

# CONNECTING ROD

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## Events Calendar Summary – NOTE location changes for Friday Meetings

May 14 - **Friday Noon Luncheon, 11:45 AM, Norton Motorcycles.**  
**JJ North's Grand Buffet, 10520 NE Halsey, Portland OR.**  
**(Click here for a map) \$9.00**

- Norton America, having recently purchased rights to the Norton Motorcycle brand will present their reintroduction of the Norton 952 Commando
- Get details on the how they stayed true to the original while incorporating modern componentry
- *Directions to JJ North's: Via I84 Eastbound, take the NE Halsey exit and follow Halsey several blocks. The Halsey exit is midway between Interstate 205 SOUTHBOUND exit and the Interstate 205 NORTHBOUND exit. 503-254-5555*



May 20 - **Thursday Evening Technical Meeting, 6:00 PM, Tour of FLIR production facility (See details inside)**

- RSVP by May 12!



Thanks to Gregg Woods of GN Freund Associates for arranging this month's Friday meetings  
Friday Noon Luncheons run from 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM sharp.  
Cost - \$9, but varies by location. Half price for students (rounded to nearest \$).

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## From the Editor

As always, it's been a pleasure and a learning experience serving on the Oregon Section Governing Board this past year. With Mini Baja West over and with this being my last month as editor, it is a time of closure for all of us here on the current Board. I'm sure I echo the sentiments of many that it was a spectacular year, yet again, for the Oregon Section. Yes, we hosted Mini Baja and held more meetings/events than probably even the Detroit section, but my real indicator for a great year, is how we leave it to the next year and what does the future hold for their tenure.

I am happy to report the membership will have another fabulous leadership team starting in June. Another record year for younger member participation on the board, I can already tell. This will bring continued energy and fresh ideas to satisfy ever-changing membership wants and needs. I am confident they will whole-heartedly foster the continuous improvement philosophy into their processes and thinking that SAE as a whole has recognized is the only way to provide consistently good value to the membership.

I also want to congratulate the members. Our healthiness is entirely due to your engagement in and support of the Oregon SAE and it's ideals. As long we see a need the board will continue to facilitate your engagement in networking, technical learning, local business and industry awareness, and community service.

And speaking of community service, the volunteer numbers I saw this year is another indicator to me the next year will be very strong. Members: Do we not have the coolest volunteer opportunities of anyone?! Mini Baja course workers, you know what I'm talking about. The satisfied classroom mentors for the A World In Motion curriculum know what I'm talking about. And all those that have attended our student career development nights touting personal experience and advice to our local engineers-in-training know what I'm talking about.

Current Board: Congratulations to all. Mission accomplished. Another Golden section year.  
New Board: No doubt you will make us Gold again.

Jason Wilkening

# 2004 MINI BAJA WEST

## T-shirts for Sale!

Limited supplies of our official 2004 Mini Baja West t-shirts are available for purchase at \$10/shirt. All proceeds go directly to the Oregon Section Student Support Fund and will be earmarked specifically for a future Oregon SAE hosted Mini Baja West event. Help bring Mini Baja West back to the Northwest! With so many positive comments from this year's competitors it's hard to ignore that we have a very good thing going!

Artwork on Front:

2004 MINI BAJA WEST  
"A WILD WEST ADVENTURE"

Artwork on Back:



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### FLIR tour Thursday May 20<sup>th</sup> 6-7 PM

Location: FLIR Systems  
16505 SW 72nd Ave  
Portland, OR

#### Reservations Contact:

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**\*\*Important**, please RSVP by May 12 (Wed) with your name, employer, and job title. Due to security concerns and the nature of their industry we must supply an accurate list of attendees. Non-U.S. citizens are not eligible to attend the tour.

#### Production Facility Tour Led by:

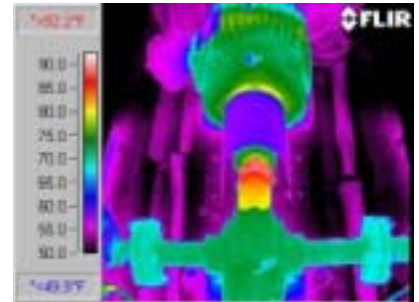
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A no-host dinner will be held @ Chevy's Fresh Mex Restaurant at 7:15 PM  
Chevy's is located across the freeway on Bangy Road near the Hwy 217 interchange.

[Click here for a Map to FLIR Systems and Chevy's Restaurant](#)



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