

Hello! We are the Ponytail Posse, a competitive robotics team. This is the first issue of our new quarterly newsletter. You are receiving this because you are one of our supporters.

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WHAT'S NEW & HAPPENING WITH THE PONYTAIL POSSE

SUMMER 2015 NEWSLETTER

- our trip to the St. Louis FIRST Robotics World Festival
- demo at the TCMaker Minne Faire
- demo at the Ramsey County local libraries
- presentation for our school district
- new technology for 2015
- looking ahead... fall 2015
- summer throwback picture
- welcome, new sponsors!

WHO IS THE PONYTAIL POSSE?

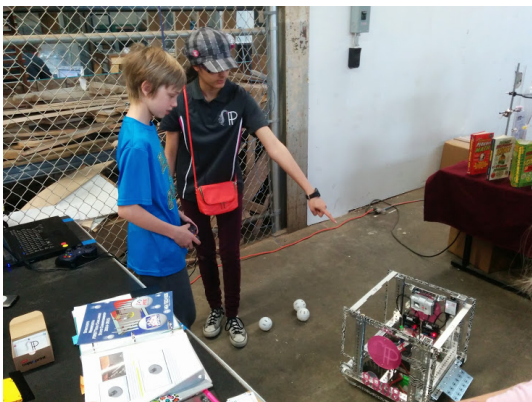
Rose, Sabriyah, Nancy, Meghan, Amy, and Amelie: a 7th year robotics team. We are going into our sophomore year of high school.



ST. LOUIS FIRST ROBOTICS WORLD FESTIVAL

Last April, after winning a social media contest, FedEx brought us to the FIRST World Festival in St. Louis as their official ambassadors. They also planned activities including tours (Boeing, Busch Stadium, etc.), meet ups (FedEx Executives, Square and Twitter founders, and the founder of FIRST, Dean Kamen), and we even were each given the opportunity to fly a plane at Parks College Flight School. It was a life changing experience for all of us and we are so thankful to FedEx for giving us this opportunity!

[CLICK HERE](#) for the first blog post we wrote about the trip!



TCMAKER MINNE FAIRE DEMO

During a rainy weekend in May, we took part in the annual TCMaker Minne Faire at the Hack Factory (a tool shop where we work on our robot). At this event, we were able to see many unique and cool things people have been working on while at the Hack Factory. We also showed off our own robot and let anyone who wanted to drive Stacy (our robot) drive her around our booth.

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SUMMER LIBRARIES KICKOFF DEMO

On June 6, we went to our local library's summer reading program kickoff, where we demonstrated our

robot. While we talked to parents about how their kids could get involved in robotics, the kids learned how to drive our robot and try it out themselves. They had such a blast and it was very exciting to get to see them having so much fun.

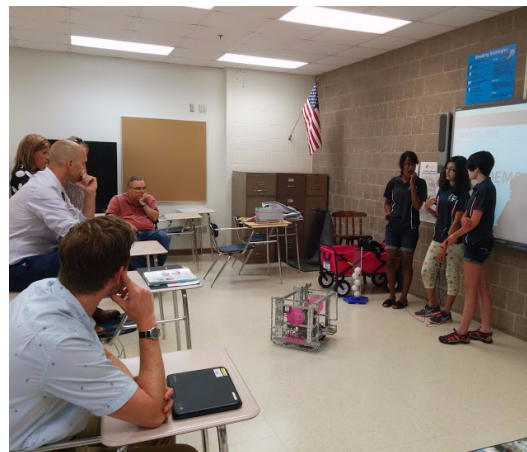
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PRESENTATION TO OUR SCHOOL

In our school district, most schools offer minimal or no support for FIRST robotics teams. The middle school that we attended recently got a new principal, so we decided to schedule a meeting with him and several others to discuss FIRST in the school and district. We gave a slide presentation to them about all the different age levels of FIRST robotics. At the end, they were interested and spent a lot of time asking about details of implementing this into the school system.

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NEW TECHNOLOGY

Our new field control system has arrived! Our robot will now be controlled by Android technology using smartphones and coding in Java. We are having fun learning about the new system through trial and error. We're also very excited to begin learning Java for programming in the coming season!

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[CLICK HERE](#) TO READ ABOUT WHAT ELSE WE'VE BEEN UP TO THIS SUMMER!

- pancake breakfast at Magenics – [link](#)
- FLL Q&A Twitter chat – [link](#)
- demo at Ramsey County Libraries Teen Tech Camp – [link](#)

- demo at Pace Industries – [link](#)
- attended Twin Cities Summer Robotics Summit – [link](#)
- demo at LKT Labs – [link](#)

LOOKING AHEAD...

- 8/7/15 – demo for Teen Tech Camp
- 8/11/15 – presentation for TCMaker board meeting
- 8/25/15 – demo at Conquest Engineering
- 9/3/15 – FLL Info Night presentation at Roseville Library ★
- 9/4/15 – FTC Info Night presentation at Roseville Library ★
- 9/12/15 – presentation at FTC Kickoff
- 9/26/15 – demo for Girl Time at The Works ★

★ Open to public – contact us for details!

THROWBACK PICTURE



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