapter Challenge. After the first round of competition, three members stood in a tie. After wrestling with two tie-breaker questions, Elizabeth Gillenwalters won the right to have her name enshrined on the chapter challenge trophy.



The bounce house was a hit with the children



Manuel Diaz congratulates Elizabeth Gillenwalters on winning the chapter challenge



Has anybody seen a telephone anywhere?

UPCOMING EVENTS

A new year is quickly approaching. That means two things.

First, the annual Vendor's Meeting will convene on December 12th at Rothchild's in Knoxville.

Second, some of our officers and councilmembers will be completing their tours of duty. Gary Kephart, chapter past-president and chair of the nominating committee, is looking for candidates for the following positions: president-elect, secretary-elect, and 1st-year councilmember. Job descriptions and duties can be found on our website under the "Chapter Business" link. In accordance with chapter by-laws, two candidates are needed for each position (it also makes it more interesting than running unopposed). If you have never served before and would like a chance to help, please give serious consideration to volunteering. If you have served before, and would like to get back into the mix, you are also welcome to throw your hat into the ring.

Chapter leadership has made an effort to increase active participation in the chapter. Our president-elect has been especially active in his efforts to revive the student section of the chapter by reaching out to the nuclear engineering students of UT-Knoxville.