



Week Number Four

It's fun to have fun, but you have to know how. Building a robot definitely fits the bill; especially when things are coming together. We are in pretty good shape for the shape we are in.

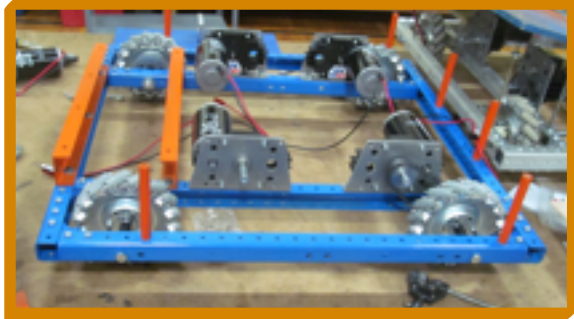
Build



We were very busy and productive this week with all aspects of build coming together. Our arm is completed: rivets, painting and

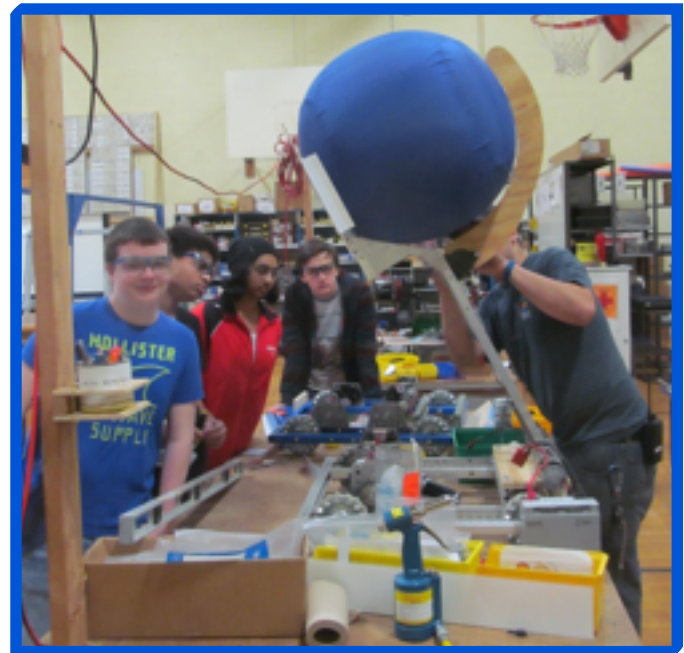
all. It's even mounted on the robot. The claw





components are constructed, but needs painting and assembly. Our chassis is at last together

for good now



that the paint is dry. All the transmissions have been installed and are awaiting wiring. The framework for the bumpers has been



fabricated and now needs to be covered. Plans for the electronics has begun, but our electroaquarium might be flopped on both sides like a fish out of water.



Imagery

Things are coming together for imagery also. The t-shirt design is completed and has been converted into a usable format for use on the t-shirts, thanks to graphic designer Terese



Newman. Now they set to be sent off to the t-shirt printer.

We have also been working on the give aways for Team Paragon. It looks like we will be looming our way to everyones wrists.

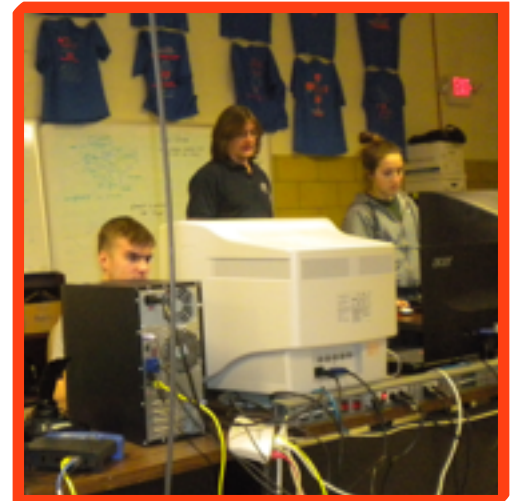
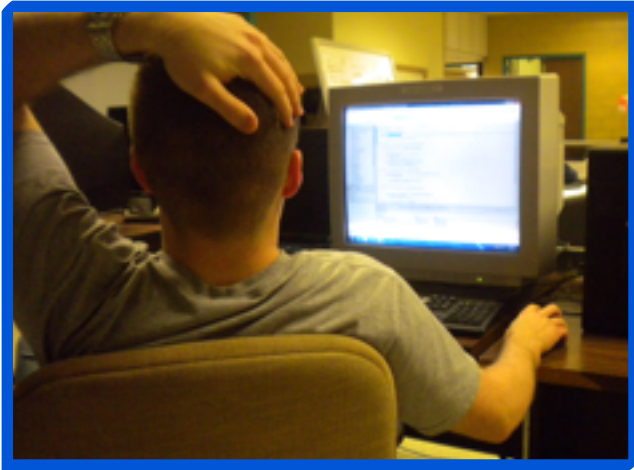
The new mascot design is being finalized.

Next construction will begin. Lastly, the naming processes is narrowing down and will be revealed on Monday.



Programming

To say that programming is coming together is a bit of an understatement. The code has been written ...even autonomous. This includes from the movement during autonomous, lifting and dispensing the ball, to the claw to shooting to making coffee. Oh the things you can think if only you try. Now the chore is to get the code to



communicate
with the robot.



Having the code completed this soon is a record in the history of Paragon. This is all attributed to Burt Smith, who this week's shout out goes to. He has had the challenge of teaching many students who had no understanding of programming. He has done so, in a manner that is clear and concise. Additionally, he has revolutionized how the team goes through the process for programming the robot. It is more stream line and logical than it ever has been in the past.

Web



Web has been busy adding to the mobile web site. They have also ventured into the scouting world by creating an online pre-competition scouting sheet.

We are moving to SmartPhone Scouting for pre-match and Match Scouting. David J is leading the way. Addison is also important in this integration of new technology to transition our activities to the digital age. We will be doing all of our scouting electronically on SmartPhones this season.

Blazing Paranormals

The blazing Paranormals are in the news again.

They competed this weekend at the Loomis Chaffee. Team Paragon went to see our sibling

team in action because a robot is a robot no matter how





small. They were once again chosen by one of the top 4 alliances to move onto the semifinals. But they were happy with how they performed. Yes, they are still in the CT

Championships. The robot will need a good diagnostic check up and to change out the motors. They also debuted their ghost mascot.

Up Coming Event

Suffield Shake Down: February 15th

Ship: February 18th

Groton District Competition: March 8th and 9th

Hartford District Competition: March 29th and 30th

Continue to watch for the weekly updates on the blog to watch our progress.

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