# MSSTC ALUMNI NEWSLETTER



October 1, 2007

## Fallbrook Technologies' NuVinci Transmission

### Wins Prestigious R&D 100 Award

Fallbrook Technologies Inc., a pioneering technology development company, announced today that its NuVinci Continuously Variable Planetary (CVP) transmission has won an R&D 100 Award as one of the most significant new technologies worldwide of 2007. The CVP is sold today for use in bicycles (and has won two major awards in Europe), will soon appear on light electric vehicles, and later on larger apps like cars, trucks, and even wind power turbines.

Past R&D 100 Awards have recognized products such as Polacolor film (1963), the automated teller machine (ATM) (1973), the halogen lamp (1974), the fax machine (1975), the liquid crystal display (LCD) (1980), the printer (1986), the Kodak Photo CD (1991), the Nicoderm antismoking patch (1992), Taxol anticancer drug (1993), and HDTV (1998).

Rob Smithson - VP of Product Development, Doug Feicht - Senior Engineer and Jeremy Carter - Program Manager all graduated from the MSSTC Program.



**ROD DUNSMORE HAS** WON THIS MONTH'S REFERRAL REWARDS DRAWING, THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND ENJOY YOUR \$75 UNIVERSITY CO-OP GIFTCARD!!!

### Mayor Will Wynn to speak at Annual Alumni Conference

Mayor Will Wynn has been secured as the keynote speaker for the 4th Annual Alumni Conference. He will give his presentation "Global Warming" advocate for green initiatives. and the Austin Climate Protection Plan" on October 13th. Many of you know that Mayor Wynn was one of the alumni who will be discussing

people trained by Al Gore on the perils of global warming, and is a nationally renowned He will also be joined by other speakers which include fellow

various topics related to the theme "It's Easy Being Green." The conference begins with a social reception and dinner Friday evening at Sullivan's Restaurant and presentations will follow on Saturday.

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#### Alumni Referral Rewards

The next Referral Rewards drawing will be 12/1/07 - don't miss your chance to win! To gain your entry to the drawing, simply:

- Provide a student testimonial at an upcoming information session - we need you!
- Arrange an information session at your company or in your community
- Refer an applicant to the program
- Contact Lara Horowitz to be featured in our upcoming Alumni Spotlight on the MSSTC website
- Insert your idea here! Email Jacquelin

#### UT Austin Increasingly Licenses its Research

The licensing of university intellectual property to private firms for commercialization has increased dramatically for The University of Texas at Austin and the UT System over the last four years.

#### UT Austin Announces \$7.5 Million Gift to Open Center on Global Affairs

Renowned lawyer and public servant Ambassador Robert S. Strauss and the law firm of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP have contributed \$7.5 million to The University of Texas at Austin to establish a new research center on global affairs.

## Sept 17 is Proclaimed SolarD Day, House Unveiling Takes Place at Mueller

Councilman Brewster McCracken will read a mayoral proclamation citing Sept. 17 as "SolarD Day" at the ribbon cutting and unveiling of the 800-square-foot, solar-powered house designed and built by students at The University of Texas at Austin for the 2007 Solar Decathlon competition held at the National Mall in Washington, D.C., in October.

#### Fourteen Indian Entrepreneurs Awarded for Innovative Technologies

Fourteen Indian entrepreneurs were today awarded for innovation in science and technology under the Lockheed Martin India innovation Growth Programme.

Have an announcement or item of note for the MSSTC Newsletter? Email your news to <u>Jacquelin</u>. Contact <u>Lara Horowitz</u> to be featured in our upcoming Alumni Spotlight on the MSSTC website.

## Product Manager Elected to the American Society of Neurophysiological

Cadwell Laboratories' Neuromonitoring Product Manager Ky Calder was elected to The American Society of Neurophysiological Monitoring (ASNM) board of directors for the 2007-2008 term.

The ASNM benefits patients by fostering the growth and stature of neurophysiological monitoring, representing and serving as advocates within the medical community on behalf of members, providing a forum for education and dissemination of knowledge in the field, developing quality standards for practice

and training, promoting the highest standards of neurophysiological monitoring through research, and building partnerships and coalitions with allied professionals, according to the ASNM Mission found at www.ASNM.org.

The Society's vision is to serve "as the leading organization for the field of interventional neurophysiological assessment and monitoring," according to www.ASNM.org. Founded in 1990, the Society

promotes the interests of neurophysiological monitoring, defined as "any measure that is used to assess the functional integrity of the peripheral or central nervous system either in the operating room, the intensive care unit, or other acute care setting."

#### Call for student success stories

The MSSTC Program and the IC<sup>2</sup> Institute are interested in documenting a few settings in which graduates of the program are making a difference at the local, regional or large corporation level. Members of the alumni group could greatly enhance this process by alerting the MSSTC Program staff and director to situations in which teams or individuals have been a catalytic force for product breakthroughs, regional spikes in economic activity or similar situations. We would be grateful for research leads and will reward our intelligence agents who provide timely tips in an appropriate manner. You could even find your name on an academic paper. Please send suggestions to Jacquelin Courtney.

Comments? Suggestions? News? Questions? Please contact Jacquelin Courtney, Program Coordinator

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Texas Conference for Women\*** 

October 4, 2007

**Austin Convention Center** 

www.txconferenceforwomen.org

**InnoTech Conference\*** 

October 11, 2007

**Austin Convention Center** 

www.innotechconference.com/austin

**Annual MSSTC Alumni Conference** 

October 12-13, 2007

**RSVP** by 10/5/07

www.ic2.utexas.edu/msstc/alumni-central.html

Wireless Seedstage Forum

October 17, 2007

UT Club

http://www.seedstageforum.com

**Hungarian Trade and Investment Seminar** 

October 18, 2007

Hyatt Regency Austin

**RSVP** by 10/11/07

**Texas Wireless Summit** 

October 17-19, 2007

Hilton Austin Hotel

http://www.twsummit.com

**MSSTC Information Session at IBM** 

October 23, 2007

12:00 - 1:00pm

**IBM - FOR IBM EMPLOYEES ONLY** 

11500 Burnet Road, Building 908 - Texas Star Room

Austin, TX 78758

Please email <u>Joseph John</u> at IBM in Austin to RSVP for this event and be sure to include 'ADNG IC2' in the subject line. The MSSTC Program would like to give a special thanks to the Austin Asian Diversity Network Group for helping plan this event.

**Emerging Technology Fund and Angel Funding Sources for Early Stage Companies Workshop** 

December 4, 2007

UT's MCC Auditorium

www.ati.utexas.edu/ati-news/emerging-technology-fund-and-angel-funding-sources-for-early-stage-comp-4.html

For more information or a flyer, contact Marie Warden \* The MSSTC Program will be exhibiting at these events.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



We are just two weeks away from our main alumni event of the year - our

Tim Kennedy
President
MSSTC Alumni Association

Annual Alumni Conference. This is our 4th year now and I have never seen a better line-up of speakers. Our dinner on Friday night will be at Sullivan's Steakhouse, which is my personal Austin

favorite, and one of the best in the city. Please make an effort to attend - especially recent graduates. I will personally guarantee you won't be disappointed.

I also want to mention our Linked In social network we have set up for the alumni. At present we have almost 90 alumni on here. It is a protected group so people can't spam us. I encourage all of you to post your profile here. I have found it invaluable in finding contacts with expertise in certain areas. Lastly I want to welcome our new MSSTC Program
Director, Gary M Cadenhead, and our new Program
Coordinator, Jacquelin R.
Courtney. I have had numerous interactions with both of them in recent weeks and have been extremely impressed. I am very excited to have them at the helm of our MSSTC degree program.

See you at the conference!

Tim Kennedy

President, MSSTC Alumni Association