

Engsoc newsletter

News from the first quarter!

Events in review:

Orientation Camp 2008

How do you get students to meet each other? Simple, leave them for a week in the middle of a state forest. And that's exactly what we did. This was the 17th year that the Orientation has been held by the Engineering Faculty, with the largest intake of students to date o-camp was set to break new grounds, and not exactly in student numbers.

We were once again helped out by a large number of student (over 40) and staff helpers who volunteered their time to introduce all you new students into the world of Engineering. For some students it was their first time 'roughing it', the world of Cataract.

We give respect where respect is due, and the first camp managed to not only drink their way through their allocation of alcohol on the licenced trivia night, but also the second camps supply as well. But never fear, we regrouped, restocked and were ready again on the Thursday as the second camp took on trivia.

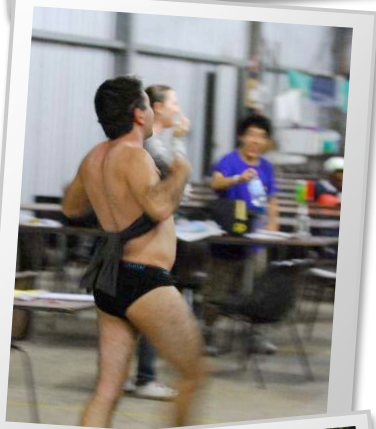
So if you had fun this year, want even more fun next year and enjoy dressing up a sad old Volvo to 'rally spec' then keep an eye out on the Engsoc website for details to sign up:

www.engsoc.org.au

There are plenty of student projects you can complete to help make the Orientation Camp a better experience. Contact Betty Jacobs to discuss doing a O-Camp Professional Service Project.

Beer and Prawn: Welcome 2008

What a way to start the semester other than to party it on with new and old friends at the Beer and Prawn start of



semester party! There were 15 kilos of delicious king prawns polished off within one and a half hours and 8 chickens quickly followed suit. These were washed down with a nice cold beer as the free drink tokens were stacked up behind the bar.

With most years represented by those that know and love Engsoc events, and a large turnout from the first years, this was an awesome way to start the year, and would most defiantly be repeated in the future.

Clubs Day/ Amazing Race

27th of March saw the Alumni Green transformed into a sea of tents and stalls spruiking clubs for every interest imaginable. The softly coloured light shining through the roof of Engsoc's stall cast an eerie backdrop for a strange alliance. The Pirate's vs. Ninja's crew were readying themselves for the Amazing race with a combination of meditation and rum.

At the start teams made a mad squabble for the first stop point, starting a chain reaction of frenzied bodies rushing throughout the university. Highlights include a mystery fluoro-green, chunky shot taken by chubby, 100 push-ups by Jordan and being able to run around in a mad dash dressed as pirates and ninja's!

In the end, Team: Discovery Channel came first and Pirate's vs. Ninja's came second (even with the incident involving some team members trying to steal a wheelbarrow from the demolition site to ride to the finish). ☺

All those wishing to have a go at the amazing race will get a chance at the next clubs day in second semester. ~ Fwanc

Beer Tasting: State vs. State

The Australian beer tasting night was held on the 27th March at the local Shannon Hotel (Abercrombie St). Around 24 beer lovers turned up on the night to sample

some of the premium beers created in this country. Our MC for the night, life member Craig Scott, kept everyone entertained with his in depth knowledge of everything beer. The night consisted of samples of 12 beers produced around this great land (except for Queensland, no good beer has ever come from there!). There was the added challenge of 12 beer reviews (beerlovers.com) and having to match each beer to their respective review, not an easy challenge as the night progressed. Also on offer was the chance to sample a variety of malts and hops, raw beer brewing ingredients, who ever thought that one of the main ingredients of dark beers tastes like ovaltine? Phil Taylor (Goat) took out the challenge with 8 out of 12 beers correctly matched. Even non-beer drinkers enjoyed the night! I would like to thank Craig Scott for volunteering his time to MC the night and teach us just a little bit more about our favorite brew.

Harbour Cruise: Pirate's vs. Ninja's
The UTS Engineering Society does it again! The 2008 harbour cruise was awesome!

Pirates and Ninjas went head to head to conquer the "seas" of the Sydney Harbour. Heaps of people dressed up as pirates; eye-patch, hook, tattoos, scabbard and Captain Jack Sparrow look-a-likes, ahoy! Of course, there was the imminent appearance of the "UTS Ninja Society" and other independent ninjas for hire. And not to mention, some lovely ladies turned up in full gypsy/pirate wench attire and they were looking absolutely gorgeous!

There were free-flowing drinks, gourmet-style pizza (a surprise indeed, we were expecting Domino's!) and the company of good friends on and off the dance floor, against the beautiful backdrop of Sydney's famous harbour! It was 4 hours of crazy, ship-rockin' fun that didn't stop there! The party went off and into Cargo Bar where Engsoc members of course secured free entry and a free drink ... Aye, this was definitely some wild night, and worth doing all over again, in a heartbeat! (Or before you can say YARRR!)

Many thanks to Dany, Erika and the fabulous shipmates of The Harbour Queen, and to Luke, Ben, Phil and the rest of the landlubbers at Cargo Bar!

Links to photos of this event can be found on our community website:

<https://community.engsoc.org.au>

If you want to get involved in other EngSoc activities as a member, or would like to increase your participation as a member and get down and dirty with us, drop us a line at enquiries@engsoc.org.au

By Louella

Club Person of the Year

This award was won by Happy – aka the trivia dude. Happy put in a great effort in to the Engball that was an awesome night and the biggest ever! Runner up for the award was Nassar, our very own rugged and hard working VP.

Upcoming Events:

Cocktail Night

In conjunction with clubs such as Exposure, Sci. v Sci and Salad Bowl, Engsoc is bringing you a cocktail spectacular!

With a Chicago Black/Red theme this is the opportunity for you to grab your mates, dress to impress and chill in the glasshouse sipping seductively from a frosted glass.

This semi-formal event boasts cheap cocktails and a great chance to mingle (especially if your single!) Pre-event entertainment starts from 4pm with events such as trivia, and beer bingo to tide you over until the start, plus this is another chance for you to pick up your member keyrings.

Tickets are available from the union desk:

\$10 Members of participating clubs

\$20 Non-members (or join a club when you buy and save!)

Union Advantage Program

Do your mates know something that you don't? Over 30% of Engsoc members are also member's of the advantage program. Reaping the benefits of discounts when they work out at the uni gym, \$75 worth of coupons and discounts in and around uni.

