



“Developing Outstanding Ideas and Individuals... One at a time.”

ARG Alumni Newsletter Winter ‘08

1. Greetings

Hello again and Happy New Year to all. I’ll keep this brief. There have been a couple of newsworthy updates in the lab. You can always check the individual student web pages on the website to see what research we’re up to. For up to date info on the ARG overall, a good place to start is always the “What’s New” section leading off the ARG website at <http://mrrobot.me.uiuc.edu>.

2. Who’s New

There are a couple of new ARG members that started with us this Fall. Tim Deppen was an undergraduate here at UIUC that’s started his M.S. in our group. He finished up his B.S. degree last December. He was working with us as an undergraduate RA and has transitioned to a Graduate RA this Spring. He’s working in the area of Fluid Power



Systems and will be working on the hydraulic hybrid vehicle as part of the Engineering Research Center that we’re working on with ARG. Also, Vikas Chandan is joining us from IIT. He joined UIUC in the Fall but

started with ARG this semester. He will be working on the analysis of energy networks.

3. Accomplishments

As always, we like to keep you all updated about what we’re doing here so that you can still speak with pride about being a part of the ARG. Here we just give a brief update on some of the more notable things that have occurred to ARG members since the last time we wrote.

- David Hoelzle deposited his M.S. Thesis and is now working on his Ph.D.
- Kira and Dave both completed semesters abroad in the Netherlands and Singapore, respectively

More details on Kira and Dave’s exploits abroad can be found on the Blogs they kept for the MechSE department. We may institutionalize the semester abroad for PhD students if it turns out to have long term benefits. Also, you can check our ARG homepage regularly to find out whether any new news has come through.

4. Announcements-Catching up.

We do have some news from the Alumni front. Brian Eldredge and his wife added Nathan Eldredge last Fall. We have a picture here of young Nathan from his first days in the hospital. Below that is a picture of the whole family (showing those BYU colors).

Feel free to write Brian and give him congratulations.



An older ARG lab member, David Lynch, finally tied the knot last year. He married his fiancée, Angela. Here's a picture of the wedding. Way to go you two!



Speaking of weddings, we have another on the horizon. It seems that our very own Marina Tharayil will be joining the wedding crowd sometime this year. Here's a picture of

the happy couple. Congratulations to Marina and Mike.



Nothing to do with family but here is a picture of Rong Zhang at his Summer internship at McKinsey in China last summer. Be friends with this man. He's going places. Hmm...the "Rong Zhang ARG scholarship." We like how that sounds ☺



That's all for now. We'll have a more extensive newsletter this summer. Please keep the updated