

END OF 2016 season

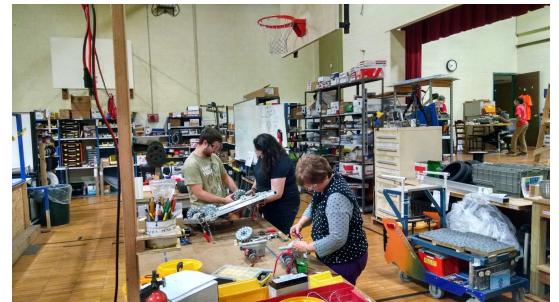


Build Sessions – May 9th and 11th:



Team Paragon began the month of May with a couple of optional build sessions. Numerous activities were undertaken, such as taking down our practice field, which had been set up for the Stronghold competition. We removed the outer works obstacles in order to help prepare for our upcoming season. We also readied our practice field for our new carpet by dismantling our old carpet squares laid out on the field. Finally, more scrap metal and various pieces were taken apart and sorted for

future use. We also worked on our practice/summer robot project, finalizing the assembly of the robot drive train (transmissions, sprockets, chains) and started wiring the motor speed controllers and power supply board



Lions Club – May 7th:



For the first time Team Paragon accepted the Lions Club offer to participate in their annual craft show and flower sale. Paragonians arrived bright and early to assist in the set up of the booths for the many vendors. At lunch time they could be seen awaiting their orders to deliver meals as needed to the assembled participants. At days



end, Team Paragon was once again available to help restore the town green to its original state and pack up the boxes, baubles and flowers for anyone in need.

Bottle and Can Drive - May 14th:

Once again, the team took to the town green in order to collect bottles and cans from the community. Since the event has become so well-known, many townspeople expected this event and came prepared with countless bags of recyclables that they had saved for us. Collecting bottles and cans is great for everyone involved. Windsor residents are able to easily recycle their old cans and bottles, and get a chance to be introduced to the town's robotics team. The team gets to involve itself in our community, and the money we raise can go towards vital aspects of the team such as robot parts, food, or other necessary items. Thank you for your continued support.



Shad Derby Parade - May 21st:



Windsor's annual Shad Derby festival, and with it the long anticipated parade, came upon us in the third week of May. As usual, the team made a strong showing in the parade, with a significant portion of the team, along with last year's robot Otis, in attendance. Proudly wearing Paragon's orange and blue, the team marched through the center of town. Despite some minor technical difficulties involving temporarily losing connection with Otis (and

having to carry the robot occasionally), we represented the team well and captured the attention of many audience members in the crowd.



Otis Volleyball – June 3rd:



Several members of Team Paragon volunteered for one of our largest sponsors, Otis Elevator at their annual employee Volleyball Tournament. The proceeds of this tournament support charity, so Team Paragon happily takes part in this community event every year. We are also extremely grateful for Otis's reliable financial support. We help set up numerous volleyball nets and collect trash, bottles, and cans, from those at the event throughout the day. Once the tournament comes to an end, our team helps dismantle all the nets and clean up around the field.



MS Bike-A-Thon - June 5th:



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Bike-A-Thon this year, Team Paragon was another vibrant volunteer presence. This annual event raises money and awareness for multiple sclerosis, and the team is happy to help in any way we can. Along with the Blazing

Paranormals, Team Paragon served popcorn, cotton candy, and beverages to those who participated in the bike race. As the rain ended the event early, the team helped take down all the tables and chairs and cleaned up the area.

End Of Year Banquet - June 6th:



The team met for our final meeting of the year at the beginning of June. Amongst many delicious food items and the company of Team members, mentors, and family, we simultaneously said goodbye to our current seniors and welcomed our new officers. We watched a wonderful slideshow of Paragon's past year (thanks James!) as well as a



humorous video of advice to future captains, a parting gift from our current captains. We look forward to another great year, with Amanda and Justin as our new co-captains.



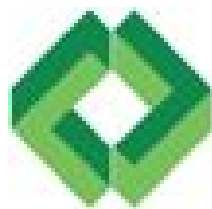
Where's Wolcott - June 11th:



This year at Where's Wolcott, quite a few new members were in attendance. At this annual off season competition, many members of the teams get the opportunity to practice driving the robot in a fun, noncompetitive environment.

~Addison & Sam

And now a word from our new co-captains



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This year, our team is faced with the bittersweet farewell to our 7 amazing seniors.

Addison Abbot has been on Team Paragon for 4 years, and just retired his role as co-captain for the 2015-2016 season. He will be attending Gordon College in Massachusetts to study Computer Science and Business Administration.

Jonathan Aliczi is a 2-year member of Team Paragon, and will be attending Manchester Community College for Manufacturing Engineering.

Matt Craig, a 4-year team member and a co-captain for the 2014-2015 season, will be attending Manchester Community College for his first two years with an undecided major between Computer and Mechanical Engineering (although the team has decided for him that he will have a minor in hairdressing).

Aidan Lee has been on Team 571 for the past 4 years, and will be headed to UCONN with a major in biochemical engineering.

Jesse Moran has been a vital part of the imagery and build teams on 571 for the past 3 years, and will be attending Lesley University in Cambridge, MA to study Animation.

James Pinckney, a member of our team for 4 years, a co-captain for the 2014-2015 season, and the person everyone goes to for help, will be attending University of Hartford next year with a major in Computer Science.

Sam Reale, a member of the team for 4 years and another one of our most recent co-captains, will going to UCONN next fall with a major in mathematics.

We will certainly miss you all! Thanks for all the lessons you have taught us. Each of you have a really unique personality that cannot be forgotten and will stay with us throughout our time here. We know you will do well wherever you decide to go and whatever you decide to do in the future. Don't forget to come back and visit (and bring Mrs. Hammersmith and Amanda chocolate of course... Justin likes milk chocolate but you can forget about him I guess)!



- Amanda and Justin