



## October Update

It's a new month, and with another month comes a new update. Throughout the month of October we have done a lot, including, having continued our weekly meetings on Monday from 6:30pm to 8:00pm as well as a few Wednesday night build sessions.

### *Overview of Meetings:*

#### ***Monday 10/6: Safety, Safety, Safety***

The first Monday we began training by watching a video given to us by Mr. Moore, and then taking a test, to grasp our safety prowess. This kicked off our safety training period, and we are still continuing with training. Towards the end of the night we had taken a Kahoot quiz (a new online, interactive game show style quiz) to go over the right answers to the original quiz.

#### ***Monday 10/13:***



The next Monday we took a tour of the build site, pointing out all of the safety features, in case of an emergency. Kids ran all across the build site to find fire extinguishers, exit doors, and a safe path for exiting the building from a fire. We sat down at the end and reviewed what we had found and what the best answers were.



this activity, and everyone got a chance to make a threaded hole by hand, in a piece of metal.

### ***Monday 10/20:***

In this training about threaded fasteners, everyone learned how to tap a hole, for when a drill just didn't cut it. Mr. Koenig led



### ***Monday 10/27:***

Monday Mr. Schwartz led a training session on how to properly use gears and gear ratios. We learned how we used gears in transmissions and how



we've used them in the past years. We also had a website scavenger hunt, where students paired up and tried to find all of the key features of our website. We also shared ideas we all had for the improvements to the website. Congratulations to Amanda and Justin, who won the website scavenger hunt!

### ***Wednesday nights:***



During these sessions we worked on our summer robot and battery charger cabinet. We also trained drivers for the Bash at the beach competition. Lastly we tore down the truss and scoring wall from last years game to prep the field for next year's game.

### ***Reverse Pasta Dinner:***

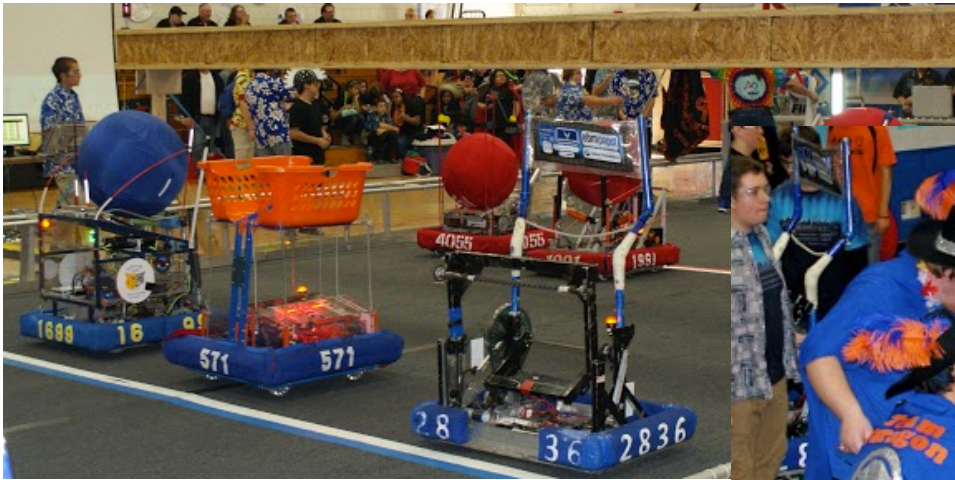
Team Paragon hosted a reverse pasta dinner for the team and the high school. They held a food drive to collect Pasta and Sauce for the Windsor Food Bank. The Team collected 183.6 pounds of food to gladly hand over to the Food Bank. This was the “warm weather” food drive in preparation for our Turkey and 20 drive and assisting Windsor EMS town wide food drive in November.





### ***Bash at the Beach:***

Bash at the beach is an off season competition where we played last year's game Ariel Assist. During the competition we gave our previous year's robot, Dr. Seuss, its final voyage. We let the new members have some experience in any role they wanted, driver, operator, human player, or coach. Although we did not come out on top,



everybody had a great time, whether it was cheering in the stands or fixing our robot, after the robot being

broken from the previous matches. Throughout the competition, we had a few obstacles in our path. During our first match we broke our arm by being rammed into the wall by another robot. Quickly after our match we fixed it thanks to our pit crew of Noah, James, Jon, Zack, Aiden, Matt and our pit boss, previous member, Mark Markiewicz. Afterwards, we put our



arm out of commission in our second-to-last match. Overall though, we had a great turnout for the event, with a total of 12 students.

### ***Stafford Speedway Fundraiser:***



The following day after the Bash at the Beach competition, we had the Stafford Speedway fundraiser. At the racetrack there was an auto parts swap meet going on and we stood at the two entrances of the race track ask people for any spare money. We got anything from some spare change to \$20 bills. A few kids got really into it, raising over \$180 individually!

It really shows off

how

fundraising training went! At the end of the morning, we had made over \$700 total.



***Upcoming Events:***

11/15: Turkey And Twenty Drive (community service)

11/23 and 11/24: EMS food drive (community service)

11/29: Unloading of Christmas trees (community service)

**From the Captains: ~ Matt & James**

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