



# GTA February Newsletter

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**Gorge Technology Alliance**

Our mission is to promote the technology business sector of the Columbia River Gorge and build new alliances to strengthen our

In this edition of the Gorge Technology Alliance newsletter you'll find a few items of interest to the community and a couple that are specific to the GTA. This is a new format for us, so if you have comments please pass them along to [amanda@crgta.org](mailto:amanda@crgta.org)!

### • **February GTA meeting**

The February meeting of the Gorge Technology Alliance will be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2006 in the Gorge.net conference room. Networking starts at 6:30 p.m. followed by a short business meeting and a presentation by Steve Maier with Innovative Composite Engineering (ICE). ICE offers products and services in Recreation, Automotive, Oil and Gas, Industrial, Military/Space, and Design/Prototype. With 17 years of composite design and prototyping experience, ICE can provide engineering services, testing, and design development. Steve is a GTA member and will discuss both his company and the lifestyle in the Columbia Gorge.

Directions- Gorge Networks is located in the Big Seven Building at 616 Industrial Avenue Suite #401, Hood River, OR. The Big Seven Building is behind Full Sail Brewery and east of Embarq. Parking is available on Wasco or Industrial Ave.

If you are interested in attending the meeting, reservations should be made to Amanda Remington at [amanda@crgta.org](mailto:amanda@crgta.org).

### • **Judge the IEEE Special Awards: Volunteer opportunity**

surrounding communities. The GTA assists businesses in our region to leverage technology and bring awareness to common initiatives.

Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Special Awards at the March 16 Northwest Science Expo (NWSE) fair at Portland State University. You can register on the web site at <http://www.nwse.org>. Please contact John Vinson at [j.vinson@ieee.org](mailto:j.vinson@ieee.org) if you intend to participate as an IEEE awards judge.

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How will the complementary issues of growth and sustainability affect life in the Columbia River Gorge over the next 20 years?

The Gorge Future Forum will be a one day event held in September or October 2007. It will consist of two distinct parts: (1) a discussion with community leaders and experts from a variety of fields to identify key changes which have occurred in the Gorge over the last 20 years and important trends that will influence the Gorge's future; and (2) an interactive community dialogue about how Gorge citizens and stakeholders envision the Columbia Gorge in the next 20 years.

The Gorge Commission and the Forest Service Scenic Area Office will include information from the forum in development of measurements to assess how the Scenic Area Management Plan is fulfilling the purposes of the Scenic Area Act.

The event planners are looking for financial assistance as well as input. Please contact Jessica Metta at 509-493-3323 extension 228 for more information.

- **High School GTA scholarship: Contribute!**

This year the GTA is trying to pull together a new scholarship fund. The scholarship would sponsor one local graduating high school student from each state that is heading into a technical or engineering program. If you are interested in contributing to this new fund or would like more information, please contact Amanda at [amanda@crgta.org](mailto:amanda@crgta.org).

- **Become a Member**

It is easy to show your support for the GTA and become a member. Either request a membership packet from Amanda at [amanda@crgta.org](mailto:amanda@crgta.org) or visit the website at: <http://www.crgta.org> and look at the "registration" page.

Already a member? Remember to renew your membership! Dues are payable annually to the Alliance and help support GTA initiatives.

- **Submit Your News**

Thank you to the members providing information for this month's newsletter. If you have news that is pertinent to GTA members or activities, please pass it along to us!

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