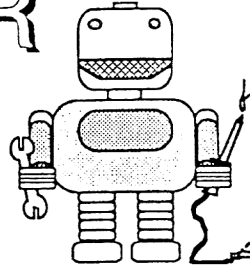


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Well, It's official! We are re-established and are *off and running* as the *Robotics Society of Southern California*. With the gracious assistance of Galen Walker and MTI College, we have a very nice meeting location. We've had three general meetings and two steering committee meetings now, an exhibit at the Orange County Fair, several very interesting speakers, have set up some tentative by-laws and a charter, and elected officers for the remainder of 1989 at the August 29th meeting. Our new president is Terry Carrigan; Vice President is Joe McCord; Secretary is Galen Walker; and Treasurer is Jerry Burton; with several others acting as committee chairpersons.

Our meetings are at MTI College, right off the 57 freeway at 2011 W. Chapman Ave, Orange, on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM. Dues have been set at \$15.00 a year and an initiation fee of \$15.00, and we have established a bank account with a working balance of almost \$500. But, the expenses of the fair and printing and mailing will deplete this significantly, so we encourage those of you who have not joined to do so at our October 3rd meeting. Call Galen Walker @ (714) 385-1132 for reservations.

This meeting will initiate our new three-part format. We will start with a quick general business session and immediately go into our featured presentation for the evening. This month will feature videos of personal robots, past and present, and we encourage those of you who have video footage of robots or related activities to bring them along. The *RB-5X*, the *Hubot*, the *Androbot Topo*, the *British R-Ø*, and a new machine from SynPet of Boise, Idaho- the *Newton*, will be featured. After a break for coffee and meeting others, we will enter into the "Random Access" interchange of ideas portion of our meeting where all members will have a chance to field questions and answers. The final portion of our meeting will be the technical session where this month's topic is how to start building your own personal robot.

Hopefully you noticed the name at the masthead,- *Robot Builder*. It's a holdover from the original *Southern California Robotics Society* and aptly describes what our membership has interests in. We can continue with that masthead, or select a new name.

If you cringed at the robot "*builder*" cartoon, we welcome all you artists out there to come up with a better logo October 3rd. You also may have noticed that this issue is only a page and a half. We need quality articles from all of you. Robot construction, mobility, software, control circuitry, sensors, short robot-related fiction & cartoons and robots in the home are some ideas. We also welcome advertising from related suppliers and personal robot companies. If you have access to a word processor and laser printer, submit your own copy-ready pages to editor, Tom Carroll, but be sure to have someone double-check your spelling and grammar.

We would like to assure everyone that this is a society for all members in equality. The minutes of all meetings will be available for all to view. Any member in good standing is welcome at all committee meetings and all ideas will be considered. The only way to grow and prosper is to please as many people as possible. We intend to bring in quality speakers, make group discount buys available, utilize our members as speakers at other functions, and organize activities outside our general meetings. Purchase of custom T-shirts or caps has also been considered. The more experienced members are anxious to help those new to the field understand this exciting branch of science, and possibly construct their own robot.