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## ISA Chicago 2009–2010 Calendar

- Dec 1— Holiday Social
- Dec 9—Professional Networking
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- Feb 2—Non-Automotive Robotics
- Mar 2—Goose Island Brewery
- Apr 6—Network Buses
- May 4—Elections
- July 9—Golf Outing

## President's Message

I am very excited to announce that the ISA Chicago Newsletter has returned to circulation!

I'd like to express my special thanks to those who have supported ISA Chicago in the past and those who continue their service to the chapter. Your efforts

help advance the science of instrumentation and provide benefits to all members.

Keep an eye out for the upcoming membership survey that will be distributed soon. The goal is to collect more information on what locations in the Chicago-land area would be most

convenient, and which topics you wish us to consider at upcoming meetings. Use this opportunity to voice your opinion and suggest a topic.

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## December Events

### Holiday Social



Tuesday, December 1, 6:00 PM

Moretti's Ristorante & Pizzeria (Edison Park / Chicago)

6772 Olmsted, Chicago

### Technical Meeting



Wednesday, December 9, 6:00 PM (Dinner/Presentation)

WJE Associates Building

330 Pfungsten Road, Northbrook



## November Meeting Recap

Attendees at the November technical meeting participated in a unique lottery when Peter McHugh of Turck, Inc. presented on the topic of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID).



Presenter Peter McHugh demonstrates the use of RFID devices

Mobil's "Speedpass," and automatic highway toll payment systems (such as Illinois "I-Pass") were among the first major commercial uses of RFID. It has since begun to supplant the use of bar codes as a means of supply chain

management. The miniaturization of the technology has brought forth a wealth of diverse applications.

Mr. McHugh explained the function of key elements that are found in any RFID system, then reviewed the practical capabilities that exist for different readers and tags. Some of the tags on display had diameters as small as 16 mm but could hold up to 2 Kb of data.

Each attendee was then asked to pass an RFID tag through the scanner to determine who would win a bag of gourmet malted milk balls. Lucky Austin Bryan of Kenexis Consulting was the winner of the first ISA Chicago RFID lottery on record. "I'll be sure to share these with my officemates," remarked Austin.

Robert Schulman of WJE Associates, who hosted the meeting, was happy

with the turnout. "WJE is always prepared to provide a location for the membership that keeps the overall meeting cost to a minimum. It is especially important in this economic climate."

Thanks to both Turck, Inc. and WJE Associates for supporting the meeting!



Meeting attendees watch the presentation while anxiously awaiting the malted milk ball lottery

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## December Technical Meeting

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# The Art of Professional Networking - From a Job-Seeker's Perspective

Presented by Paul Cameron of DriveStaff Inc.

**Date:** Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

**Agenda:** Dinner 6:00 PM, Presentation 7:00 PM

**Location:** Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates Building

"330 Lab" Building

330 Pfingsten Road

Northbrook, IL

**Cost:** \$10 for Dinner and Presentation

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### About the Topic:

The need for professional networking has never been clearer in today's job market. As employers continue to shed jobs at incredible rates, one weapon in the job seeker's arsenal is the ability to rely upon associates and friends to aid them in the hunt for employment. This kind of networking strengthens relationships in both directions. The person who receives decisive information about a potential opportunity is the same person who may provide support or insight on a key future project. But how does one start on the road to building meaningful relationships through networking? Join us and learn from a self-described "professional networker" who will share the tricks of the trade!

### About the Speaker:

Paul has been a Technical Recruiter in the Chicago area since 1988. He currently serves as the President of the Illinois Search & Staffing Association; he is a co-host on the talk radio show *Job Talk* on WJG in Chicago; he is the author of "Turning Interviews into Offers" audio training program; and he is a public speaker & trainer to *job clubs* and networking groups across the Chicago area. Prior to joining the ISSA Board of Directors, they recognized him for his service based approach to recruiting by asking him to sit on a discussion panel of top performers to offer recruiters what the ISSA called, "Tips from the Best."

His specialty throughout his entire recruiting career has been in placing technology savvy professionals into a variety of company types ranging from very large Fortune 100 companies to small, 15 person firms. He is a graduate of Illinois College in Jacksonville where he served as President of Pi Pi Rho Literary Society for two terms and was a member of Omicron Delta Epsilon Honor Society in Economics.

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